



Stephanie Gee's Music Studio

Instruments + Materials

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Welcome to the studio!

Below, you'll find all the materials you need for lessons, classes, and home practice. **Materials marked in red** on these lists are not included in tuition and must be acquired by your family. You'll also find information on acquiring a flute. Since piano students in this studio are required to have level 2+ experience, I am assuming you already have a piano to practice on so I have not included information for you about acquiring a piano— but if you need recommendations on a digital keyboard let me know!

Materials



Flute students are expected to bring to each lesson and class:

1. A flute in working order (see below, "acquiring a flute")
2. Cleaning rod and cloth
3. Method books
 - [\(click for link to Flute Zoo books\)](#)
Start with Book 1 and Five Note Fun.
4. Studio-provided binder
5. Studio-borrowed Pneumo Pro if indicated by teacher

Flute students should have at home:

1. A music stand
2. A metronome
3. A tuner after 6 months of playing



Piano students are expected to bring to each lesson:

1. Worship binder w/ assigned materials
2. Assignment book or blank lined sheets in binder

Piano students should have at home:

1. A piano or weighted keyboard to practice on
2. A metronome

“Research shows that at-least some musical education has a positive impact on social and cognitive development of children. And these effects are long lasting – better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal and literacy skills.”

— Alan Harvey, Musician and Neuroscientist

(Source: TedxTalks – Your Brain on Music | Alan Harvey)



Acquiring a Flute

Below you'll find some things to look for when purchasing a flute. There are surely other brand options, but this is my opinion based on what I've owned, what I've tested out, and what my students have played on. I am not an expert flute shopper, but let me know if you have any questions!

Two good websites for finding flutes are fluteworld.com and flutecenter.com. Used student flutes can be found on eBay, in local music stores, or even on Amazon. If you follow specifications and brand preferences when purchasing a used student flute you should

not have problems with playability or repairs, but some off-brands are very hard to play on or to repair– “Is it the flute or is it the student?”... It's hard to tell with a flute that keeps breaking or could not play in tune in the first place.

Option for Youngest Beginners

- Nuvo jFlute (short headjoint) <https://a.co/d/4EO3pU3>
For ~9 y/o and younger
- Nuvo flute (student headjoint) <https://a.co/d/gyuGEuM>
For 10 y/o and older

The Nuvo jFlute is a plastic flute that functions like a normal flute; it is a suitable temporary flute for the smallest beginners because of its durability (metal gets dents, plastic not as much) and also the short head joint allowing for easier reach (with their shorter arms). This is a decent option for small beginners whose parents don't know if this will be a fun hobby for a short time or turn into a passion of a lifetime. If a student sticks with it for a couple of years they will want to upgrade to a student or intermediate flute.

*Please Note: Repairs on this type of flute would not be possible, but again this is a temporary flute for younger students.

Price Range: \$125-140

Beginner/Student Flutes:

Specifications: closed hole, offset G, curved head joint for most students 8 years old and younger

Preferred Brands: Yamaha, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter

Other good brands: Blocki, Pearl, Dizhoa, Trevor James

Price Range: \$350-1000 new, \$200-\$500 used. All preferred brands are more easily repaired and resold.

Intermediate/Step up Flutes:

Specifications: open hole, offset G optional, split E mechanism preferred, B foot joint preferred

Preferred Brands: Jupiter, Pearl, Miyazawa

Price Range: \$1500-3500



Contact the Teacher

For any questions...

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