



*A baby grand piano*

# Studio Newsletter

Helpful information for parents, caregivers and students in Ingrid's piano studio.

## The Right Instrument

Although digital pianos have made great strides to imitate the touch, feel and sound of an acoustic piano, they are still a different instrument than the one I am trained to teach on, and the one that I love to play. Each type of acoustic piano will have its own kind of sound and will be able to respond to the pianist's touch in a way a digital cannot.

## What are the sizes of pianos available?



*A small apartment-sized piano - about 42" tall. These are often available on craigslist, sometimes for free.*



*A new, introductory level piano - about 43-44" tall.*



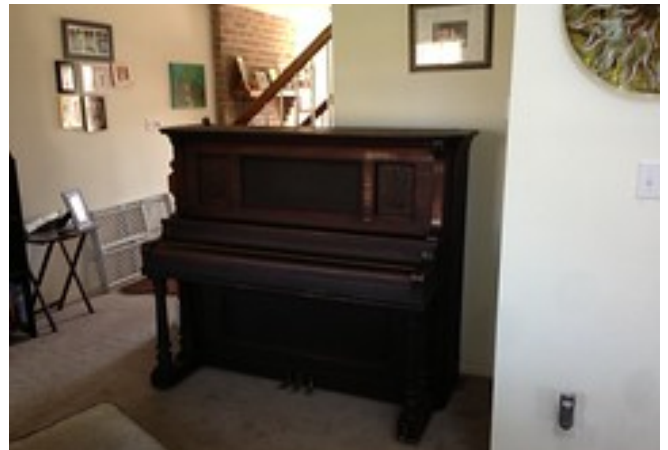
*A mid-level sized piano - about 44"-46" tall.*



*Another mid-sized, new, - about 46"-48" tall.*



*The upright grand style piano - 48"-52" tall.*



*An older upright grand - these can often be found for free or for a minimal cost, but they are extremely heavy and may need significant work inside.*

## **My Thoughts**

The smaller acoustic pianos will still have the ability to help students create sensitivity to the piano touch and sound, but if your child advances enough, you'll need to consider a larger piano for better touch sensitivity and key reaction speed. If you decide you'd like to buy used, I suggest going through my piano tuner, who restores the older pianos and maintains them. If you choose to buy new, there are great payment plans available from Tom Lee. A piano is an investment both financially and educationally. You will see the return on these investments for years to come.