# The More the Merrier: Creating Collaborative Experiences for Students of All Ages

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- 1. Why Collaboration?
- 2. Private Lesson Collaboration Activities
  - a. Sight Reading
  - b. Scale Duets
  - c. Improvisation
  - d. Popular Music Jam
  - e. Duets within a home studio
  - f. Sibling duets & trios
- 3. Collaborating Outside the Private Studio
  - a. Piano Duo Teams -

https://txwes.edu/media/twu/music/Texas-Wesleyan-University-Youth-Duo.pdf

- b. Group Lesson Ensembles
- c. Ensemble Camps
- d. Adult Student Duets
- 4. Chamber Music Opportunities
  - Last Resort Music, Ilastresortmusic.com flexible instrumentation
  - Joseph McSpadden, Mariposa Music Original standard piano repertoire/added string parts
  - Joanne Haroutounian, Chamber Music Sampler Original chamber pieces, graded levels
  - Editio Musica Budapest, kotta.info Original and arranged repertoire
  - MTNA Intermediate Chamber Music Database, Mtna.org, Excel file under Member Resources
  - Findchambermusic.com
  - Collaborative Learning from the Start: Coaching Beginning and Intermediate Levels -University of South Carolina http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\_schools/music/study/performance\_areas/keyboard/piano pedagogy/mtnarep2014.pdf

# Suggested Repertoire

## Duets:

Austin, Glenda; Baumgartner, and Miller. Easy Pop Duets. Willis Music Company. Austin, Glenda; Baumgartner, and Miller. Easy Classical Duets. Willis Music Company. Austin, Glenda; Baumgartner, and Miller. Easy Broadway Duets. Willis Music Company. Atkinson, Condit R. It Still Takes Two. Schirmer. Bastien, Jane Smisor. Duet Favorites Levels 1--4. Kjos Publishing. Bober, Melody. Grand Duets for Piano, Books 1-6. Alfred Publishing. Coats, Dan. Easy Movie Duets. Alfred Publishing. Collins, Ann. Disney Movie Hits for Two. Hal Leonard Publishing. George, Jon. Kaleidoscope Duets Books 1-5. Alfred Publishing. Goldston, Margaret. Music for Sharing, Books 1-2. Alfred Publishing. Mier, Martha. Jazz, Rags, and Blues for Two, Levels 1-5. Alfred Publishing. Matz, Carol. Famous and Fun Pop Duets, Levels 1-5. Alfred Publishing. Matz, Carol. Piano for Two, Books 1-6. FJH Music Company. Miller, Carolyn. Teaching Little Fingers to Play More Duets. Willis Music Company. Pace, Helen. Two on Tour Books 1-2. Lee Roberts Music. Rejino, Mona. Frozen Piano Duets. Hal Leonard. Rocherolle, Eugénie. Tour for Two. Hal Leonard. Stecher, Melvin; Horowitz and Gordon. The Pleasure of Your Company Books I-V. Schirmer. Vandall, Robert. Celebrated Piano Duets, Books 1-5. Alfred Publishing. Watts, Mike and Jennifer. Disney Piano Duets. Hal Leonard. Various composers. Favorite Festival Ensembles, Books 1-2. Willis Music Company. (Also includes trios)

## Trios:

Bober, Melody. Grand Trios for Piano, Books 1-6. Alfred Publishing.

Beethoven, arr. Valerie Roth Roubos. Symphony No. 5, Opus 67, First Movement. FJH Publishing.

Olson, Kevin. Out...standing. FJH Publishing.

Kunitz, Sharon. Aloha Bay. Myklas Music Press.

Lau, Nancy. Takin' A Ride. FJH Publishing.

Mauro, Lucy and Scott Beard (editors). Essential Keyboard Trios. Alfred Publishing.

Strauss, arr. by W. T. Skye Garcia. Blue Danube Waltz. FJH Publishing.

Vandall, Robert. Hot Pursuit. Myklas Music Press.

Vandall, Robert. Three to Get Ready. Myklas Music Press.

Vandall, Robert. Triple Dip. Alfred Publishing.

Various composers. Contest Winners for Three, Books 1-5. Alfred Publishing

#### 4+ Ensembles:

Gillock, William. Champagne Toccata. Willis Music Company.
Keveren, Phillip. Student Piano Library Piano Ensembles, Levels 1-5. Hal Leonard.
Palmer, Willard; Manus, Lethco, arr. Kowalchyk and Lancaster. Alfred's Basic Piano Library Ensemble Book Levels 1-5. Alfred Publishing.
Strauss, Johann Jr., arr. Mary Elizabeth Clark. Thousand and One Nights. Myklas Music Press.

Waldteufel, Emile, arr. Mary Elizabeth Clark. *Bella Waltz.* Myklas Music Press.

#### **Duets for Sight Reading:**

Bober, Melody; Kowalchyk, Gayle; Lancaster, E.L.. *Major Scale Pro.* Alfred Publishing. Diabelli, Anton. *Melodious Pieces on Five Notes, Op. 149*. Alfred Publishing. Kowalchyk, Gayle; Lancaster, E.L. *Easy Classical Piano Duets for Teacher and Student.* Alfred Publishing.