

## Music Moves for Piano

Creativity Keyboard Skills Ensemble Playing Movement Improvisation

Book 5

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#### Introduction to Music Moves for Piano - Book 5

Book 5 introduces many new improvisation and keyboard skills. Audiation is strengthened as improvisation activities become more complex. Students grow in musicianship and perform more difficult solo repertoire as essential skills for understanding music are acquired.

#### Keyboard, audiation, and musicianship skills studied in Book 5 include the following:

- 1. Lydian tonality: resting tone, characteristic tone, melodic cadence, and primary cadence
- 2. Phrygian tonality: resting tone, characteristic tone, melodic cadence, and primary cadence
- 3. Aeolian tonality: resting tone, characteristic tone, melodic cadence, and primary cadence
- 4. Locrian tonality: resting tone, characteristic tone, melodic cadence, and primary cadence
- 5. How to play and improvise in Lydian, Phrygian, Aeolian, and Locrian tonalities
- 6. How to play when C<sup>b</sup>/DO and A<sup>b</sup>/LA, when D<sup>b</sup>/DO and B<sup>b</sup>/LA, and when G<sup>b</sup>/DO and E<sup>b</sup>/LA
- 7. Study of 7th, 9th, and 11th chords
- 8. How to create introductions, endings, interludes, and medleys
- 9. How to create variations using inversion, retrograde, augmentation, and diminution
- 10. Combined meter and changing meter
- 11. Accompanying patterns
- 12. Circle of dominants (4ths)
- 13. Chromatic mediant

Improvisation activities continue to build on the performance and understanding of tonal patterns and rhythm patterns in a context. Students are asked to do the following:

- 1. Change tonality using Major, Harmonic Minor, Dorian, Mixolydian, Lydian, Phrygian, Aeolian, and Locrian tonalities
- 2. Change meter using Duple, Triple, Unusual, Combined, and Changing meters
- 3. Transpose to many new keyalities
- 4. Create new music based on rhythm patterns from familiar music
- 5. Create new music based on melodic patterns from familiar music
- 6. Use a variety of performer controls: dynamics, articulation, tempo, and the damper pedal
- 7. Use different inversions of triads, 7th, 9th, and 11th chords for improvisation
- 8. Improvise melodies in different tonalities above a given chord progression
- 9. Make harmonic changes to melody tones

Students should master using the letter names of DO signatures that correspond with arpeggios, cadences, scales, and pieces they are practicing. Use the *Music Moves for Piano* reference book *Keyalities and Tonalities - The Complete Book of Arpeggios, Cadences and Scales*.

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#### Pattern CD Listening Assignments

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#### **Listening Instructions**

- 1. Listen to the unit assignment several times during the week that it is assigned.
- 2. During the week, you may listen to all of the tracks through the current listening assignment. However, do not listen ahead on this CD unless your teacher asks you to.
- 3. Echo the patterns with your voice.
- 4. *Rhythm patterns.* Before each set of patterns you will hear four clicks to establish the macrobeat. Begin to echo a rhythm pattern immediately on the first click after the pattern chant. Move to macrobeats and microbeats while you listen and chant.
- Tonal patterns. Before each set of patterns you will hear a cadence to establish tonality. Wait for two clicks, then echo each pattern with the clicks. The first two clicks represent time to pause and breathe before singing the pattern.

#### Abbreviations Used in Lesson Time Objectives

- 1. NS, used in the Lesson Time Objectives, means to chant using a neutral syllable (NS).
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Edwin E. Gordon: "Music learning theory is an explanation of how we learn music." Gordon states that there are two rules for developing audiation skills: Rule One: "Teach sound before sight." Rule Two: "Teach practice before theory."

Robert Schumann, 19th century composer, in his "Musical Rules for Home and Life" wrote:

"Cultivation of hearing is most important."

"Sing from the music without the help of an instrument."

"When someone gives you a composition for the first time....look it over first."

Harriet Ayre Seymour, one of the founders of music therapy wrote between 1904 and 1910:

"...a certain vanity of being "advanced" has led us to skip the fundamentals...we can get real enjoyment and interest out of foundation building. To hear inwardly a simple tune and its harmonies is worth more than to play a concerto without consciously hearing a single note of it."

"The great principle is: First, Listening, then Thinking, and then Action."

"The old way of studying music by practicing interminable scales and exercises has been a failure. The philosophic way is to first awaken music from within...The every-day man and woman...need, as we do in one way or another musical re-education -- that is, they must change their idea about it and learn a different process."

#### Unit 1

#### **Lesson Time Objectives**

#### Activities to Teach Audiation Skills

- 1. Tonal pattern instruction: Sing Lydian patterns. Use NS.
- 2. Rhythm pattern instruction: Duple meter - S name meter and function of patterns. Use RS.

#### Keyboard Geography and Technique

- 1. Play i-IV-VII-i when E is RE. Play i-iv-V-i when B is LA. Play I-IV-VII-I when E is SO.
- 2. Play the B Major scale, melodic cadence, and arpeggios.Play the B Minor melodic cadence and arpeggios.

#### **Music Analysis**

- 1. Your teacher will provide suggestions for pieces in Lydian tonality.
- 2. Compose a short piece in Lydian tonality and write the chord symbols used.

#### Exploration/Creativity/Improvisation

- 1. Improvise in G Dorian.
- 2. Improvise in D Lydian.
- 3. Improvise using Triple meter upbeat rhythm patterns.

#### **Book/Listening Assignments**

- 1. Review Book 4, Unit 8 for a sticker on the front cover. Review Book 4, Unit 15.
- 2. Practice the new marked pages.
- 3. Learn to sing the "Song to Sing."
- 4. Listen to this unit on the recording and echo the patterns. Listen to the next unit.

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5. Listen to the *Pattern CD*.

# Tonal Context: Lydian Tonality Project Lesson Home \_\_\_\_\_\_ Play the Lydian tonality melodic cadence in several keyalities. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Play the Lydian tonality arpeggios in several keyalities. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Use the cadence chord tones to improvise a D Lydian melody. Use the characteristic tone TI in the melody.

Exploration/Creativity/Improvisation

Decide the meter and a rhythm pattern before beginning to improvise.

Use Lydian tonality root chord changes for an accompaniment.
 Use the following Lydian tonality chord progression.
 Each chord symbol represents one macrobeat (one DU).

I I II II I I V I

Improvise as above in other Lydian keyalities. Use the same chord progression, or write another Lydian chord progression.

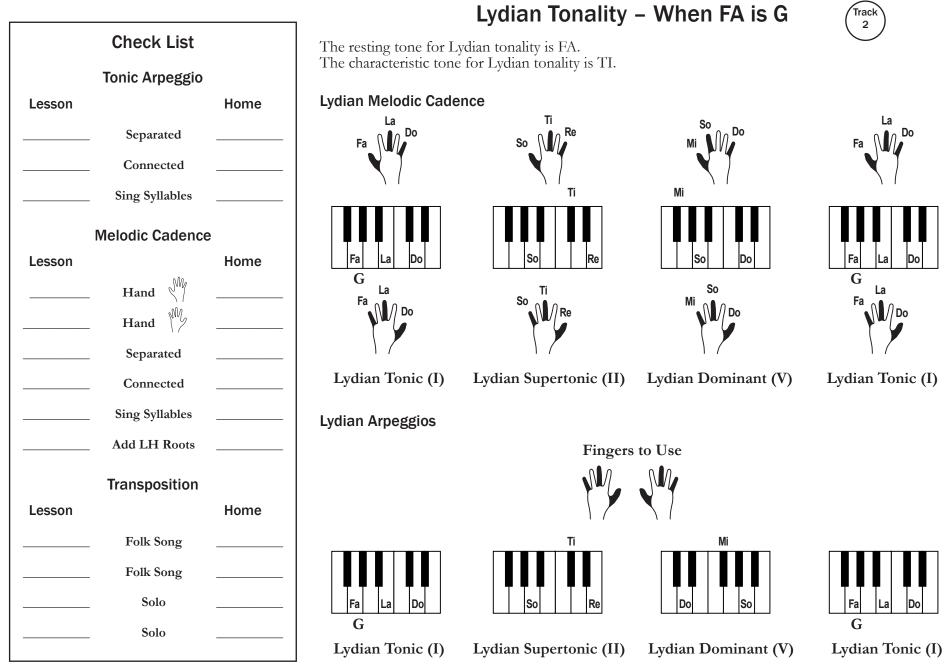
#### Tonal Context: Change a Melody to LydianTonality Project

Lesson Home

\_ "Girls and Boys Come Out to Play" (Book 3, p. 33)

"Leaves Are falling" (Book 3, p. 39)

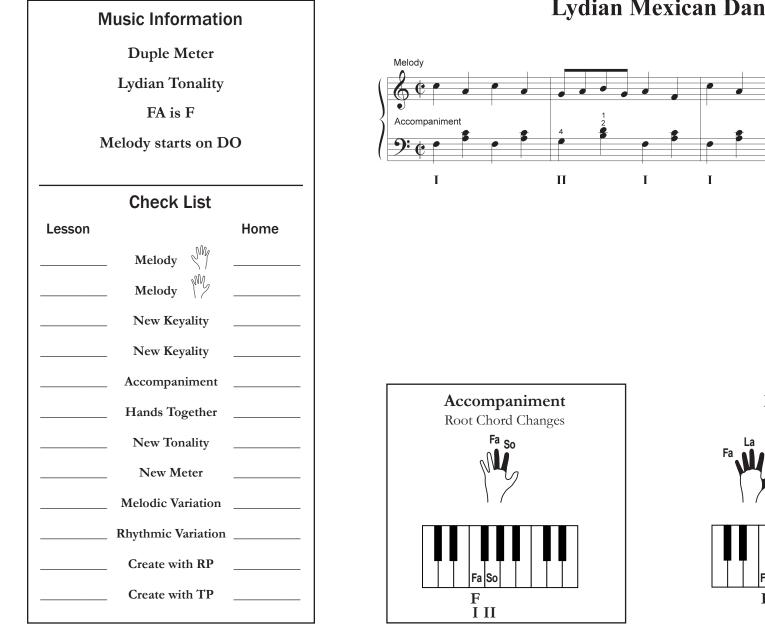




Transpose the melodic cadence and arpeggios to other Lydian keyalities.

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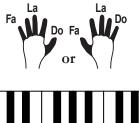
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#### Lydian Mexican Dance

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**Music Moves for Piano** is the first piano method of its kind. It applies Edwin E. Gordon's Music Learning Theory to the teaching of piano. When music is taught as an aural art, lessons build a foundation for lifelong musical enjoyment and understanding. With guidance, "sound to notation" leads to fluent music performance, reading, and writing. Following are some of the major concepts of this approach:

- Rhythm is based on body movement: Feel the pulse and meter then chant rhythm patterns. Move in both a continuous fluid way and a pulsating way.
- Tonal audiation is developed by singing. Singing songs and tonal patterns develops pitch sensitivity, singing in tune, and a "listening" ear.
- Music pattern vocabularies are acquired and applied to listening and performing
- Various elements of music, such as rhythm, meter, pulse, tonality, harmony, style, and form, are studied.
- Creativity is fostered by using different elements of music, such as rhythm, pitch, harmony, and form to create something new.
- Improvisation activities apply everything a student learns. Use familiar patterns from folk songs, transpose, change tonality and meter, create variations and medleys, and create melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic variations.
- Perform with technical freedom. Students learn how to use the playing apparatus from the beginning of lessons.

**Marilyn Lowe**, who has taught piano for more than 40 years, has used her experiences and knowledge to create a non-traditional piano method based on Edwin E. Gordon's theories of audiation. Other influences include the techniques and theories of Carl Orff, Shinichi Suzuki, Emile Jaques-Dalcroze, Zoltan Kodaly, and Dorothy Taubman. Lowe has been using this approach successfully with her students for more than 20 years. Her academic credits include degrees in liberal arts and piano from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and a master's degree in piano from Indiana University in Bloomington. Lowe completed additional graduate study in organ and music theory at Indiana University. She would like to express appreciation to her former music teachers: Nadia Boulanger, Murray Baylor, Walter Robert, and Menahem Pressler.

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