

# On the Importance of Piano Playing in Music Education

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**Abstract.** With the progress and development of the times, human spiritual civilization has a higher pursuit, and piano playing has developed rapidly. The skills of piano playing and the necessary knowledge of piano, vocal music, music theory, pedagogy and psychology have become an important part of music teaching. Many comprehensive universities and normal schools in China will set up music education specialty to make music develop better. The relevant teaching of piano playing can help students cultivate their sentiments, purify their minds and learn music better. This paper mainly explores the important role of piano playing in music education.

## Introduction

In the field of music, piano playing is an important compulsory course, and it takes more than two years of systematic learning to understand and master the relevant knowledge and skills of piano playing. Students with super-high talent also have great achievements in hands-on operation. But the most important thing is to master the relevant professional knowledge of piano playing. Music is integrated, and learning piano playing well can promote the teaching of music specialty. Schools should make teachers and students fully aware of the important role of piano playing.

## 1. The Important Role of Learning Piano Playing in Music Education

Piano playing is a relatively advanced music in music teaching. A good quality piano not only allows the listener to enjoy the spring breeze, but also allows the performer to enjoy the music. Piano music is generally more elegant, washing the soul with a soft and beautiful song. Players can relax in the passion of playing, so that they can master the method of controlling emotions skillfully, which is helpful to students in learning other music courses step by step and is easy to master the tricks. Piano playing requires students to put in real emotions and impress people. To some extent, students and listeners can communicate with each other through music. A good pianist knows how to control the overall situation and easily adjust the musical performance, so that the connotation in the piano music has been accurately conveyed, which can promote students' performance in learning other music teaching<sup>[1]</sup>.

## 2. The Status Quo of Music Teaching

The development of science and technology is changing with each passing day. The state of the world is different every day, and fresh things will emerge. In the era of data explosion, human beings will be more impetuous. Mobile phones are a must-have tool for human beings. Fast food culture has entered people's lives, making it difficult for most people to calm down and accumulate and gain knowledge. Music can regulate people's emotions, adjust the atmosphere, and also help people to look at things with their own eyes, and to develop their own future direction. The benefits that music brings to us are intuitive, domestic music has achieved remarkable results, but there are still many shortcomings.

### (1) The Teacher is Weak and the Teaching Level is not High.

Over the years, music education in China has generally lacked the foundation. After the continuous study and development of teachers and students, the meaning education has gradually improved, but the teaching is not perfect. Music education requires a lot of investment, the

education of teachers is weak, and the teaching system and management faculty are not perfect, which makes music teaching more difficult in terms of nurturing talents, and it is difficult to improve. The funds are limited, the equipment is not complete, and there is no comprehensive and objective understanding of music teaching, so that the overall teaching level is not high.

### **(2) Music Teaching Tends to Cope with Teaching.**

At present, examination-oriented education is advocated in domestic teaching, and the rate of entrance has become the main basis for evaluating a university. In this trend, schools and students, as well as parents, attach great importance to theoretical knowledge education. There is less cultivation of students' practical ability in music, and the length of music lessons has been greatly shortened. What's more, music courses have been cancelled directly, specializing in cultural courses. Attaching too much importance to cultural courses will reduce students' ideological education, and lack of correct theoretical guidance will easily lead to unbalanced development of students' physical and mental health. Therefore, most schools tend to cope with music teaching. It aims just to achieve the teaching objectives, instead of caring whether the students themselves can learn and absorb the knowledge<sup>[2]</sup>.

## **3. The Turning Point of Music Teaching by Piano Playing**

Music teaching can promote students to form comprehensive talents, exercise their minds, promote students' spatial imagination, memory, and observation ability, and then promote their physical and mental health. Music teaching can inspire students' life thinking and cultivate their sentiment. This effect can be easily achieved by piano playing and correct ideological guidance. The importance of piano playing course is self-evident<sup>[3]</sup>.

### **3.1 Fundamental Role**

Music is integrated, and piano learning plays a fundamental role in music teaching. Its theoretical knowledge and playing skills can be integrated into a teaching system, from point to face, and then from face to the whole music knowledge network.

#### **(1) Piano Course's Support to other Specialized Courses in Music Teaching**

There are many courses in music teaching, such as piano, solfeggio, vocal music and song creation. These courses are closely linked and complement each other in the whole teaching process. Among them, solfeggio is the most closely related to piano. In the learning process of piano playing, students can get the impression of sound formation, pitch and fitness. With the deepening of the course, students gradually form their own stable knowledge of pitch. It lays a solid foundation for music learning. In the study of vocal music and song creation, students need to see more works and knowledge. In the piano learning process, students came out with a variety of works, a large number of composers, and many music scores. When students get in touch with these things, they will have a comprehensive understanding of them and accumulate what they have learned. The accumulated knowledge can effectively promote students' understanding of vocal music and song creation, so that they can learn and use it better.

#### **(2) The Study of Piano Lessons has a Positive Effect on the Overall Quality of Students.**

In the impetuous social life, there are various things that entice students, and it is difficult to calm down and learn. The process of studying and playing piano carefully can calm the inciting mind and lead the students to think. Students majoring in music are music teachers in the future, so they have high requirements for students' professional accomplishment and quality. Piano lessons can effectively improve the cultivation of students' music, and rationally guide students to learn and form correct socialist core values, playing a positive role model in the education industry. The piano is typically representative of so many instruments, both as a musical instrument and as a symphony. Therefore, the piano lessons can promote students to master the basic keyboard instrument performance skills, and students can be able to skillfully use. The piano has a history of more than three hundred years of development. It has experienced various periods of music and has covered all over the world. Therefore, the works of the piano have different musical characteristics of

different eras and different regional styles. Thus, we should learn more about world-renowned musicians, as well as a variety of music styles, colorful structures and flexible combinations. In the process of learning, students can absorb the music history knowledge and music factions involved into their own things, which is beneficial to improve the music literacy of the students.

### **3.2 Many Professional Roles**

After learning the piano lesson system, students have a stronger grasp of the basics of music. Many schools' music education majors have a high degree of demand for piano majors. Therefore, in the actual teaching, many music majors have a profound knowledge of piano playing and have great potential for development.

#### **(1) Highlighting Professionalism in Piano Playing Skills**

In modern life, the country pays more attention to all-round development-oriented talents. The goal of teaching plan pays more attention to the comprehensive development of students and avoids unbalanced development. It is easy to give people a feeling of involvement in all aspects but it is not refined. In fact, the teaching of music specialty embodies professionalism in comprehensiveness, and the two are mutually integrated. This kind of teaching mode can enable students to develop performance specialty while they are familiar with basic music knowledge. Each generation of music teachers will have a more spiritual understanding and application of professional performance skills.

#### **(2) The Cultivation of Playing Skills Expands a Broader Space for Students' Development.**

In recent years, the form of music development has a steady upward trend, music education began to flourish. In the field of music education, music classrooms in primary and secondary schools are no longer staying at the level of theoretical teaching. More importantly, it is to enable students to obtain higher quality music teaching, interact in the learning process, understand learning and know their own shortcomings, and not to improve their music foundation and ability with the guidance and help of music teachers. At the same time, the requirements for the overall music teachers are also higher. Teachers are not only with sufficient professional knowledge and skills, but also with excellent professional quality, adding more music classroom positions. And the fascinating energy-saving concert of piano performance is a bright spot for music teachers. Teachers in art colleges and normal colleges are comparatively advantageous. Even if not being engaged in the teacher industry, they are more shining in various performance activities or as a piano performer. Students who are proficient in music may not be proficient in piano, but students who are proficient in piano must be proficient in music. In such a competitive society, proficiency in piano playing is beneficial in the field of music.

#### **(3) Piano Playing Can Relax the Mood and Relieve the Pressure.**

Nowadays, the pressure of social competition is very great. People's pressure not only comes from competition, but also from all aspects of life. Piano playing in music teaching is relatively relaxing. In the process of piano playing, good relaxation is the basis of mastering playing skills. Every performance is beneficial to physical and mental relaxation, and it will not relax too much. It is good for students to relax and play well at the same time. It is very helpful for students to relieve pressure and decompress pressure. It is also good for students to learn with positive and optimistic attitude.

### **4. Conclusion**

In music teaching, piano playing is very beneficial to the healthy development of students' physical and mental health. Through the study of piano lessons, students can get to know the relevant knowledge of other courses of music major earlier, and achieve the role of integration in learning, and promote students to master the relevant knowledge more effectively.

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