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Piano Lesson On Arpeggios Lets Beginners Show Off

By Jon Broderick

Learning piano for beginners is not easy. Not just pianists, but for any musician learning a new instrument the beginning is the hardest time. Piano lessons can help big-time, but still the fingers just won't do what the mind tells them. It takes a while for real dexterity to come along.

I should know, I have been playing guitar for over thirty years, but have just recently started working on playing piano. I haven't taken piano lessons (who has the time?), but I hope I can work it out myself. I do have a really solid music theory background, which I think makes a big difference. I look at the piano keys and I know what they are and what to do to build chords and scales, and create beautiful music. But...the hands! They just won't listen. So I play simple piano scales and exercises that sound boring but are useful to get my skill started.

I would like to have something to show for my efforts besides these simple patterns, and I found something today that is just thing: a showy trick that even a beginner can do to give a glimpse of what the future might be like if I keep practicing the piano.

I am a webmaster by profession and recently created a website with a friend who is a piano teacher. His name is Christopher Schlegel, and he has put some great lessons together on the site, which is called PianoTricks.com. One lesson in particular is called "Chord Arpeggiation Trick" and it is available at this url:

<http://www.pianotricks.com/lesson.php?input=28>

The lesson includes a video example, and some explanation. The lesson is totally free and available without website registration or anything like that. The great thing about this lesson, and the reason I am writing about it, is this: it takes the simple skills that I as a piano beginner have, and lets me show off a little bit but doing something the pros do: arpeggiate a chord.

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Before you get scared, arpeggios are the same as chords, except in an arpeggio, the chord is played one note at a time, instead of all notes at the same time. This makes a very fluid sound, but also very consonant, because the notes flow together (they are part of the same chord "family"). This also makes it a little easier to play, since you don't have to time all the fingers hitting at the same time (like in a normal chord).

The trick you will see in the video is that Christopher plays a simple major chord with both hands repeating the same chord up the piano octave by octave. The end result sounds like a flourishing move that expert pianists make; only it is so easy to do. Try it yourself and see. It has really made my day as a beginning piano student to try this lesson. I hope you get a lot out of it too.

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<http://www.pianotricks.com>

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It's Never Too Late To Take A Beginner Piano Lesson!

By IPRWire Staff Writer

Sometimes all it takes to get started down the road of music is a beginner piano lesson. How many times have you told yourself that you should learn to play an instrument before it gets too late? And how many times have you put off your first lesson because you just don't have the time, or because you don't know where to go? When you learn online, you eliminate the need to go looking for lessons because everything can be accomplished in the comfort of your own home.

For many people, learning to play the piano may seem intimidating, especially for those who are older. The piano may seem like it is a difficult instrument to play, but once you have your first lesson, you will realize it is not as hard as it looks. Sometimes all you need to do is rely on your hearing to learn how to play songs that are both easy and more complex.

Once you find the right online source that can instruct you on how to play the piano, you need to kick back and trust that they know what they are doing. Take a look at the testimonials and see how others have learned to play music. You will find that people of all ages and from all backgrounds are just as interested as you in learning to play the piano. And just how successful they have been.

If you don't already have a piano in your home, you can buy a small keyboard to get started. Your main goal when you first start to learn the piano is to play a few notes and simple songs. Once you come to the end of your online piano course, you may find that you want to purchase a piano in order to improve your sound. But to start lessons, a keyboard is all you need.

Online piano courses are designed in such a way that you start off slowly, stepping up the pace as you

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build up confidence and skill. Learning at your own pace allows you to master each lesson plan before you're ready to move on. This means that you will have all the concepts you need before you move on to the next lesson, which increases your ability to be more proficient at playing the piano.

After your first beginner piano lesson, you will be ready to start taking your lessons seriously. In no time at all, you can be playing the piano like an expert for your family and friends.

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