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Digital Keyboard Recommendations

Things to consider

Number of keys A full-size keyboard has 88 keys.

Weighting of the keys

To give a keyboard a realistic feel, which is important for serious piano study, the keyboard should have weighted keys. Higher end keyboards will have a more realistic feel Across the range of the keyboard by subtly adjusting the weight of each key. Less expensive keyboards will weight keys in larger groups Delivering a less realistic experience, but still suitable as a home practice instrument. An unweighted keyboard will feel nothing like a real piano and should be avoided as regular practice instruments if possible.

Sound - Sampled vs. Synth. Generally, higher end keyboards will use sampled sounds which will be more realistic and less expensive keyboards will use synthesized piano sounds.

Accessories to consider Keyboard Stand

Sustain Pedal

Some good options at a range of prices

- \$230 Alesis Recital, 88 Key Digital Electric Piano
- \$380 Casio, 88-Key Digital Pianos
- \$500 Yamaha P45, 88-Key Weighted Action Digital Piano
- \$650 Yamaha P125, 88-Key Weighted Action Digital Piano
- \$1500 Yamaha P515B, 88-key Digital Piano