



Skill Maps

PIANO & KEYS

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1: 6-12 Yrs.

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 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS



SIGHT READING



EAR TRAINING



SONG LEARNING



MUSCULAR TRAINING



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS



LIVE PERFORMANCE

DETAILS ON PG.2



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Ability to play Major, Minor and Pentatonic scales, using both hands simultaneously, over 2 octaves, in 5 or more keys.
- Knowledge of and ability to play Major, Minor, 7th, Sus & Add9 chords
- Understanding of the 'Harmonized Major Scale; ability to Harmonize Major scales using 3rds.
- Conceptual understanding of dynamics.



EAR TRAINING

- Ability to sing the Major, Minor & Pentatonic scales with only root as reference.
- Ability to learn and play melodies & simple pop songs by ear..



MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Practice of scales & arpeggios using quarter notes between 90-110 bpm and eighth notes between 90-100 bpm, both in staccato & legato



SIGHT READING

- Sight-reading RSL & Trinity Debut/Grade 1 pieces



SONG LEARNING

- RSL Grade 1 pieces
- At least 10 contemporary pop songs mainly for accompaniment.



MUSIC EXAMINATION OPTIONS

- RSL Awards Grade 1/2
- Trinity Rock & Pop Grade 2
- Trinity Classical Grade 1/2



LIVE PERFORMANCE

- 1 Taaqademy Recital & 1 Taaqademy Live performance
- Participation in 2 Taaqademy Jam Bands

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 **6 months** (just **24 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 **10 months!**