

Ricardo Cordova to give free piano lessons

In recent years, the number of people learning to play the piano has been in steady decline.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In fact, the same can now be said of most traditional musical instruments.

With advances in technology and the size of the average new home slowly shrinking, the piano, in particular, has fallen out of favor.

"People don't have space for a huge piano like they used to," says Sarasota businessman [Ricardo Cordova](#). "Especially those living in big cities where space is at a particular premium."

He continues, "People are more interested in their smartphones than learning to play an instrument such as the piano, which I think is a shame."

Cordova is keen to change opinions and hopes that offering free piano lessons might do the trick.

"I fell in love with the piano at a young age," he remarks. "I've subsequently taught a number of people to play and they've all fallen in love with it, too."

[Ricardo Cordova plans to offer](#) beginner and intermediate level piano lessons to a number of individuals. "One-to-one or small groups, whatever is most attractive to those looking to learn," he says.

"It's a wonderful skill to have, and one which stays with you for a lifetime," [adds Ricardo Cordova](#). "I love being able to just sit down at a piano and play one of my favorite songs. It's wonderful."

The decline in piano playing goes back to the 1990s when youngsters began to favor the electronic keyboard over the piano.



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In an interview with British newspaper The Observer, veteran piano teacher Dame Fanny Waterman laments on this, saying, "Lots of children are learning it from the electric piano. A waste of time, because you don't get the speed of the key descent, and you don't get the different sounds."

She continues, "Nowadays, they aren't taught the subtleties you can bring out of the piano."

Cordova agrees. "The keyboard is great, but it's a bit like comparing a violin to a guitar. They're completely different beasts," he says. "What's more, a keyboard lacks all of the romance of a traditional piano. I wish more people could see that."

According to Steinway & Sons, the famous American-German piano company, playing the piano has many benefits.

Regular piano playing has been shown to sharpen fine motor skills, enhance hand-eye coordination, and improve memory.

According to Steinway, piano playing also builds good habits such as focus, perseverance, diligence, and creativity.

"People who create music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression," adds the company.

Cordova plans to reach out to interested parties in the Sarasota area in coming weeks.

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