

## Purchasing a Piano or Keyboard

### Used Pianos:

Buying a used console or upright piano from a private seller will run \$600-3k, from a piano seller, \$2k-5k (new). *Avoid the spinet* (less than 41" tall) which uses an inferior hammer mechanism and has poor sound quality.

Buying a used grand piano (5'5 or larger) will start around \$6k.

Remember –

- All keys should depress with similar resistance and volume.
- Private seller – ask when the instrument was last tuned.
- You will need a piano bench or adjustable piano stool.
- Try to negotiate the price.



console piano (41-44")



upright piano (45" +)



grand piano

### Digital Pianos:

*Similar in size to a console piano but has an electrical cord and speakers. Bench may have to be purchased separately.*

Yamaha Arius YDP-103 \$900  
Casio PX-870 \$1000  
Kawai KDP-110 \$1200  
Yamaha Arius YDP-164 \$1500  
Yamaha CLP-625 \$2000

**88-key Keyboards, for beginners:**

*Stand and bench may have to be purchased separately. Use a tape measure and set up the keyboard stand so that the top of the keys are at 29 inches.*

*All require sustain pedal, purchased separately such as:*

- Yamaha FC4A
- Casio SP20

Alesis

- Recital Pro 88-key Hammer Action \$350

Casio

- Privia PX-160 \$500
- CGP-700 \$800

Kawai

- ES-110 (most realistic sounding under \$1k) \$700

Yamaha

- P45/P71 88-key Digital Piano \$450