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**Basic Student Tool Box** - flashcards are a basic mainstay of any piano studio! Note, Rhythm, Vocabulary.

**The WHOLE SHEBANG:** Theory Power Cubes - these blocks are simply a MUST HAVE!

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24 individual Celebration Composer Sets, Piano Bingo, FOCUS: Practicing Bingo

Games: Say What? Set One - the students absolutely LOVE this game!

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**Practice Spot Counter -** engages the student for practice repetition - simply fabulous!

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\*\*\*New\*\*\* Game Snippets

Concept Stix: Study & Hold Fast to an Idea

Celebration Packets:

Happy B-Day

Christmas Units: Christmas Snippets, Key Visions: Christmas & Key Visions: Folk Songs

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\*\*\*New\*\*\* Commemorating 100 Years: Camille Saint-Saens - Investigating Saint-Saens

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## STUFF not to miss

Celebrating Happy B-Day \$10 printed

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Reproducible for your studio.

#### KEYBOARD GEOGRAPHY PACKETS

Oh So Virtuoso! \$10 printed

These are great lesson "warm-ups" 'cause students love to play the "whole keyboard" to show-off. They don't even realize that they are really playing exercises and best-of-all, they don't complain! This collection of 24 exercises includes experience with basic scale intervals (even the evil tri-tone), articulation (staccato, legato, two-note slurs), ornaments (trills, grace notes), interesting finger patterns (shifting, skipping, cross-overs, wrist rotation), accidentals, damper pedal, and more. Some clever lyrics are included.

Melodic Snippets \$10 printed

Here's a great packet designed to teach fluency, both with scale degrees and the piano keyboard. 24 reproducible melody snippets are notated using scale degrees and are to be played in all 12 keys. Charts are given to make transpositions easy and understandable.

Christmas Snippets \$10 printed

Besides being FUN, this packet is designed to teach fluency, both with scale degrees and the piano keyboard.

The 24 reproducible familiar Christmas melodies are notated by *scale degree* (NOT FINGER NUMBERS) and are to be played in all 12 keys. The purpose of these exercises are to *quickly* become comfortable with all keys, rather than to play entire pieces.

## \*\*\* NEW\*\*\* Game Snippets

\$8 printed

Now, you can play snippets (not the entire piece) of your favorite Sport Game Songs. 15 reproducible melodies, like Take Me Out to the Ball Game, We are the Champions, YMCA, also includes the BYU & U of U fight songs. Play by scale degree (NOT FINGER NUMBERS).

#### Concept Stix: Study & Hold Fast to an Idea

\$8 printed

Wide popsicle craft sticks are all the rage right now. They make a clever way to easily teach basic concepts.

This packet contains 146 Concept Stix patterns to teach: Basic Metronome Tempo terms, Basic Dynamic terms, Scale Degree names, Recital Etiquette, Keyboard Geography fluency, Musical Skills, Major & Minor Keys, Key Signatures and Names of sharps & flats in the key.

There is not just one way to use these Stix. The Concept Stix allow you to be creative and make up your own games to teach important skills.

#### The WHOLE SHEBANG: Theory Power Cubes

\$25 set of 14 cubes bagged or boxed \$30

It's all about relationships with this hand crafted set of 14 alphabet cubes. "Aha" incites occur with scales, intervals & chords. Blocks include natural, sharp, flat, double sharp & flat sides. This is simply a must have teaching tool!

MUSIC with a TWIST \$8 printed

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#### Celebrating 250 Years: Ludwig Van Beethoven - Brushing Up Your Beethoven

SPECIAL \$8 printed

13 reproducible sheets, poster, worksheet, Beethoven Sippets, adding accompaniments, even a rhythm ensemble.

## Commemorating 100 Year: Saint-Saens - Investigation Saint-Saens

SPECIAL \$8 printed

13 reproducible sheets, poster, worksheet, Saint-Saëns Sippets, adding accompaniments, even a rhythm ensemble.

#### READING

Basic Student Tool Box flash cards - notes + rhythm + vocabulary

Fabulous reproducible flashcards...lots of them! Includes activities.

39 Staff-Reading Note Cards + 144 Rhythm Cards + 144 Vocabulary Cards Also available as a PDF file: individually or as a complete set.

On Location \$10 printed

Location, Location, Location is what it's all about. These 12 short compositions each focus on one particular alphabet location.

Especially helpful for students that need extra reinforcement with placing a note in it's proper register.

Order Please! Set 1 Musica; File Folder Game Order Please! Set 2 Musical File Folder Game

\$10 printed

Each set contains 12 songs to place in order on a file-folder. Great ear training!

## **RHYTHM**

Just Right...more or less \$12 printed

Designed for a better understanding of note and rest values, this set of worksheets allows students to make rhythmically complete measures. They will find some measures that are "Just Right," while others have too many and some not enough counts.

Also available as a PDF file with level for young students and a level for older students

Bar ??? None \$12 printed

Hmmm...something is missing here. Students need to write in the counts and add the missing measure bars.

These reproducible pages include 2 sets of rhythm worksheets, one for young students and a level for older students. Twelve rhythm levels.

PrestO ChangO \$8 printed

PrestO ChangO is a set of 12 worksheets for a better understanding of notes and their corresponding rest values. Each worksheet asks the student to write in the counts and then rewrite all rhythmic patterns, changing the notes to rests and the rests to notes. Each worksheet covers a specific rhythmic concept.

Music Mart \$15 printed

Music Mart is a strategic game that helps students gain a better understanding of note and rest values.

Students will practice combining notes, determine how much they are worth in different time signatures, and equate notes with rests.

The Music Money offers dozens of possibilities for classroom use outside of the Music Mart game.

#### **VOCABULARY**

Nifty Notable Numbers \$10 printed

A nifty set of 168 questions all related to numbers 1 through 7. Trivia includes notation, key signatures, chords, vocabulary, composers & more. Students ♥ it! Can be used as worksheets or cut-up to use as a game.

Describe & Answer \$8 printed

Two fabulous sets of vocabulary worksheets that make learning musical terms fun. Dictionary included Set of 24 worksheets

Musical Grab Bag \$8 printed

A little bit of note-reading, counting, theory, vocabulary and well, a grab bag of fun.

Set of 12 worksheets.

Say What? Set 1 \$14 boxed game

Say What? is a **fast-paced game** that reinforces music vocabulary. The game consists of 55 cards with 57 different musical symbols. The object of Say What? is to be the fastest player to locate the matching symbol between two cards. Any two cards in the set have exactly one matching symbol.

One Way Or Another \$14 bagged game

Similar to the popular game, "Taboo," this card set offers two ways to challenge students to guess musical terms. A studio favorite!

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\$25 printed

## THEORY SKILLS

Scales: A Visual Experience \$15 printed

Teach basic scale skills with these visual keyboard scale exercises. Worksheet for each major key.

Two sets included- one for younger & one for older students.

I Can't Believe I Played The Whole Thing: Chromatic Scale - Become fluent on the keyboard with these clever Chromatic

KeyboardExpeditions and Borrowed Classic Applications. 30 reproducible worksheets

\$12 printed

#### Major and Harmonic Minor Scale ☆ FLASHCARDS ☆

\$ 6 printed

This is a wonderful reference to have on hand for each student:

All 15 Major Scale Flashcards with RH + LH fingers AND All 15 Harmonic Minor Scale Flashcards with RH + LH fingers.

Great for reference, random practice and games. Reproducible, business card sized Flashcards.

Chords: The Basics \$15 printed

No matter how you stack 'em, these worksheets build on every basic chord concept - shown both alphabetically and on the staff: basic triads, 5-finger positions, inversions, kinds of triads, and more.

Get a bonus story and two reference charts, too.

## **COMPOSERS**

#### It's NOT Just About the COMPOSER

\$15 printed

Of course we want to learn basic facts about a composer, but what other things can be learned from these great people. Gain incites and thoughtful life lessons. Includes 24 Composer Quick Reference Cards.

Composers Up Close \$20 printed

Take an up-close view of a composer's life with these reproducible worksheets. One set is geared for younger students to draw pictures and another set is for the older students to respond to questions. 24 Composer Quick Reference Cards are included.

Composers in a Nutshell \$12 printed

24 guided worksheets help a student to describe a composer in, well, a nutshell. 24 Composer Quick Reference Cards are included.

Composer Qs \$12 printed

Students are asked to answer the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How about 24 Famous Composers....great for basic information about composers. Includes 24 Composer Quick Reference Cards and a Question Cube you can assemble and use for a group game.

Celebrating Composers \$15 printed

Explore the lives of 24 major composers with these interesting reproducible worksheets.

Learn basic info, insight into their music, problems they faced and important lessons we can learn from them.

Definitely worthwhile. Includes 24 Composer Quick Reference Cards and a 2 page Vocabulary.

#### **Celebration Composers Bingo Games**

\$10 printed

A fun way to learn about a composer's life, "Score" games allow students to learn interesting trivia as they play bingo. Celebration Set includes 12 student cards and one teacher card with reference material. \$10 per composer.

Bach, Bartok, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Copland, Debussy, Gershwin, Grieg, Handel, Haydn, Kabalevsky, Liszt, Fanny Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn, Mozart, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Saint-Saens, Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, Schubert, Tchaikovsky.

Magnetic Ward + 100 chips \$7

## **HISTORY**

#### Music History: making a long story FUN

\$16 printed

Music History is compacted into these informative wordfinds & crosswords that tie together things that affected the musical world.

Facts include world events, inventions, artists, and writers for each basic period - Early Music History, Baroque, Classical, Romantic,

 $Romantic\ Nationalist,\ Impression is m\ and\ Contemporary.\ It\ makes\ a\ long\ story,\ well,\ FUN!$ 

Set of Musical Period Quick Reference Cards and 26 Worksheets and Puzzles

Musical Pie-O-neers \$10 printed

Share the highlights of the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionist, and Contemporary Periods with this set of 5 posters and 7 worksheets. Includes ideas for a fun student award.

#### PRACTICING & PERFORMING

Power Checklist: Practicing \$10 printed

Power Checklist Practicing is a fabulous system for teaching students how to practice more efficiently. Packet includes worksheets on preparing a score, dividing music into sections, and creating practice maps. Included: Totally Random Completely Successful Practice Cards.

#### Don't Monkey Around: make your practicing count

\$10 printed

There's no monkeying around with these worksheets that divide music into basic practicing concepts: reading, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, fingering and more. A barrel of fun! Bonus: Practice Medallions

How to eat an ELEPHANT \$10 printed

Learn how to break-up a difficult task into bite-sized pieces.

These lessons give specific ideas to make the task of practicing easier. Includes worksheets, poster & medallions.

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Personal Practice Pack \$14 bagged product

This Personal Practice Kit contains a furry practice pal, a boxed MUSIC with a TWIST practice game, a sticky note pad and pencil. Simply fabulous for a new student learning about how to practice. It would also make a wonderful student Christmas gift.

7 Magic Spot Practice \$5

There's something magic about the number 7 and the brain. According to research, it takes 7 repetitions for the human brain to learn anything. This practice bead counter is based on that idea. First, the student's piece should be divided into sections and then practiced by section with the counter: Right Hand 2x, Left Hand 2x, Together 3x = 7 times. If after 7 times the student is still struggling with that section, it is because the section includes too much information to process. You must break it down into a smaller manageable chunk. Try seven times again. Some sections require really small bits of information to be practiced until the student is successful. Practice a specific piece or study spot before bedtime and let SLEEP do it's magic with memory consolidation!

**Practice Spot: Practice Counter with 10 beads** 

\$8

FOCUS: Power Practicing \$10 printed

Finally, a bingo set to teach students how to practice step-by-step. It's everything you want to have happen in the practice session plus some creative ideas and secrets to learning music faster.

#### **RECITALS: Musical Stage Presence**

\$12 printed

Puzzles that teach proper etiquette for the audience & performer. Includes posters on Listening To Your Sound & Musical Moods & Expressions. Best of all is an Armchair Study worksheet for breaking down the musical score.

#### ABOUT THE PIANO & ORGAN

PIANO in CELEBRATION \$10 printed

Activities that require students to interact with the piano - looking inside, watching the pedals, etc. Bonus "can cover" for treats or pencils, too.

PIANO BINGO \$12 printed

Double-sided cards are two games in one: "The Inside Facts" and "Piano Care."

Basically Organ \$15 printed

At last, help is here for the pianist to learn about the organ. Become familiar with basic terminology, investigate organ stops, hymn playing etiquette, organ care, & fun facts about the world's largest organs.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### Christmas Unit - second edition \$10 printed

'Tis the season to learn about Christmas carols. This packet contains 20 reproducible worksheets for the Christmas Season: crosswords, rhythmic and melodic recognition, worksheets on Messiah and the Nutcracker, transposition scale degree worksheets for Joy to the World and Away in a Manger.

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**Key Visions: Christmas** - View music with a different thought process - scale degrees for notation. Use these worksheets to play, write & add accompaniments to 15 Christmas Song -. students can play them in ANY key. All songs are notated by scale degree + chords.

\$12 printed

**Key Visions: Folk Songs** - Similar to the Christmas Key Vision version but using Folk Songs. View music with a different thought process - scale degrees for notation. Use these worksheets to play, write & add accompaniments to 15 Folk Songs -. students can play them in ANY key. All songs are notated by scale degree + chords.

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America Superpack - Patriotic opportunities to play America, America the Beautiful, Star Spangled Banner and Hail to the Chief in a variety of settings. *These are important basic songs that EVERY student should know how to play.* \$12 printed

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#### POSITIVE THINKING

#### **Eye Think: Thought Provoking Musical Eye Charts**

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These musical eye charts are a fabulous springboard for a meaningful discussion in your music studio. The charts may be used as individual worksheets, posters to display in the music studio, a cover for a student notebook, and even a group class game.

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#### I Can do it! Affirmation - reinforces positive thinking and self-talk - we all need this!

\$5

We've always understood how powerful it is to write down our goals. This is a POWER statement for students to repeat and then become! The official CAN cover + Believe bookmark + 100 Grand candy bar + teacher master.

#### **CRAZY STUFF**

Creative Hammer Necklace \$15

Clip-its! Musical Clothespins small \$3 or 4 for \$10 medium \$5

**Express Yourself Magnets** 4 for \$10 or \$3 each

I'm a MUSICIAN....what's your SUPERPOWER - Piano Hammer Magnets\$6Musical Attitude Rocks\$2.50Domi-NOTE Necklace - Impact your memory when you wear a musical concept.\$10

**Handsome Observers** - A glove full of attentive observers to watch over practicing. Certain to bring a SMILE to your face \$5 **Highlighter Tape** - At last you can write instructions on the music... And then magically remove it for a clean copy. Amazing! \$4 or 6 rolls for \$22