

TEACHER RESOURCES Winter 2025 (Vol. 2, No. 2)

Explore: Researching Pianos of the Past and Present

After reading Then & Now (pages 2-3) in the Winter 2025 issue of Piano Inspires Kids, ask students to research an early keyboard instrument featured in the magazine or select one from the list below. They may also explore the piano's evolution through early makers like Cristofori, Silbermann, Stein, and Broadwood, or compare these with modern artistic pianos, such as the Lucid Butterfly or other creative models found online.

Students can present their findings in studio classes, design a timeline poster or digital slideshow tracing the piano's evolution, or create a "Sound Evolution" journal comparing the tones of historical and modern instruments. Encourage creative displays by having students design posters highlighting each instrument's unique features, or build a playlist featuring recordings of their chosen keyboard for others to enjoy.

From Winter 2025 Piano Inspires Kids

- Hammered dulcimer
- Clavichord
- Harpsichord
- Fortepiano

Additional Early Keyboards to Explore

- Virginal
- Spinet
- Regal
- Positive Organ

Watch <u>Curtis Pavey</u>'s *From the Artist Bench* video (12:04) to explore the unique sounds of the french harpsichord through Jacquet de La Guerre's *Suite in A Minor* from *Pièces de clavecin, Livre 1*, and experience the world of French Baroque music and dance.