## Piano Adventures Level Lesson: The Basic Piano Method



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#### What You Will Learn

In this lesson, you will learn:

\* How to position your hands and fingers on the piano \* How to read sheet music \* How to play basic chords \* How to play simple melodies \* How to use different piano techniques

#### **Getting Started**

Before you start this lesson, you will need to gather a few supplies:

\* A piano \* A piano bench \* Sheet music \* A metronome (optional)

Once you have gathered your supplies, you are ready to begin.

#### Lesson 1: Basic Finger Placement

The first step in learning to play the piano is to learn how to position your hands and fingers on the keys. The correct finger placement will help you to play smoothly and accurately.

To position your hands correctly, place your left hand on the middle C key. Your right hand should be placed on the G key above middle C. Your fingers should be curved and resting on the keys.

Once your hands are in position, you can begin to learn the basic finger numbers. The thumb is finger 1, the index finger is finger 2, the middle finger is finger 3, the ring finger is finger 4, and the pinky finger is finger 5.

#### Lesson 2: Reading Sheet Music

The next step in learning to play the piano is to learn how to read sheet music. Sheet music is a written representation of music that tells you which notes to play and when to play them.

To read sheet music, you need to know the names of the notes and the symbols that represent them. The notes are named A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The symbols that represent the notes are called clefs. The treble clef is used for the right hand, and the bass clef is used for the left hand.

Once you know the names of the notes and the symbols that represent them, you can begin to read sheet music. To read sheet music, you simply follow the lines and spaces on the staff. The lines and spaces represent the different notes.

#### Lesson 3: Playing Basic Chords

A chord is a group of three or more notes played together. Chords are used to create harmony and accompaniment in music.

To play a basic chord, simply press down on the keys that represent the notes of the chord. For example, to play a C major chord, you would press down on the C, E, and G keys.

There are many different types of chords, but the basic chords that you will learn in this lesson are the C major chord, the G major chord, and the F major chord.

#### **Lesson 4: Playing Simple Melodies**

A melody is a succession of notes that are played one after the other. Melodies are the main tunes of songs.

To play a simple melody, simply follow the notes on the sheet music. You can use your right hand to play the melody and your left hand to play the chords.

#### Lesson 5: Using Different Piano Techniques

There are many different piano techniques that you can use to add expression and interest to your playing. Some of the basic piano techniques that you will learn in this lesson are: \* Staccato: Staccato is a technique that is used to play notes in a short and detached manner. To play staccato, simply press down on the key and release it quickly. \* Legato: Legato is a technique that is used to play notes in a smooth and connected manner. To play legato, simply press down on the key and hold it down until you are ready to play the next note. \* Dynamics: Dynamics are used to control the volume of your playing. To play forte (loud), simply press down on the keys with more force. To play piano (soft), simply press down on the keys with less force.

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With a little practice, you will be able to play beautiful music on the piano. So what are you waiting for? Start learning today!

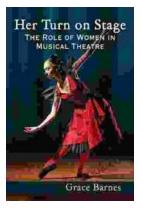


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