

ANDY FLEET

JAZZ, POP & ROCK PIANO PLAYER, TEACHER & COMPOSER

My teaching

I teach from my Berkhamsted home studio in an informal and relaxed environment and use a lovely Yamaha upright as well as my keyboards (Roland RD & Korg Triton). As well as playing along on a second keyboard I also use my PC based studio and backing tracks to enhance learning where appropriate.

I also record singer-songwriters at my home studio using my Pro-Tools rig and coach young songwriters and composers.

My lessons

I teach jazz, blues, pop and rock piano and my lessons will enable you to play and improvise on jazz standards, play a 12 bar blues, understand chord charts and provide better piano accompaniment.

We will learn practical theory that will enable you to find your own playing style and to start sounding like a professional in no time. You can only get so far playing alone with teach-yourself jazz piano books, working alongside a jazz piano teacher will give you that essential practical experience.



About me

I am a professional songwriter, piano player, vocalist, teacher and founder of the KidzRock! Music School. I've worked the cocktail piano bars and hotels of central London and toured as a session player with Universal Music. I currently play keyboards for rock singer/songwriter Chris Singleton (www.chrissingletonmusic.com) 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 & 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 and can be heard regularly in the jazz and rock clubs in London.

My lessons in more detail

All my lessons are planned around the needs of the individual student and take into account not only where they are, but the style of music they wish to develop.

But generally, we'll play the popular songs and standards you love whilst learning the following theory and concepts.

- Scales, Intervals & Triads
- Modes, II-V-I
- The 'cycle of fifths'
- 12 Bar blues
- Three note voicing spread over 2 hands
- Diminished & Suspended chords
- Adding to the three note voicing
- Scales theory and using scales in jazz
- Pentatonic scales
- Chord & Tri-tone substitution
- Improvisation

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? £30 per hour or £25 per hour if you pay for 4 lessons in advance (ie. 4 lessons for £100, dates and frequency up to you). Home visits are available at £40 per hour. In some cases I also suggest meeting for a free 15 minute introductory session before commencing a programme of study.

Can I pay as I go? Yes, certainly.

What are your teaching times? Weekday afternoons and early evening (except Mondays) and Saturday mornings. The early evening slots tend to get booked up quickly.

Do you teach total beginners? Yes, I do teach total beginners but to make good speedy progress in playing jazz and popular piano it helps to already have a basic knowledge of scales and have reasonable finger movement. I'm happy to get beginners going but they maybe better off spending some time with a more formal classical teacher before seeking specialist tuition.

Do you teach Classical piano ? I teach the basics (which involves some classical) to total beginners but always with the aim of playing popular and jazz music for pleasure rather than working towards formal classical grades.

What kind of students do you teach ? My students range from 9 to 72 years of age but the common trait across them all is that they want to sit down at a piano, be creative and enjoy themselves. I also work with singer-songwriters.

Do I need to be able to read music? It will help if you can at least read the treble clef but is not essential. I work on this with beginners.

What's KidzRock ? KidzRock! is a rock band school for young musicians aged 9-17 years. I founded the school in 2009, check out the website at www.kidzrockmusic.co.uk