

Five of the Best Keyboards/ Digital Pianos for Beginners

What to look for in your first keyboard/digital piano:

- 1.) **88 keys:** Models that have 88 keys stay true to the size of a real piano and will allow the user the freedom to play any piece of his or her choosing. There are models sold with fewer keys, but this limits the range of music available to the user.
- 2.) **Weighted keys:** The keys on a traditional piano have a bit of weight to them. Because of this, practicing on a keyboard with weighted keys will allow you to transition to other pianos much more comfortably. They will also help you build finger strength and dexterity, which is an absolute necessity for any pianist!
- 3.) **Connectivity features:** You want to ensure that your keyboard has a headphone jack and that it supports the connection of a sustain pedal (assuming it doesn't have one already). Acoustic pianos come with three pedals, and the sustain pedal is by far the most utilized. It is almost essential when playing certain pieces.



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KEYBOARDS

1.) Yamaha P45

Price: \$550

Rating: 4.8/5 stars

About: The P45 is very simple as far as keyboards go as you won't find it outfitted with lots of bells whistles. It comes with ten different sounds that the user can switch between along with a metronome and reverb settings. It's plain, simple, and perfect for a beginner!



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2.) Yamaha P125

Price: \$700

Rating: 4.8/5 stars

About: The P125 is a successor to the previously mentioned P45. The P125 has everything that the P45 has, but paying the higher price will grant you a better sound system that sounds much more realistic. Users also report a much improved overall feel when playing compared to the P45. If you can afford it, the increase in price is definitely worth it!



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3.) Roland FP10

Price: \$600

Rating: 4.7/5 stars

About: The Roland FP10 markets itself as an entry level keyboard, and it is quite similar to the Yamaha P45. However, the Roland has bit more complex sound engine with the sound of each key being sampled individually. The Roland also supports Bluetooth connectivity, which is very helpful for recording yourself playing.



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4.) Casio PX-S1100

Price: \$700

Rating: 4.5/5 stars

About: The PX-S1100 is the entry level keyboard for Casio users. It is outfitted with newest/fastest Bluetooth technology (considerably faster than the Roland). Unlike the previous keyboards, the Casio PX-S1100's keys are designed to mimic the feel of a real acoustic piano. It is also one of the more aesthetically pleasing pianos on this list!



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5.) Casio PX-S3100

Price: \$900

Rating: 4.8/5 stars

About: The Casio PX-S3100 is the more high-end version of the PX-S1100. It has many more features such as more sounds like drums, harps, guitars etc. The range of capabilities fall more in line with someone who would want to play the keyboard professionally. It is also, of course, outfitted with better speakers than the PX-S1100.



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