

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Shawn Roberts is currently the music specialist at Saunders Elementary School in Newport News Public Schools, VA and a professional pianist at the Catholic Church of St. Terese in Gloucester, VA.

At Saunders, he teaches grades kindergarten through five and is the director for the Saunders Elementary School Theatre Company and music director for the Saunders Elementary School Chorus Program. At St. Terese, he is the professional pianist for two masses each weekend.

Mr. Roberts holds a Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia where he studied violin with Amadi Hummings and Leslie Stewart, viola with Jennifer Snyder and piano with Marilyn Forman. Past performances include ensembles such as the Old Dominion University Symphony Orchestra, the Old Dominion University Percussion Ensemble, and the Bay Youth Orchestra of Virginia.

Mr. Roberts has been playing piano for nineteen years. He held positions such as Music Minister for several Catholic Youth Groups in Virginia Beach, VA, Music Minister at Bethel Foursquare Church in Virginia Beach, VA and currently Pianist at the Catholic Church of St. Terese in Gloucester, VA.

Mr. Roberts loves his career and works to be a positive influence for all of his students and colleagues.



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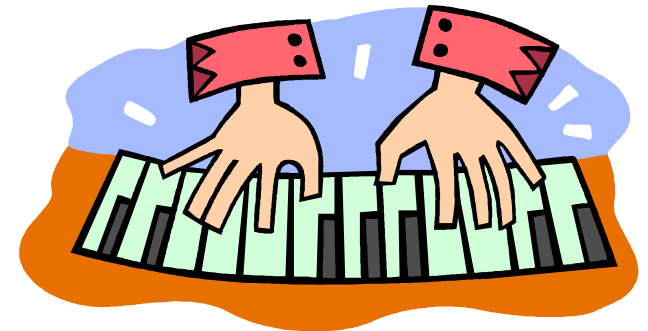
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Private Piano Lessons



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Piano Instruction

LESSON INFORMATION AND COSTS

What happens during each lesson?

Piano students are learning a musical instrument. Learning a musical instrument requires two elements: the music and the instrument.

In order to understand the instrument, you need to understand the music theory that goes along with the instrument. Without an understanding of music theory, you cannot possibly begin to understand how the play the actual instrument.

Each piano lesson will include both piano instruction as well as supplemental music theory instruction. Here is the breakdown for a typical lesson:

30 Minute Lesson - Young Beginners

Music Theory Instruction - 10 Minutes
Piano Instruction - 20 Minutes

45 Minute Lesson - Beginning Students

Music Theory Instruction - 15-20 Minutes
Piano Instruction - 25-30 Minutes

45 Minute Lesson - Intermediate Students

Music Theory Instruction - 10-15 Minutes
Scales - 5-10 Minutes
Prepared Piece / Method Instruction - 20-25 Minutes

60 Minute Lesson - Intermediate-Advanced Students

Music Theory Instruction - 10-15 Minutes
Scales / Method Instruction - 15-20 Minutes
Prepared Piece - 25-30 Minutes

How much practice time is required?

Piano students must practice for several reasons:

- Practice helps the student to progress into a better pianist.
- Practice is a time to prepare for the upcoming piano lesson.
- Well-practiced students get the maximum benefit out of their piano lessons.

Beginning students should practice twenty to thirty minutes, five times per week, in addition to their lesson.

Intermediate students should practice thirty to forty-five minutes, five times per week, in addition to their lesson.

Advanced students should practice at least one hour, five times per week, in addition to their lesson.

What are the costs associated with piano lessons?

There are several costs associated with taking piano lessons: lesson costs, method book costs and prepared piece costs.

Lesson costs are based on the duration of the lesson.

- 30 Minute Lessons: \$72.00 per month**
- 45 Minute Lessons: \$88.00 per month**
- 60 Minute Lessons: \$112.00 per month**

**A "month" consists of four lessons.

Method books and prepared pieces will either be purchased from a retailer or directly from the teacher. Prices will vary for the sheet music and method books, but generally become more expensive as you become more advanced.

Where does Mr. Roberts teach piano lessons?

All piano lessons are taught privately at Mr. Roberts' house. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend lessons. However, parents should be present only to observe the lesson. Time will be provided at the beginning and conclusion of the lesson for questions from parents.

I have more questions. How can I contact Mr. Roberts?

The best way to contact Mr. Roberts is by email at bsgrw@yahoo.com. You can also contact Mr. Roberts by phone at (757) 528-2033.

How do I go about setting up lessons with Mr. Roberts?

Please complete the information form included with this brochure and email it to Mr. Roberts. If you cannot scan the form for email, please send an email with the information included on the form to Mr. Roberts.

Private Lessons Information Form

Please email this form to Mr. Roberts at bsgrw@yahoo.com

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Student's Age: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Has the student previously taken piano lessons? No

Yes: How many years? _____

Previous Piano Repertoire (Pieces of Music Played): _____

Previous Piano Teacher (Name and Phone Number): _____