

ANDY FLEET

JAZZ, ROCK & CLASSICAL PIANO PLAYER, TEACHER & SONGWRITER

My teaching

I teach from my Berkhamsted home studio in a friendly, informal and relaxed environment using my lovely Yamaha acoustic piano.

My lessons

I teach mainly jazz, pop & rock piano and my lessons will enable you to play and improvise on jazz standards and popular songs from a real (or fake) book. We'll work on understanding and interpreting lead sheets, providing better piano accompaniment and improvising around a structure. I also teach formal classical piano up to grade 5.

We will learn practical theory so you understand how music is built which will enable you to find your own playing style. To learn jazz and rock piano it is recommended that you have some ability at the keyboard (grade 3 or 4 standard). If you are a total beginner wanting to learn jazz/rock piano we will need to spend some time learning formal classical piano whilst still introducing jazz/rock concepts from the very first lesson. There is no pressure to study towards formal exams, it's entirely up to you.

You can only get so far playing alone with teach-yourself books, working alongside a teacher will give you that essential practical experience.



Teaching in my home studio



Playing with Susan Boyle ITV 2011

About me

I am a professional songwriter, piano player, vocalist, teacher and founder of KZR Music (www.kzrmusic.co.uk). I've played the piano bars and hotels of central London, worked as a session player and toured with Universal Music. I currently play keyboards for Irish singer/songwriter Chris Singleton (Universal) and also lead my own band performing my original jazz and blues flavored popular music.

I've played some of the finest venues including the Paradiso in Amsterdam, Borderline, Spice of Life & Troubadour in London, The Vredenburg Concert Hall in Utrecht (supporting Lucie Silvas) and the prestigious Stables in Milton Keynes. My award winning songs have been recorded by both pop and jazz singers around the world.

My lessons in more detail

My formal classical lessons follow the **Michael Aaron** or **Pam Wedgwood** course texts whilst my jazz/rock lessons are more flexible and based around the needs of the individual student.

Generally, we'll play the popular songs and standards you love whilst looking at the following concepts.

- Intervals, Triads, 7th chords
- Voicings spread over 2 hands
- Voice leading
- II-V-I and extended turnarounds
- The crucial 'cycle of fourths/fifths'
- Adding to three and four note voicing
- Interpreting a chord chart and finding your own style
- Chord substitution
- Improvisation
- Accompaniment

FAQ'S

Where are you? Just off the Kings Road in Berkhamsted HP4 3BW. Call 01442 863906 or 07970 172977 or email me: andy@andyfleet.com

How much is a lesson? A batch of 4 one hour long lessons is £120 (ie. £30 per hour). This is payable in advance after an initial introductory lesson (also £30). The dates and frequency are up to you but I suggest booking in 4 sessions in advance to avoid losing your preferred day and time slot. Individual stand alone lessons are £35 per hour. 45 minute lessons are also available.

Can I pay as I go? Yes, certainly though it works out cheaper if you pay in advance (£35 p/h compared to £30)

What are your teaching times? All day Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Do you teach total beginners? Yes

Do you teach Classical piano ? Yes I teach formal classical piano up to grade 5.

What age of students do you teach ? I teach students aged 9 years and up. My oldest pupil is 82!!

Are you CRB checked ? Yes, I am Enhanced CRB cleared.

So what's KZR Music ? KZR Music is a cool rock band school for young musicians aged 11-17 years. I founded the school in 2009 and we now run sessions in Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead and Beaconsfield during the school holidays and half terms. Check out the website at www.kzrmusic.co.uk