Taaqademy
Make Space for Music

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of **'Skill Maps'** to bring structure and focus to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches,** songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

PIANO & KEYS BEGINNER LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED

MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

SIGHT READING

EAR TRAINING

SONG LEARNING

MUSCULAR TRAINING

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Conceptual knowledge - pitch, duration, intensity, quality
- Note names - naturals & accidentals
- Basic playing posture, hand positions, finger assignments

EAR TRAINING

- Knowledge of basic pitch, ability to identify octave intervals
- Ability to sing at least 5 distinct notes within an octave

MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Ability to play chromatic 3-finger exercises, simultaneously with both hands, using quarter notes at 60-90 bpm

SIGHT READING

- Basics of staff notation from John Thompson's Easy Piano Book
- Ability to read notes on Treble and Bass Clefs, basic knowledge of note and rest values and time signatures

SONG LEARNING

- Pieces from John Thompson's Easy Piano Book
- Pieces from the RSL Debut book
- 4 - 5 simple melodies with just right hand

MUSIC EXAMINATION OPTIONS

- RSL Debut for Piano/Keys (based on ability/practice)
- Trinity (Classical) Debut
- Trinity (Rock & Pop) Debut

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **30min - 1 hr**. **per day**, you can expect to have mastered the above in **3** months (just **12 classes**) or less.
- If you practice around **2 hrs.** per week, this could **add 1 - 2 months.**
- If you practice **<1 hr.** per week, you could take **6 months!**