

Piano Routine:

This is a list of things that I consider to be important about learning piano

1) Technique: (always practice with metronome)

- Scales and Arpeggios (major and minors)
- Pieces from book of exercises like Czerny, Hanon etc.
- Self-made exercises to work on specific technical issues

2) Sight reading:

- Easy short piano pieces, play each two times and move on to the next. (don't get attached to the pieces)
- Longer pieces with more difficulties (some of this will eventually become part of your repertoire)
- Lead sheet music. Melody written in one staff system, and the chords written on top of that (C7 for example)

3) Repertoire:

- Classical and Modern composers. You have to really love these pieces: It's important to memorize them, and make them yours. Ideally you should always have at least 3 or 4 pieces in your repertoire.
- Popular repertoire: from Bill Evans Transcriptions to Brazilian composer Egberto Gismonti's tunes.

4) Harmony:

- Become familiar with chords in every key and its inversions.
- Chord progressions (I-IV-V) in every key.
- Songs. Be able to play them in different keys. Be able to recognize the functions of the chords.
- Pick up songs by ear from a CD. Be able to make a nice piano arrangement.

5) Improvisation:

- Improvise over certain chord progression.
- Learning different styles for improvising (jazz, blues, rock)
- Free improvisation....just have fun and play whatever it comes to you. (don't underestimate this last point, creativity is much more important than what you think, and it also needs practice!!!!)