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**Piano - Thank You For The Music**

**By Richard Dornell**

A piano, short for Pianoforte is probably one of the finest musical instruments ever created by man.

The sound of a pianoforte can create a wonderful melody that can stir hidden emotions, make us feel elated or sad and transport us into a private world of dreams and fantasy. A musical instrument that traces its history back to the earliest stringed instruments, the pianoforte has been a symbol of grace and refinement for centuries in the western world.

The predecessors of this grand instrument were at best crude attempts to make a stringed keyboard instrument. But the piano as we know it today was created by Bartolomeo Cristofori de Francisco of Padua, Italy in around 1700 and only three of the original Cristofori pianos from 1720s exist today. The development of the pianoforte benefited the most from centuries of improvisations and development on the Harpsichord, an instrument on which Cristofori himself was an expert.

Playing a pianoforte can be an exhilarating experience and across centuries people have had the desire to own the best pianos built. There have been an equal number of companies and individuals that have crafted the best pianos to relay the most soothing sounds possible. Some of the best known pianos are built by Steinway, Baldwin and Chickering among others.

Two factors have contributed greatly to the evolution of this instrument to its present form. One was the demand for a more powerful sound by composers and pianists and the other was the Industrial revolution that gave manufacturers the high quality raw materials like steel to cater to that demand. Today pianos come in two types: the grand and the upright. Technological development has given us a third kind - the digital pianos.

Since its invention, this instrument has become an important part of music compositions and as a solo instrument everywhere. It is a delight to the player, composer and to music aficionados world over. That is why it is no wonder everyone wants a part of this history in their homes.

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## **Learn A Little More About A Piano Chord Chart**

**By IPRWire Staff Writer**

A piano chord chart is one way you can get to know more about learning to play the piano with confidence and enjoyment. Chords are the basis behind learning how to play any instrument, as they are the building blocks of all music. The more you know about chord structure, the better you are able to learn how to play piano in the comfort of your own home.

Once you know the basic piano chord chart, you will be ready to play all types of music by ear or by reading sheet music. No matter the style of music that appeals to you, playing piano can be a successful adventure when you know your chords. Start with something simple that catches your ear and learn how to play it confidently. Then work your way up to more complex pieces of music until you have a small selection of music to play for your family and friends.

If you are looking for piano sheet music to play at home, there are a variety of places you can find sheet music and many different styles of sheet music to play. If you are interested in playing rock music, you can even find piano music for this genre. Of course classical is the most common type of sheet music available, and you can find hundreds of options for the piano. Sheet music is available online and in music stores.

When you have mastered your piano chord chart, you can tackle any piece of music easily and confidently. Knowing how to play the most common chords from the chart will give you the right tools to be ready to attempt all levels of music.

The holidays are also a great time to play music, whether it be for family gatherings or parties. Knowing the right chords and mastering your piano chord chart means you will have the ability to play any traditional song, hymn, or tune upon request. Once you've polished up your knowledge of chords and scales, you can play anything by ear with just a little practice beforehand.

At Hear and Play, we offer a wide variety of piano tools including a piano chord chart that will help you master everything you need to know in order to become a successful pianist. Our programs focus on giving you the ability to play music by ear based on the chord charts and musical themes that are universal to all songs. Contact us today at

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