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FunKey Piano Project

2019-2020

Parent/Student Handbook



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Texas State FunKey Piano Project Overview

FunKey Project was founded in 2018 by Dr. Daria Rabotkina for the local community. Piano lessons are open to students in grades K-12. All lessons take place on the Texas State University campus in the School of Music.

Students receive piano training on a weekly basis during the Fall and Spring semesters. The schedule corresponds with the academic calendar at Texas State University. Each semester consists of ten private piano lessons. There are no group lessons being offered at this time.

Lessons are scheduled individually with the assigned private teacher. Weekly lessons are taught by the members of keyboard faculty and piano majors at Texas State. The students are matched with a piano teacher by their level and personality. Piano majors are supervised by the Texas State faculty members and are eager to share their enthusiasm and love for piano education with the students of FunKey Piano Project.

The FunKey Project concludes each semester with an evaluation and a formal performance, where all families are welcome to celebrate music and their child's efforts!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Tuition

FunKey Piano Project offers twenty, 30-minute lessons at \$300 per year, or ten lessons at \$150 per semester. This includes private lessons, performances and evaluation. Additional lessons can be negotiated with your teacher, at their personal pay rate. 60-minute lessons are available upon request.

Payment is due by the last day of the registration via check or money order made payable to "Texas State University." It can be delivered in person to the main office or mailed to **The FunKey Piano Project, School of Music, 601 University Drive, San Marcos TX 78666.**

Calendar 2019-2020

Fall 2019		
Wednesday, August 21	6pm	Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 27	5 - 6pm	New Student Registration, School of Music
Monday, September 2		Fall Registration Ends
Monday, September 9		First Day of Lessons
Friday, November 15		Last Day of Lessons
Sunday, November 17	2pm	FunKey Fall Concert
Wednesday, November 20	6pm	FunKey Fall Evaluations

Spring 2020		
January 21 - 27		Spring Registration
Monday, February 3		First Day of Lessons
March 15 - 22	No Lessons	Spring Break
Friday, April 17		Last Day of Lessons
Sunday, April 19	2pm	FunKey Spring Concert
Wednesday, April 22	6pm	FunKey Spring Evaluations

Music Stores

Families are responsible for buying music for the student. Options for piano purchases/rentals music scores:

Online: amazon.com, alfred.com, sheetmusicplus.com

Austin: Strait Music Company (2428 W. Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78704)

San Antonio: Alamo Music (425 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205) and RBC Pepper Sheet Music (4415 Centerview Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228)

Examples of the sheet music for the beginners: John W. Schaum Piano Pre-A: The Green Book, The Russian School of Piano Playing, Book 1, Part II.

Location

Lessons are taught at the Texas State University School of Music.

Address:

101 Pleasant St

San Marcos, Texas 78666

Evaluations and recitals take place in the Music Building Recital Hall in the School of Music.

Parking

The closest parking spot is located across from the Music Building in the Pleasant Street Garage. The options include to either purchase a parking permit, or pay per hour.

Read more about Parking regulations here: <http://www.parking.txstate.edu/regulations.html>

Lesson, Performance and Absence Policy

Lesson Policy

Parents/caregivers MUST remain in the room at all times during the lesson. Cellphones can be used for recording a lesson only, with the permission of your teacher. Writing down the instructions and homework is highly encouraged.

By the end of the registration period, a student must have an instrument with a full keyboard of 88 keys at home. Lessons will not be given unless a student has an instrument available for daily practicing. Options include renting/buying a piano or a keyboard. An upright or a grand piano is more encouraged for successful practicing than a keyboard.

Please be on time. Bring your music and any additional supplies requested by your teacher.

Students are expected to practice daily and to come to lessons fully prepared.

Performance Policy

Concerts and evaluations are all mandatory FunKey Piano Project events. Missing one of these events without a prior written permission of Dr. Rabotkina will result in the removal from the project.

All repertoire and technical exercises are to be performed by memory.

Performances and evaluations require formal attire.

Minimum requirements for the concert:

Two pieces performed without mistakes, in a steady tempo and with the understanding of dynamics, articulation and character,

Minimum requirements for the evaluation:

30-minute lessons - two major and/or minor scales and arpeggios

60-minute lessons – four major and/or minor scales and arpeggios

Absence Policy

With the exception of a sudden illness, always let the teacher know ahead of time that you will not be at the lesson.

Two (2) missed lessons are allowed during each semester with a valid excuse (see below). Lessons missed by a student are not expected to be made up by the teachers. A third missed lesson will put a student on probation and potentially result in the student's missing the end of the semester's concert.

A missed make up lesson will not be rescheduled.

Lessons missed by a teacher will always be made up before the end of the semester.

Valid Excuses:

1. Illness
2. Death in the family
3. Mandatory school activity
4. Religious holidays
5. Natural disaster