

JUNE 10th – AUGUST 23rd, 2024

Private, in-home instruction
Chester County, PA

MUSIC COMPOSITION

SUMMER PROGRAM **AT HOME**



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Learn how to compose music this summer!

Piano students will gain a deeper understanding of how music works so they can have fun creating their own.



Students will learn:

- how to find musical inspiration through storytelling, imagery and improvisation.
- phrasing and musical form.
- what makes a good melody. The reason we need to know scales.
- How to add harmony and texture.
- the importance of meter, rhythm and articulation to paint a musical picture.
- lyric writing (dependent on level)
- how to put onto paper what they are hearing and playing. Students will also learn the basics of notation software.

Students will also receive:

- A professionally printed book containing their composition(s).
- Written feedback from Diane Beckstead – a professional composer and teacher with more than 30 yrs experience in the field.
- The opportunity to enter a variety of state and national composition competitions. (student covers the costs of entry)

Others benefits of composing:

- Helps students learn repertoire more easily and aids with memorization.
- Provides a sense of accomplishment, confidence and an additional outlet for musical creativity.
- A greater appreciation of the music they listen to every day.

Students select their favorite composition(s) for inclusion in a printed book that presents their hard work and progress from year to year.



When:

- Program runs from June 10th to August 23rd
- Student must schedule a minimum of six, 45-minute private lessons. (Contact me for availability)

Where:

Student's home. I travel to you!*
Virtual lessons available.

Ages:

8 years old to adult

Requirements:

- No composition experience required.
- Student must have a minimum of 3 years piano education and have a piano or keyboard at home.

Tuition:

6 lesson package: \$390
8 lesson package: \$520
10 lesson package: \$625

Includes all teaching materials and student composition book. Does NOT include entry fees for composition contests.

*student must live within my travel radius of Chester County, PA. Contact me for details.