

An Alternative to Costly Piano Lessons

Book Offers Complete, One-Stop Means to Master Keyboard

OAKTON, VA -- Parents no longer have to drive their children weekly and pay expensive fees to a piano teacher so their children will eventually be able to play the piano.

In today's sluggish economy when many parents are laid-off or fear loss of job, a better investment is to purchase ***The Bollywood Piano*** (ISBN 978-1934938355, 2009, 96 pages, Mill City Press, \$14.95 www.bollywoodpiano.com) by Rajan Shah and stay at home while their children learn to master the piano in just 48 lessons.

Three years ago Rajan Shah, an accomplished musician, was teaching his daughters to play the piano and became so frustrated purchasing one instructional book after another that Rajan decided to write his own piano book.

"The problem with the books I purchased for my daughters is they would introduce the basic scale of C and maybe G and then you'd have to buy another book to advance to another skill," explains Shah. "So I wrote the complete instruction book that allows the reader to learn to play in just 30 minutes and to master the piano in the 48 hours it takes to read the 96 pages and take the exercises. So you only have to spend \$14.95 for your child to learn the piano!"

The Bollywood Piano allows the student to learn to sight read or play their favorite song by ear, to articulate chord progressions, and to compose their own songs – all within one book. ***The Bollywood Piano*** is a complete method to learn keyboard based instruments like piano, accordion, and digital keyboards.

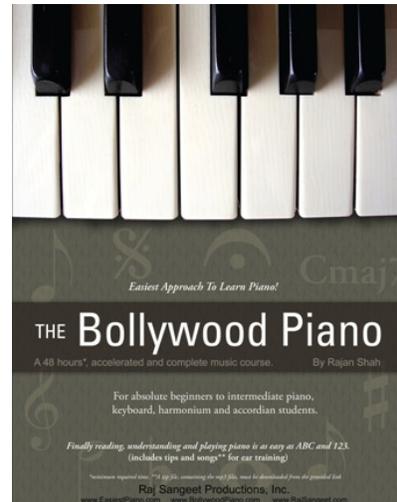
This logically laid out instructional manual offers an accelerated and innovative method by using old-fashioned songs like Jingle Bells to teach basic musical knowledge. Bollywood pop songs are then integrated to significantly shorten the learning curve for the sight reading process. From this base more advanced topics are introduced that require students to accurately read musical notation instead of simply guessing the note and its duration.

Rajan Shah included the Bollywood music in his book so students do not take a guess on a note or on the duration of a note as they might for American songs they are familiar with.

Rajan Shah's intent in writing ***The Bollywood Piano*** is for students to fully comprehend music rather than enduring countless practices just to learn the scale, a few notes and chords. Instead ***Bollywood Piano*** students will learn to play the 16th note in the first few chapters while mastering the basic scale.

"Most songs can be easily performed once students get accustomed to the 16th note," says Shah, "Upon successful completion of the book, the absolute beginners ages 8 and older will be able to perform all kind of music and gain the knowledge and skills that will help them become an expert pianist.

Purchasers of the book will have access to free mp3 downloads that were written to advance chord recognition skills and to enhance the student's ability to play music by ear.



About Rajan Shah

*Rajan Shah is a composer, music arranger and a seasoned pianist with more than 30 years experience. Rajan has performed in more than 1,200 live shows in India and America, and recorded commercials and music videos in Bollywood. He is an adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College, and has arranged more than 40 songs in 10 years. He became an author to teach his two daughters how to play the piano. Learn more about **The Bollywood Piano** at www.bollywoodpiano.com.*

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