



# Skill Maps

# PIANO & KEYS

BEGINNER LEVEL 2: 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 BEGINNER LEVEL 2: AREAS COVERED



**MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS**



**SIGHT READING**



**EAR TRAINING**



**SONG LEARNING**



**MUSCULAR TRAINING**



**MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**



**LIVE PERFORMANCE**

**DETAILS ON PG.2**



## MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Understanding of scales; ability to play the Major, Minor and Pentatonic scales in at least 3 Keys, with each scale played using both hands simultaneously
- Understanding of harmony, ability to play basic Major & Minor chords; ability to 'work out' chords in unfamiliar keys.



## EAR TRAINING

- Singing the Major & Minor scale in 1 - 2 comfortable keys, ideally with only root note as reference
- Ability to learn and play simple melodies by ear



## MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Practice of scales & arpeggios using quarter notes between 70-90 bpm, in staccato & legato
- Chord changes at 70-90 bpm



## SIGHT READING

- Sight-reading exercises from the Easy Piano Book - Part 2



## SONG LEARNING

- Completion of at least 3 pieces from John Thompson's Easy Piano Book
- 2 - 3 contemporary/pop songs with chords



## LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Participation in 1 Taaqademy Recital



## MUSIC EXAMINATION OPTIONS

- RSL Grade 1
- Trinity Rock & Pop Grade 1
- Trinity Classical Grade 1

## 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 **4 months** (just **16 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 **7 months!**