



Technological Tools to Enhance the Piano Lesson Experience

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Recording your students' performances

- Help them develop their own critical listening skills
- Give them instant feedback on how they played
- Can use portable digital audio recorders
 - Yamaha Pocketrak 2G - <http://www.yamaha.com>
 - Zoom H4 - www.zoomh4.net
- Can also record directly on many digital pianos



Technology for Accompaniments

- Why use accompaniments?
 - Students play with greater rhythmic continuity
 - It's motivational
- Generating accompaniments on your digital pianos
 - Many digital pianos can play back MIDI accompaniment files
 - Some instruments, like the Yamaha Clavinova CVP Digital Pianos, can even create "auto-accompaniment styles"



Using your computer as a MIDI player

- Personal Computer can store all your MIDI files
 - Transfer old MIDI disks to the hard drive via an inexpensive USB Floppy Disk Drive



FREE Software MIDI players for your computer

- vanBasco Karaoke Player (Windows) - www.vanbasco.com
- QMIDI (Mac) - www.mixagesoftware.com

Interactive MIDI programs

- Synthesia (Windows/Mac) - www.synthesiagame.com
 - Formerly known as “PIANO HERO”
 - Free MIDI Player/Video Game
- Home Concert Xtreme (Windows/Mac) - www.timewarpstech.com
 - Displays MIDI files as music notation
 - Turns “pages” automatically
 - Smart accompaniment software with keyboard display
- Classroom Maestro (Windows/Mac) - www.timewarpstech.com
 - Displays full range of 88 keys
 - Variety of display modes (including Scale, Chord, Interval, Hand Position modes)
 - Aware of key signatures and optional instant analysis of notes on staff



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