



Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard is a comprehensive approach to learning music. Learning music comprehensively is much more than being able to name notes or being able to differentiate between quarter and half notes. Comprehensive musicianship leads a child to music literacy, or the ability to hear in one's head music that is written on the page. Conversely, the musically literate person will be able to figure out how to play the melody, harmony, and rhythm of a piece s/he hears, without needing to see the written music.

Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard is a group method. By studying the piano in a group setting, singing games and movement activities are naturally a part of the experience. These are the very things that nurture the musician inside each child, making success at the piano possible. The group also allows children to learn from each other and overcome performance anxiety. Most importantly, the group setting keeps the fun in music-making.

Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard is an aural approach. Years of experience have shown us that children learn to read and understand musical notation only after they have a strong aural foundation in place. In *Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard* , piano skills are layered on at the appropriate time and at an appropriate pace, thereby allowing the aural foundation to be established and reinforced. But that doesn't mean that the children won't be playing very much. The fact is that in the first year, they will be taught to play more than 25 songs in the keys of C, D, E, F, and G Major and C, D, E, F, and G minor. Additionally, the children will be playing I, IV, and V7 chords in multiple keys with both hands!

Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard lays the groundwork for piano success! Through the variety of activities in each class the children become independent musicians. They have both a love of music and a love of a

specific repertoire, both of which are major incentives for practicing. In addition to playing piano, the children will be involved in drumming and dancing to nurture their rhythmic development, singing to nurture their tonal development, and echoing patterns to nurture their aural development. And composing and musical dictation activities lead the child to music literacy.

Children who complete *Musikgarten's Music Makers:At the Keyboard* not only possess a strong desire to make music, they have the aural and piano skills that will enable them to do so. It prepares children for future individual piano study, as well as whatever musical adventures the future holds!

Total Cost of program includes 15 classes and home material:

Book 1

2 CDS (a listening CD and a special Practice CD)

A binder to hold their weekly assignments

A parent booklet for the first year that provides information to make this program more successful at home.

(new students entering the program at this level will also need a red Musikgarten Bag to help them bring their books each week)

Tuition for first semester(new student): \$400 (including materials)

Tuition for second and following semesters: \$365 (including materials)

This is a 3-year program including six keyboard books.