

Top 8 Benefits of Group Piano Study*

1. **Students learn from both their peers and their teacher.**
Each student contributes meaningfully to the group and all students can learn from each other.
2. **Develops performance confidence and provides natural performance opportunities.** Students who study in a group environment often experience less performance anxiety than those who begin in private lesson settings.
3. **Challenges students to develop communication and social skills.** Students learn cooperative skills such as conflict resolution, leadership, and positive criticism.
4. **Provides a motivational environment in which creative games and exercise are used to teach and drill concepts.**
Group games provide the perfect opportunity for review and solidification of foundational skills.
5. **Encourages the development of a strong rhythmic sense.**
Playing music together as a class requires a strong rhythmic pulse and helps students develop necessary collaborative skills.
6. **Fosters the development of problem solving skills.**
Students in the group setting are often asked to discuss, explore, and analyze concepts together.
7. **Students develop a sense of camaraderie with their peers.** Feeling connected with others who study the piano generates a spirit of enthusiasm and motivation.
8. **It's fun!** The group class encourages students to develop a love of music which will last for a lifetime!

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