



# Piano Maestro iPad app Teacher's Guide

# Created by music educators for piano teachers

Piano Maestro (PM) is the only iPad app in the world that combines Piano Pedagogy with a REAL instrument, no cables needed! Piano Maestro is the ultimate learning and practice tool for all levels of piano students.

From playing a single note to complete pieces, Piano Maestro helps master sight-reading, rhythm, technique and playing with both hands. Chosen by Apple as the #1 Education App in 20 countries.



## The basics

Connecting to your students: Upon inviting your students to download the app on their home iPad, and connect to you, your accounts will be synced. In addition you will be able to assign Home Challenges for your students to practice in between lessons.

## **Content**

**"Journey" mode** is student driven. Students need to level up and unlock new sections by mastering the chapter's content. Each chapter adds new notes and techniques with fully orchestrated backing tracks. You can find each chapter's curriculum objectives within the sheet music collection at

#### teachers.joytunes.com/resources

The "Library" contains over 2,500 songs, hundreds of exercises and method books!

- TV and Game Themes
- Classical and Sacred Music
- Pop and Rock
- Exciting new music from the hottest new composers around the world

New content added monthly

**Method books** - teach songs from over 50 method books in the Library section, including Alfred's Premier Piano Course, Jennifer Eklund's Piano Pronto and Daniel McFarlane's Supersonics Piano.

### Piano Maestro curriculum

The Journey Curriculum takes the student on a journey from 1-note playing to Bach!

Chapters 1-13	introduce basic Middle C position using anchor notes and sight-reading.
Chapters 14-16	include 8th note rhythms.
Chapters 17-23	add two-note playing, syncopation and coordination challenges.
Chapters 24-37	feature songs in C, F and G.

## **Practice options**

Piano Maestro includes practice options to make the learning process easy and effective, step-by-step.

#### **Options include:**

- Turning note letters on or off
- Tempo adjusting
- "Hold on" for notes to wait until played correctly

## **Learn mode**

Learn mode is a fantastic feature that breaks the song down into easy to manage sections! Students will need to perfect each section before moving onto the next.

## No iPad at home? No problem!

You can download sheet music to print out, enabling them to practice at home or combine Piano Maestro with the method books included, purchased from within the app!

## A word about pricing

JoyTunes Teachers continue to get many teacher resources for free like core teaching tools such as lesson management, teacher reports, unlocked journey chapters, seasonal content (like Summer Camp), over 50 avatars(!) and a sizable collection of public domain and JoyTunes songs. Additional premium features and licensed content require a membership to cover the royalties.

# **JoyTunes Teachers Facebook Group**

Join our thriving Teachers community on Facebook to get ideas on how to use Piano Maestro in your lessons, connect with other likeminded teachers, suggest new features and ask any questions.

Of course, you can always write us at education@joytunes.com

# **Getting Started**

#### This all sounds wonderful, how do I get started?

- 1) Download Piano Maestro on your iPad from the AppStore
- 2) Create a JoyTunes teacher account with your email, under which, you can have multiple profiles for each student.
- 3) Create a profile for your students inside the Teachers & Parents zone (top right hand corner of main screen)
- 4) They can choose a cool avatar as their profile picture and get started!
- 5) Make sure your students connect to you so their progress can be synced automatically at home

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