

APP-LAUDABLE

USES OF APPS IN MUSIC LESSONS

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I. Meaningful incorporation of technology.

II. Apps that make the teacher's life easier.

- Email, calendar, internet searches, [Facebook](#), etc.
- FaceTime or [Skype](#) – For lessons on snow days.
- [forScore](#) (\$9.99) – PDF score reader for weddings/gigs.
- [piaScore](#) (FREE) – PDF score reader. Download public domain scores from [imslp.org](#).
- [Evernote](#) (FREE) – For keeping notes and so much more. [Inspiration at [PianoPantry.com](#).]
- [Bobclass](#) (\$13.99) – Studio management tool: scheduling, assignments, billing, and more.
- [Scannable](#) (FREE) – Easily scan receipts or any documents.

III. Apps to frequent during the lesson.

- [YouTube](#) – For viewing or posting videos. Speaker recommendation: [Qontz Angle](#).
- Camera – For videotaping students to provide instant feedback.
- Music (pre-installed app) – Upload CD backing tracks from your piano methods.
- Voice Memos or [Music Memos](#) (FREE) – audio recording.
- [GoodNotes](#) (\$7.99) – For note taking or annotating/printing PDFs. Try storing music worksheets.
- [Sproutbeat](#) (Full version \$19.99; subscription) – Access 1000+ theory worksheets to print out or complete digitally. A paid subscription allows for sending and grading worksheets for students.

IV. Apps targeting a particular skill/topic.

PLAYING/SIGHT-READING:

- [PanoTuner](#) (FREE) [Android](#) – Tuner app.
- [Practice+](#) (FREE/\$4.99) – Tuner, metronome, recorder, and more, all-in-one.
- [SuperMetronome Groovebox](#) (FREE/\$6.99) – Drum machine. Fun metronome alternative.
- [RoboDrummer](#) (FREE) – Instant drum beats. Fun metronome alternative.
- [MusiClock](#) (\$8.99) – Backing tracks for scales or improvisation.
- [Piano Maestro](#) (FREE/subscription) – Provides pieces with backing tracks and provides a score for rhythm and note accuracy. Many methods and books available. Connects to student accounts.
- [SightReadPlus](#) (\$9.99) – For major pentascale, one-handed sight-reading. The app will evaluate your performance on your acoustic or MIDI instrument. See related apps for scales/arpeggios and Hanon.
- [ReadAhead](#) (FREE/\$3.99 per level) – Sight-reading examples with disappearing measures.
- [Home Concert Xtreme 3](#) (\$9.99) – Upload your own MIDI backing track files, connect to a MIDI instrument, and it will follow and respond to your playing.
- [Piano Adventures Player](#) (FREE/\$4.99 per book) – Responsive MIDI backing track player for the Piano Adventures method. Powered by Home Concert Xtreme.
- [SuperScore](#) (FREE) – Purchase SuperScore files, which take MusicXML files to the next level—allowing for beautiful, liquid resizable score display and high-quality backing tracks. Connect to a MIDI instrument, purchase their scores, and SuperScore will follow and respond to your playing.

RHYTHM:

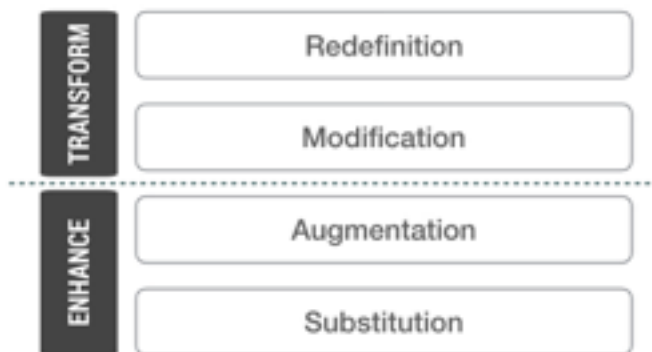
- [Rhythm Lab](#) (\$2.99) – Rhythm exercises to tap onscreen. Can track the progress of multiple users.
- [Rhythm Swing](#) (\$3.99) – A fun game which teaches and drills basic rhythm notation.
- [Rhythm Cat](#) (FREE/\$3.99) – Tap rhythms along with backing track. Challenging.
- [Rhythm Solitaire](#) (\$2.99) – Learn the rhythm values.

FEEL THE BEAT:

- [Mind The Beat](#) (FREE) – Game that requires listening and echoing back rhythms.

SAMR MODEL

BY DR. RUBEN PUENTADURA



- [The Most Addicting Sheep Game](#) (\$0.99) – Silly but fun game that requires steady beat.
- [Audio Ninja](#) (\$0.99) – Another game that requires steady beat.
- [SneakBeat](#) (\$2.99) – Puzzle game that requires steady beat.

NOTE IDENTIFICATION:

- [Note Rush](#) (\$3.99) [Android](#) – Fantastic note naming app that uses the mic to evaluate the pitch.
- [StaffWars](#) (\$0.99) [Android](#) | [Kindle](#) – Use your acoustic instrument or the on-screen buttons.
- [NinGenius Music](#) (\$2.99 / \$9.99 [Studio](#) / \$15.99 [School](#)) – Notes/fingerings on every instrument.
- [Music Flash Class](#) (\$3.99) – Great note naming app also containing a “Hot Potato” group game.
- [NoteWorks](#) (FREE/\$4.99) – Works with MIDI keyboard.
- [Flashnote Derby](#) (\$4.99) [Android](#) – Great note naming app.
- [Treble Cat](#) and [Bass Cat](#) (FREE/\$3.99) [Android](#) – Game: Touch all the C’s, etc.

THEORY:

- [RCM Music Theory Preparatory](#) (Levels [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#) also available) – Theory lessons and games from RCM.
- [Theory Lessons](#) (\$2.99) – Theory tutorials (from the folks at [musictheory.net](#)).
- [Tenuto](#) (\$3.99) – Theory and ear training quizzes (from the folks at [musictheory.net](#)).
- [Tin Pan Rhythm](#) (FREE) - Compose and play back harmonic progressions.
- [ChordBot](#) (FREE/\$4.99) [Android](#) – Compose and play back harmonic progressions.
- [HookTheory](#) (\$14.99) – An ebook on harmony.
- [Waay](#) (\$3.99) – Great tutorials and exercises for understanding music theory for songwriting.
- [Music Theory PRO](#) (\$1.49) [Android only](#) – Quizzes for music theory exams like ABRSM/Trinity.

EAR TRAINING:

- [Functional Ear Trainer](#) (FREE) – Learn melodic function (solfege) in major and minor. Excellent app.
- [Ear Trainer Lite](#) (FREE/\$6.99) – Aural identification of intervals, chords, scales, etc.
- [EarMaster](#) (FREE/PAID) – An extensive selection of music theory and ear training lessons.
- [GoodEar Pro](#) (\$3.99)
- [Auralia Interval Recognition](#) (\$1.99)

PLAYING BY ROTE/EAR:

- [Piano Dust Buster](#) (FREE) – Teaches by rote to play familiar tunes on the piano.
- [Synthesia](#) (FREE/\$7.99) – Upload your MIDI files and learn the piece via falling screen indicators.

OTHER:

- [Anytune Pro+](#) (FREE/\$14.99) – Slow down your mp3s without affecting pitch. Limited time: Teachers can apply to get Pro+ for free [HERE](#).
- [Symphony Pro](#) (\$12.99) – For notating student compositions.
- [Notion](#) (\$14.99) – For notating student compositions.
- [iRealB](#) (\$12.99) [Android](#) – For creating chord charts with automatic backing tracks.
- [OnSong](#) (\$24.99) – For finding and creating chord charts with lyrics.
- [GarageBand](#) (\$4.99) – For recording or for composition projects.
- [Piano Chords, Scales Companion](#) (FREE/\$4.99) [Android](#) [Amazon](#) [Windows](#) – Chord and scale dictionary.
- [Informusic](#) (\$2.99) [Android](#) – View composer biographies, timelines, audio tracks, and scores.
- [Fingering](#) (\$4.99) – Fingering charts for brass and woodwind instruments.

VI. Apps for group classes

- [The Orchestra](#) (\$9.99) – listen/watch video and scrolling score.
- [Beethoven’s 9th Symphony](#) (FREE/\$4.99) – listen/watch video and scrolling score.
- [Notezilla](#) (FREE/\$4.99) – Listen high quality recordings synced with scrolling musical scores.

Resources

- Video: “[Ruben Puentedura on Applying the SAMR Model](#)”.
- [ColorInMyPiano.com/music-apps/](#) - Joy’s blog and app reviews.
- [88pianokeys.me](#) – Music app directory by Leila Viss.
- [musiceducatorresources.com](#) - iOS app list by Jennifer Foxx.
- [Coach4Technology.net](#) – A list of iOS and Android apps for music education by David Brian Williams.
- Join the [iPad Piano Teachers Group](#) on Facebook.