

CHOOSING A PIANO

Thank you for coming to **Bernies Music Land** for piano advice.



PIANO STUDY

Introductory

Preliminary

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

Teaching Qualification

Performance Qualification

Category 3

Category 4

Many people start their musical lives at Bernies Music Land.

Our mission is to find you an instrument that meets your needs and budget, but exceeds your expectations.

Over 45 years of family business, we have scoured the world to bring you the best value and highest rating performance pianos. We proudly offer this range to you.

Are new pianos better than second hand?

The technology, performance, durability and lasting enjoyment value of new pianos makes this answer a resounding yes.

Do "second hand bargains" exist?

Our meticulously prepared second hand pianos offer you the chance to own a quality piano at a great price.

Which brand should I buy?

The worldwide piano market consists of thousands of brands ranging from budget, to mid range, and luxury. For home use, many people prefer the rich, expressive tones of a European piano and that's why Bernies Music Land recommends Schimmel and Bernstein pianos.

THE FIVE CATEGORIES OF PIANOS

Choosing a Piano to Suit Your Needs

VOLUME

Pianoforte: soft to loud

tone

Dynamic expression from warm to brassy

TOUCH

Speed and Repetition for accurate playing

	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>tone</u>	<u>TOUCH</u>
1 BASIC	X	X	Domestic
2 STANDARD	✓	X	Domestic
3 DEVELOPMENT	✓	✓	Domestic
4 ADVANCED	✓	✓	Professional
5 CONCERT	✓ +	✓ +	Professional +

Basic: Generally an older piano which does not offer volume or tone change. Must hold tune at A440 to be considered playable.

Standard: A introductory or hobby piano, or digital piano which offers a pleasant sound with volume change but no tonal expression.

Development: A creative piano which offers dynamic tone change with a comfortable, high quality domestic action. Ideal for developing pianistic skills and a love of piano playing.

Advanced: With quick and responsive action, this piano allows full control of the exciting range of tonal colours. Ideal for developing advanced piano skills.

Concert: Meets the most demanding performance requirements.

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