




AN INSTRUMENT GUIDE FOR YAMAHA
MUSIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

**MAKE EVERY
NOTE COUNT
MAKE WAVES**

BE INSPIRED

EVERY TIME YOU PLAY



You're taking lessons. You're on your way.
Now you need to find the perfect instrument that
encourages and inspires you, every time you play.



Whether you're a budding rock guitarist or a future concert pianist, it's important that you find the right instrument to accompany you on your musical journey from enthusiastic beginner to accomplished musician. Of course a musical instrument has to perform consistently and properly, staying in tune and responding correctly to the notes being played. But the 'right' instrument can be so much more than that, when tone, touch and response come together in a unique combination that inspires the developing player to be their best, as well as giving voice to each performance. At Yamaha, we want to inspire peoples'



Yamaha instruments are a familiar sight on concert stages and in recording studios the world over, and our Artist Programs enable us to collaborate with leading players in an ongoing quest to refine and perfect the instruments we make.

“CHOOSING THE RIGHT INSTRUMENT IS THE KEY TO ACCOMPLISHED PLAYING”

passion and help them make a step forward to express their individuality, emotion and creativity. For almost 135 years, we've combined traditional hand-crafting techniques and instrument know-how with the latest technology and a continuing pursuit of innovation to create instruments that empower the player to bring their music to the world, while also existing in harmony with the way we live today. Along with Yamaha electronic drums, Yamaha SILENT guitars, strings, brass and pianos can all be played silently through headphones, so you can practise at any time without disturbing neighbours and other family members.



AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR MUSICAL FUTURE

At Yamaha, we know that the purchase of a musical instrument can represent a major investment. That's why we use advanced production techniques to make our student instruments affordable, while honouring our ongoing commitment to the sustainable sourcing of raw materials, the reduction of emissions and other activities that contribute to preserving the environment. ●



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GUITARS



PACIFICA 112V

Taking an electric guitar course at Yamaha Music School could be your first step towards rock stardom and learning to play with the right guitar from the start is crucial to help you form good habits and techniques. The Pacifica 112V draws on Yamaha's rich history of guitar development, with the same dedication to quality and craft and many of the same features you'd expect to find in professional-level instruments.

Without confusing you with technical terms, you can rest-assured that our attention to detail has created a guitar that sounds great, looks stunning and most importantly feels comfortable and enjoyable to play.

Built to last a lifetime and grow with your playing experience, the Pacifica 112V is the perfect partner to begin your guitar journey and wherever it takes you.

Don't just take our word for it:

"There are plenty of reasons why the Yamaha Pacifica 112V is still one of the best options for beginners. Look past that learner image, however, and you'll find a versatile, well-made guitar that will bring something extra to any player's roster." – Guitar World. ●

“THE PACIFICA 112V REMAINS NOT ONLY THE PERFECT START-UP GUITAR FOR THE SERIOUS STUDENT, BUT ALSO A SOLID, RELIABLE CHOICE WHATEVER YOUR AGE OR ABILITY”

- MusicRadar



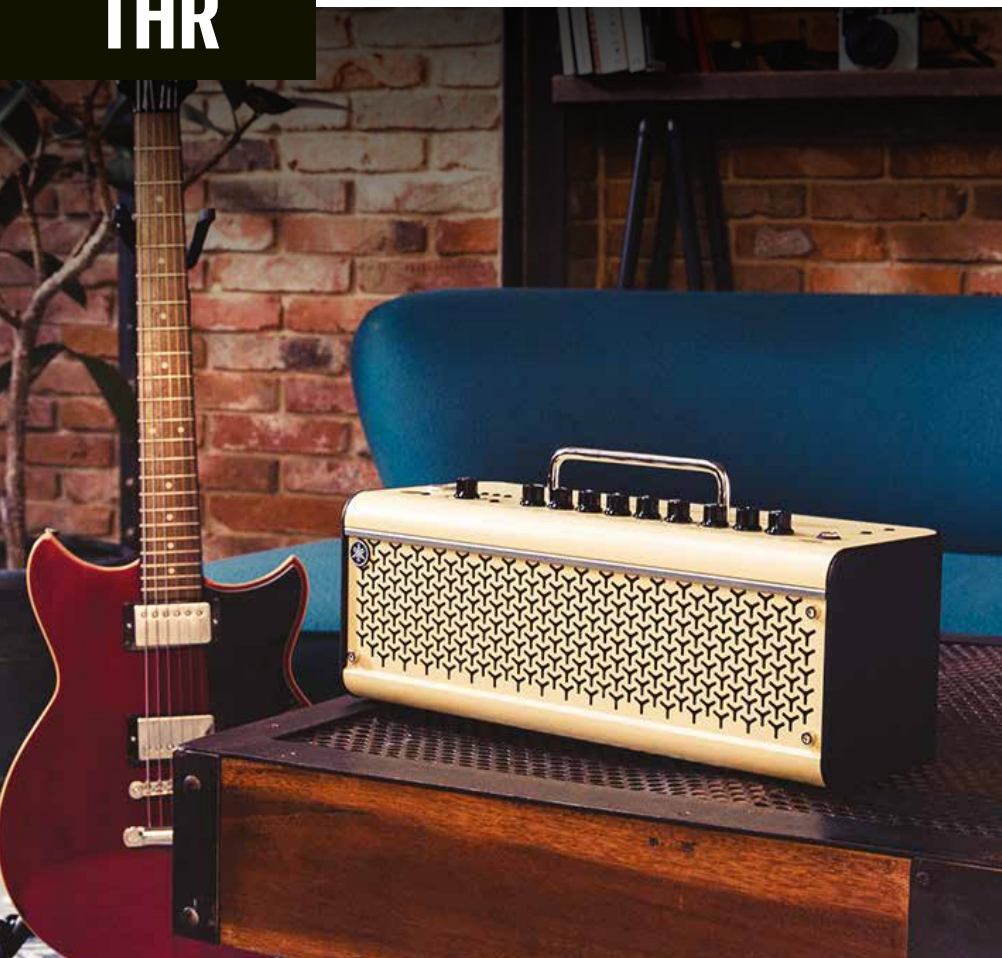
PACIFICA 612

When you're ready to lift your performances to new heights, the Pacifica 612 is packed with everything you need to cover as much musical ground as possible. It's designed to suit a wide range of styles and excel in every after-hours practice session, as well as shining bright under the stage-lights.

Follow in the footsteps of some of the top pro-guitarists and find your favourite finish from the range. ●



THR



Enthusiastic guitarists are familiar with the huge tube amp stacks that sound amazing when turned up loud on a big stage, and with combo amps fit for smaller venues and rehearsal. However THR solves every guitarist's biggest headache – how to get great sound at low volumes.

The THR11 is everything you need for home practice, underneath its strong looks it includes 15 guitar amp models, 3 bass amp models, 3 mic models for acoustic-electrics, and every essential effect.

As well as producing guitar sounds with a realistic tone and feel, it also supports HiFi audio for when you want to play along with your favourite songs, or even on the rare occasion you feel like putting the guitar down and just listening.

If it's still not quiet enough to not disturb your family and neighbours, you can use headphones and keep the peace! ●

TRANSACOUSTIC

A classic acoustic guitar with a big trick up its sleeve. There's nothing so inspiring as playing guitar in a great sounding room – it makes you play better, longer and with more creativity. The Yamaha TransAcoustic Guitar recreates that incredible experience without needing any external amplification or effects, just the guitar itself. It's the most inspiring, engaging acoustic guitar you've ever played.

You won't believe it until you hear it, and it will leave you questioning 'how does it do that?!'

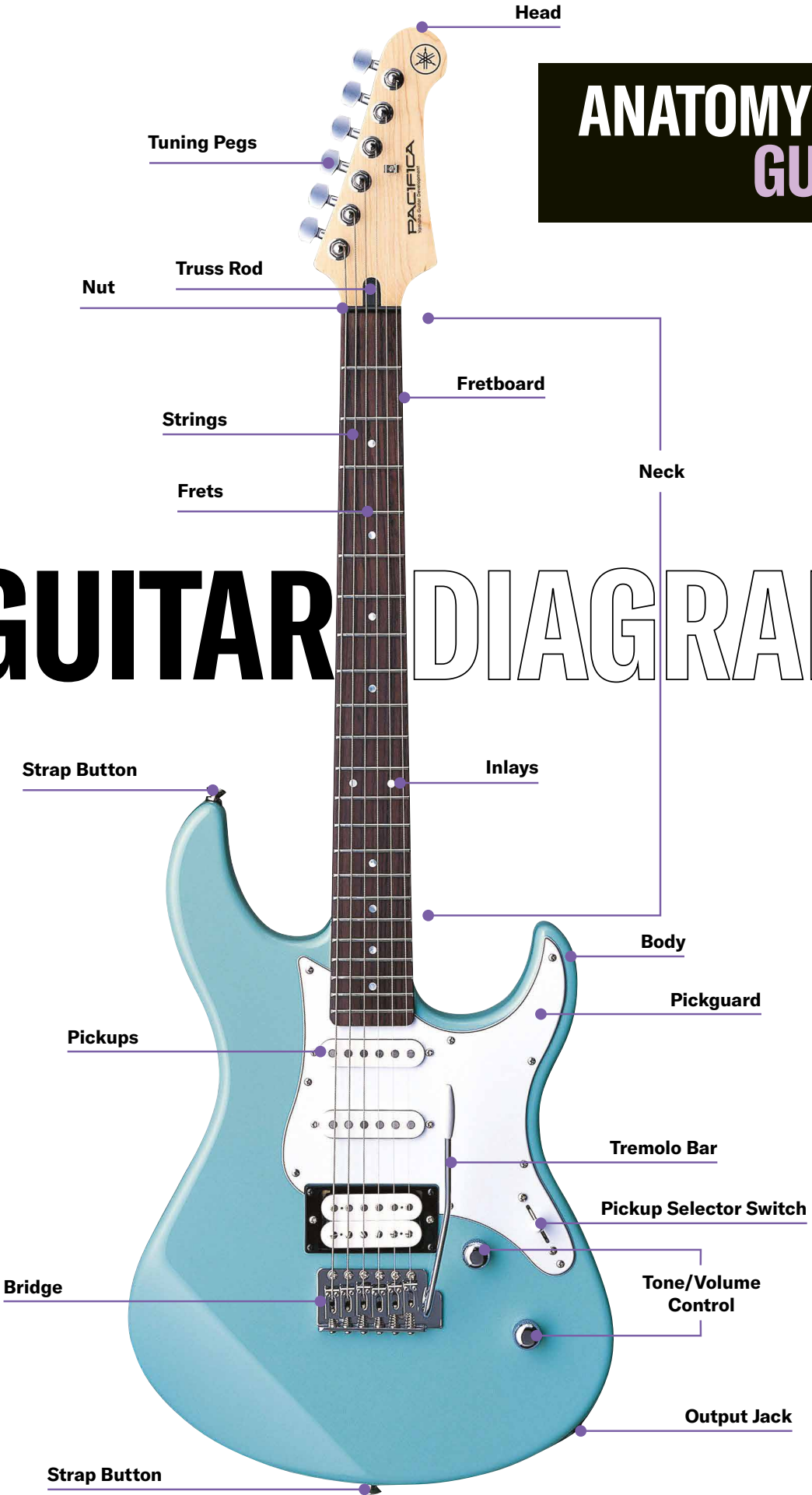
The answer is a science lesson rather than magic. For those who are curious, an actuator installed on the inner surface of the guitar back vibrates in response to the vibrations of the strings. The vibrations of the actuator are then conveyed to the body of the guitar, and to the air in and around the guitar body, generating real reverb and chorus sounds from inside the body.

The end-result is mind-blowing, and there is a model to suit any taste or budget since the range has expanded to include a variety of shapes and sizes from classical and parlour sized to large-bodied steel strung. ●



ANATOMY OF A GUITAR

GUITAR DIAGRAM



DRUMS

ACOUSTIC DRUMS STAGE CUSTOM BIRCH

There's nothing quite like acoustic drums when it comes to performing along with other musicians and learning how to inject and control the infinite nuances and tones that make drummers the beating heart of any band. Hearing the sound of the drums and feeling the immediate response as you play is always inspiring, engaging and immensely rewarding.

If you're looking for an acoustic drum kit, you should definitely consider Yamaha's Stage Custom Birch series. Offering great value for money ever since its launch over 25 years ago, countless professional drummers have started their careers playing Stage Custom and many continue to tour and record with them, largely due to their punchy sound and road-tested durability.

From the Birch shell to the superior hardware, the close attention paid to every subtle detail adds up to make Stage Custom one of the best-regarded drum sets in the business. Everything is designed and built to ensure the drums tune easily, sound great and perform consistently at the highest level.

With many different configurations on offer to suit a wide range of applications and musical styles, choosing Stage Custom is a wise investment in your musical future. Configurations range from the latest, compact 'Stage Custom Hip' (pictured above) to the more traditional set-ups and there are more than 6 different colours to choose from across the range, with 'add on' drums available to expand your kit as and when you need.

If you're looking to take the next step in drumming, or even the right place to start, then Yamaha's Stage Custom Birch series will reward you with the best possible performance for years to come. ●

ELECTRONIC DRUMS

DTX402 SERIES

An electronic kit makes the perfect practice tool, allowing drummers to play through headphones without disturbing the neighbours. And electronic kits can be folded away for easy storage in the home.

If an Electronic Drum kit makes sense for you, then Yamaha's award-winning DTX402 Series is the best place to start. With its durable rack, responsive rubber pads and powerful sound module delivering a wide range of sound options, DTX402 is also packed with all the teaching tools you need to speed you along your drumming journey and there are some great apps available to help keep you engaged and motivated.

The kit is set up in the same configuration as an acoustic drum kit, with electronic pads replacing the acoustic drums and cymbals. The kit is controlled by a module which has 287 high-quality, expressive drum and percussion sounds, with 10 customisable drum kit sounds to suit many styles of music.

The module also includes 10 unique built-in training exercises, along with a record function, perfect for improving



the technique of drummers of all different levels of skill. You can also plug in your music device and play along to your favourite songs, or download Yamaha's free app's to give you even more options.

The DTX452K kit is the premium model in the DTX402 series. This configuration features a kick drum tower and a real bass drum pedal, ensuring that the drummer can move seamlessly to an acoustic kit when necessary. In addition, the DTX452K includes a three-zone snare pad for head, rim-shot and cross-stick sounds, making for an even more expressive playing experience. ●

MAKE YOUR DRUMS DO MORE

The Yamaha EAD10 acoustic electronic drum module instantly transforms your acoustic drum kit into a powerful digital/electronic hybrid with sampled sounds and studio-quality digital effects. This groundbreaking technology allows you to play and record your acoustic drums along with your favourite artists from your music library, or from tracks from your friends, and share them digitally.



EAD10 Module

And with the free iOS App, you can film, edit and upload videos of your drum performances to your YouTube and social media channels.

The EAD10 consists of two parts: the EAD Sensor and the EAD Module. The Sensor attaches easily to the bass drum hoop and records the entire drum kit from this central position. The result is a high-quality recording of the processed sound, which can be monitored through headphones, amplified via a PA system or sent to a laptop or mobile device via USB.

From your practice routine to the ways you record and perform live, the EAD10 enhances every aspect of your drumming – and makes your acoustic drums do a whole lot more. ●

DRUMS



DRUM ACCESSORIES / UPGRADES

Developing your existing drum kit can be a great way to help you improve performances and create your own signature sound.

The snare drum is particularly important as this is the main drum you'll use to drive the backbeat and give your music character, whether it's a deep fat rock sound, a high-pitched funk sound or a delicate jazz sound. The right snare drum is a drum for life, staying with you when you move to a new drum kit, or when you have to play other drum kits at schools, gigs and rehearsals, so it's important to prioritise this part of the instrument.

Yamaha's Recording Custom series offers a wide range of snare drums that make a lasting investment in the development of your drumming journey. A comprehensive selection of metal type shells and sizes are available, all designed to offer a distinctive tone and feel.

Another part of the instrument that can make a big difference to your performance is the bass drum pedal. To maximise your control and deliver every nuance of your performance, you need a pedal that can deliver a smooth and precise action, and can move as quickly as your foot.

Yamaha's flagship FP9 series delivers exceptional engineering with many design features that allow for smooth, durable and responsive performance. These include a weight-adjustable beater and easily-accessible pedal lock spring, along with an axle-stabilizing bearing chamber for smooth playability and adjustability. The footboard employs an aluminium casting, offering a lighter, sturdier feel, inspired by the construction of Yamaha's legendary YZF-R1 Superbike. ●



A NEW BASS DRUM PEDAL CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOUR PERFORMANCE

DRUM TUNING



Essential, of course, but a drum set is actually of indeterminate pitch so it's not strictly correct to talk about tuning a drum. In fact, drums are simply tensioned until they sound and feel right to the player. And with no set pitch and so many tuning rods on every drum, it's not surprising that 'tuning' a drum kit is considered to be somewhat of an art in itself.

The generally accepted method of drum tuning is to take a new head, place it on the bearing edge and gradually tighten the rods evenly – criss-crossing the head in a systematic way until the glue rings on the head have cracked.

Pressing down with the palm of the hand in the middle of the head 'seats' it and stretches it out, making the new drum head more stable. While doing this, you'll probably hear some cracking sounds from the drum head. Don't worry - this is normal.

The head can then be slackened off until the tension rods are finger tight and the process of accurate tensioning begins. This involves taking up each tension rod by a quarter or half turn, criss-crossing the head so that the tension is applied evenly all around.

When the head approaches the required tension, check that the drum head is at the same pitch at all points by tapping lightly around the edges, an inch or two in from each tension bolt. Small adjustments can be made until the head is 'in tune with itself'.

Repeat this for the bottom head and experiment to get the best sound. Start with equal tension for the Batter and Resonant head and then try tuning the resonant head slightly higher, which helps the drums to sustain a longer after note. ●

ANATOMY OF A DRUM KIT



DRUM KNOW HOW

ANATOMY OF A DRUM



KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS



INSTRUMENTS FOR JUNIOR MUSIC COURSES STARTING FROM 4 YEARS

For young starters, it's important to select an instrument that supports the development of your children's musical skills.

THE FIRST 2/3 YEARS

Almost all Yamaha Portable Keyboards offer young players a great starting point, but it's important that their first instrument includes the fundamental features that complement the Junior Music course, notably touch-sensitive keys and the facility to add a sustain pedal.

A great choice for young players is Yamaha's PSR-E373, a fun instrument that will both motivate and inspire your child.

It's very portable and light in weight, and therefore ideal for use in bedrooms or in the family room for when it's time for a performance.

Packed with sounds, rhythms and sound effects, the PSR-E373 is sure to inspire your child's creativity. And with touch-sensitive keys, it's the perfect choice for keyboard lessons at music schools.



WEIGHTED KEYS

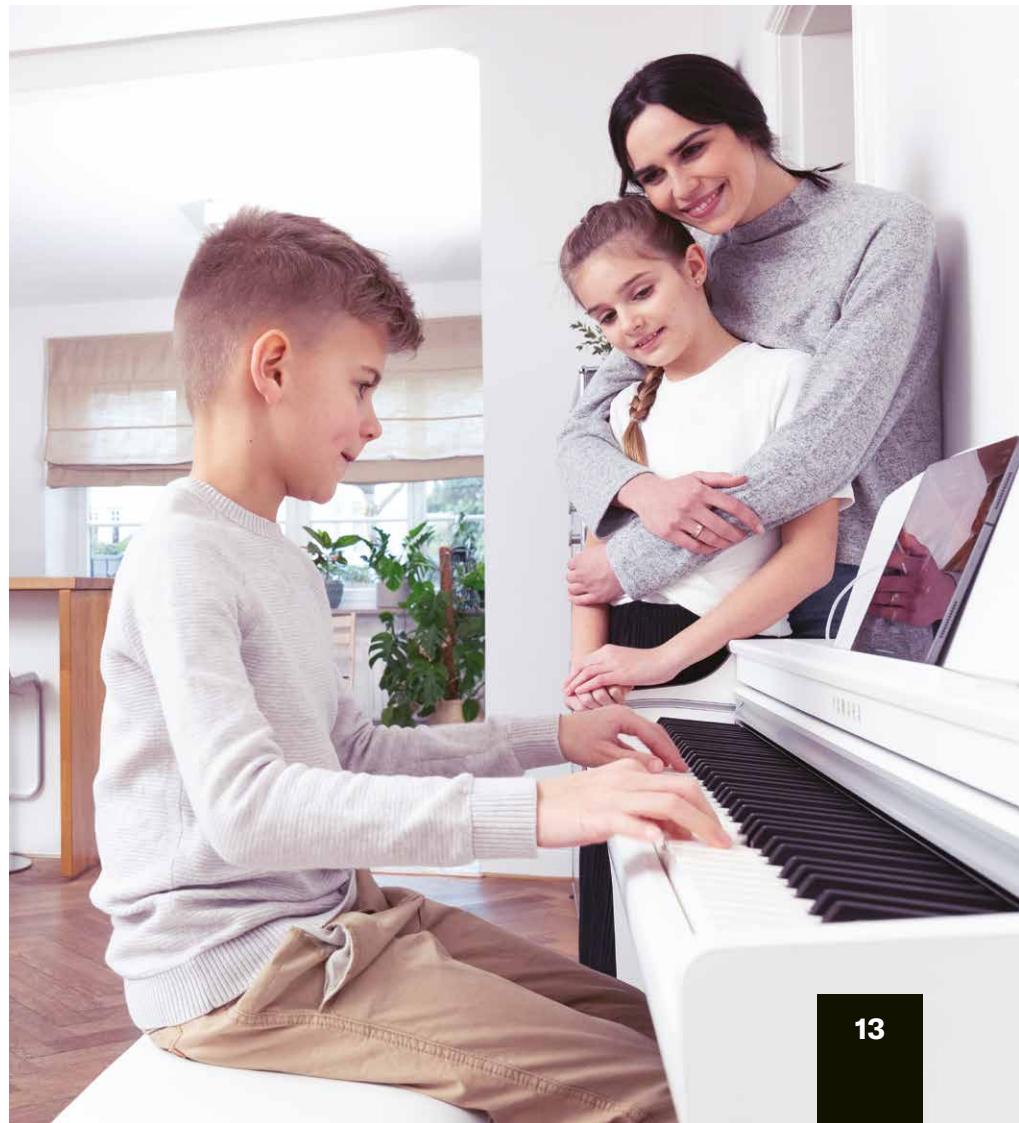
As your child progresses through the 3rd year and beyond, it's time to move to a more traditional 88 note weighted key piano, either a digital or acoustic.

Here we have a choice to fit every budget and even the rooms in your home. Yamaha's Portable Piano series starts with the P-45 which delivers the touch and feel of a piano in a compact design that's perfect for a bedroom or study.

REAL PIANO SOUND WITH ADVANCED LEARNING FEATURES

For something more traditional that also fits into the family space, the Clavinova CLP series is ideal for both the development of young players and for more mature members of your musical family.

Available in a range of finishes and colours, Clavinova CLP faithfully reproduces the touch, dynamic range and diverse tone variation of two of the finest concert grand pianos in the world, the Yamaha CFX and Bösendorfer Imperial. It also offers a range of advanced digital features including on-board rhythm and bass tracks, Bluetooth connectivity and compatibility with the SmartPianist App.



KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS



A TRADITIONAL ACOUSTIC PIANO

For those who prefer a traditional instrument, the Yamaha b1 piano is a great place to start. We took everything we've learned from more than a century of crafting fine pianos to create an instrument to inspire the next generation of players. The result is an elegant, compact piano with a responsive keyboard and a clear, resonant tone. Whether you're a beginner, a budding virtuoso or accomplished musician, the b Series is an absolute joy to play.

A REAL PIANO YOU CAN PLAY THROUGH HEADPHONES

The extraordinary Yamaha SILENT Piano™ is a real acoustic piano that you can silence and play through headphones, so you can play at any time of the day or night without disturbing neighbours or other family members. SILENT Piano™ players enjoy the best of both worlds: the authentic sound and touch of an acoustic piano with the convenience and features of a digital piano, including recording, playback, tonal control and connectivity to external devices. ●



What keyboards do the teachers use ?

If you'd prefer your child to follow their teacher's choice, the most commonly used instruments in the classrooms are the PSR-SX600 and PSR-SX700, both offering realistic sounds, recording features and powerful built-in speakers. Ideal for the classroom, stage and home, they can be enjoyed by the older musical members of the family too!



I have one child learning the piano and another playing the keyboard. Is there an instrument they can both enjoy and learn on?

Combining the best of both a portable keyboard and a portable piano, Yamaha's DGX-670 combines an 88 weighted note piano style keyboard with all the fun accompaniment features found on a portable keyboard instrument.



Can I use my keyboard with other digital devices?

Yes, depending on the model you choose. Some have basic features like playing back tracks from your personal music library via the keyboard's onboard speaker, while others offer more advanced connections via USB to smartphones or laptops.

Can they all be used with headphones for private practice?

All digital keyboards and pianos have the option of being played privately with headphones and, of course, SILENT Pianos too. •

GENERAL KEYBOARD COURSE

FOR CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

Some fundamental features like touch sensitivity and options like a sustain pedal are important.

CHOOSING AN INSTRUMENT FOR LIFE

Yamaha's PSR-E463 portable keyboard is an instrument that provides all you need to develop your keyboard skills alongside more creative features like a sampler and groove creator, allowing young musicians to capture any sound from the real world and play it

across the keyboard and to generate the contemporary sounds of dance music. Perfect for learning, it's also an instrument that will inspire and grow with the player, providing enjoyment at home, out with friends or playing music with other band members. And for even greater flexibility, check out the 76-key PSR-EW410. •

BAND AND ORCHESTRAL



Yamaha Music Schools do not teach Band and Orchestral instruments but courses are available at some locations. So here's a guide to choosing the right brass, woodwind or string instrument for your musical future.



FIND THE RIGHT FLUTE

The flute is one of the most popular student instruments. It's relatively inexpensive and gets some of the most attractive music to play in the orchestra.

WHAT MAKES A BESTSELLER?

Yamaha's silver-plated 200 Series and the step-up 300 Series with precious metal head joint offer incredible performance at every level, with an excellent top and bottom tone.

Beginner's models benefit from a unique head joint that's ideal for starting out, helping students to progress with accurate intonation.

These are just some of the reasons why Yamaha student and intermediate flutes have become bestsellers worldwide. ●

CLARINETS WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Yamaha beginner ABS clarinets are designed to be light and free-blowing, yet still produce an incredible tone.

Easy-to-play mouthpieces are specifically designed for students and instruments come with a robust case created to survive knocks and bumps!

WHERE TO START

Select an outstanding entry-level 255 Series ABS resin instrument to deliver a warm, resonant tone that you'd expect of a wooden clarinet. Adjustable thumb-rest allows smaller hands to easily hold the instrument. ●





SAXOPHONE FOR SOARING SOLOS

Select an alto sax to start as they are smaller, lighter and easier to hold than tenor or baritone models.

Beginner saxes should be easy to blow, lightweight and have accurate intonation (play in tune).

If your child aspires to reach those soaring solos, here's where to start. Yamaha 280 Series saxophones are ideal for beginners and produce a bright, classic sax sound with surprisingly high-quality features for entry-level instruments. ●



TAKE ON THE TRUMPET

Yamaha student trumpets are incredibly popular with beginners. They produce a rich sound and accurate intonation, making them simple to play from the first note.

Our models are portable, lightweight and ready to take to band practice. Children can dream big, as trumpet players often get the best lines to play.

CHOOSE YOUR INSTRUMENT

All our student trumpet models benefit from a redesigned lighter bell which is based on the needs of students for easy response. We design instruments with an emphasis on the ergonomics so that they offer beginners optimum support thereby greatly assisting learning, progress and creativity. ●

POISED TO PLAY

Yamaha introductory violin models provide beginners with an instrument that plays with a satisfying tone whilst offering outstanding durability.

Each instrument is handcrafted utilising the same traditional methods as those used on high-end violins. And every model comes complete with case, bow and rosin so you have everything you need to play right away.

RICH VARIETY OF VIOLINS

Getting the correct sizing for a violin is important to make sure your child has a comfortable grip, arm extension and motion to play with confidence.

FROM STARTING UP TO SOLOS

Quality of finish is available from the start. Each instrument is handcrafted using the same traditional methods we use for our professional violins. Our beginner models are easy to tune and available in a number of sizes, to suit even the smallest hands. ●



YAMAHA MUSIC LONDON

VISIT YAMAHA'S FLAGSHIP LONDON STORE



Just a short distance from the site of London's famous Marquee Club, Yamaha Music London is the first Yamaha Music store outside of our home country Japan. Set in the historic building of Novello House, built in 1906 for the Novello Music Publishing company, Yamaha Music London offers 3 floors showcasing our musical instruments and music technology.



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Located in the heart of London's Soho and within a few minutes' walk of some of the capital's most famous restaurants, theatres and live music venues, a visit to Yamaha Music London makes for a great day out for student musicians and their families.

The store is open seven days a week and we're easy to get to by Tube or bus, with car parking also close by.

THE YAMAHA EXPERTS

Most importantly, every department at Yamaha Music London is staffed by friendly, enthusiastic musicians who combine an expert knowledge of Yamaha instruments with a genuine commitment to helping you find the instrument that's right for you. We've all been there ourselves, and we know just how important it is for musicians just starting out to find the perfect partner for their musical journey – an instrument that

EVERY YAMAHA INSTRUMENT UNDER ONE ROOF

Adorned with intricate panelling and plaster-work, and dominated by the stunning two-storey high windows over

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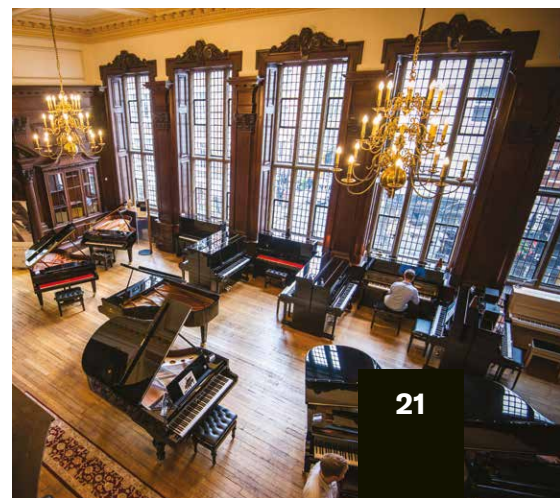
Wardour Street, the first floor Piano Hall is the perfect place to try instruments from Yamaha's extensive range of upright and grand pianos.

sounds, feels and responds in ways that encourage and inspire you to make great music.

Yamaha Music London is also home to expert technicians who can set up your instrument to your precise requirements and ensure that it continues to perform at the highest possible level with regular checks and servicing. ●

With its relaxed, airy atmosphere, the ground floor of the Yamaha Music store is ideal for discovering Yamaha's acclaimed and extensive range of band and orchestral instruments, digital and hybrid pianos and keyboards.

And the rock stars of tomorrow should head for the basement where they'll find an incredible selection of Yamaha acoustic and electric guitars, amplifiers and effects, basses, drums, synthesizers, recording and production equipment and PA systems.



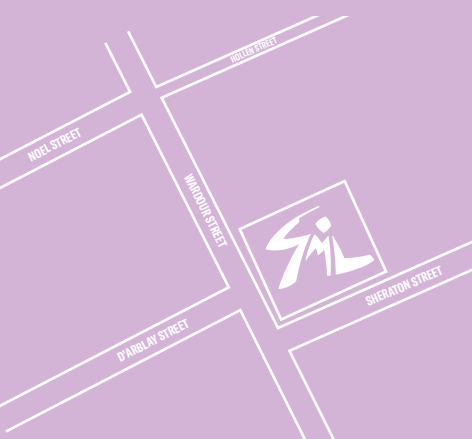
THREE FLOORS OF YAMAHA INSTRUMENTS

Acoustic pianos, SILENT pianos, TransAcoustic, Disklavier pianos

Digital pianos, keyboards, brass & woodwind, strings & printed music

Guitar tech, acoustic & SILENT guitars, electric guitars & amps, Line 6 guitars, amps & effects, synths & music production, stage, acoustic drums, digital drums, PA, bass guitars

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF SOHO



YAMAHA MUSIC LONDON

BUY ONLINE FROM YAMAHA MUSIC LONDON



If you can't make it to our Wardour Street store, a visit to yamahamusiclondon.com is the next best thing for student musicians in search of the perfect instrument.

With the full range of Yamaha instruments available to buy online, visitors to yamahamusiclondon.com will also discover pages designed specifically to assist student musicians. With content curated by our instore experts, we profile beginner and student instruments that deliver the craftsmanship, design, features and level of performance needed to give you the best start.

All the main instrument categories are covered including electric, acoustic and classical guitars, acoustic and digital pianos, home keyboards and synthesizers, the full range of classical and jazz brass, woodwind and string instruments, and both electronic and acoustic drums. It's a great place to discover what's important in a student instrument, along with hints and tips for learning. ●

5 REASONS TO SHOP ONLINE AT YAMAHAMUSICLONDON.COM



1

WE SELL THE ENTIRE YAMAHA RANGE

Yamaha Music London has the largest and most comprehensive stock of Yamaha musical instruments in the UK and we're always among the first to receive stock of the latest new instruments.



2

NEXT DAY DELIVERY

Most instruments are available with next day delivery which is free in many cases. Delivery times and charges are clearly explained for larger items such as digital and acoustic pianos.



3

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT AND CREDIT OPTIONS

You can pay using all popular credit and debit cards or by PayPal. Alternatively, you can bring the dream within easier reach by spreading the cost, with finance applications and illustrations available at checkout.



4

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Visit our dedicated web pages for students and parents. They're packed with useful information to help you choose the right instrument to inspire you along your musical journey.



5

ALL THE MUSIC YOU NEED

Need music? At Yamaha Music London, you'll have access to more than 150,000 titles covering every musical genre from classical, jazz and musical theatre through to pop, rock and hip-hop.

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