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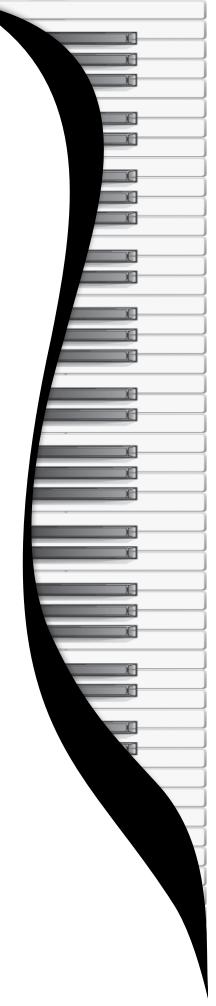
Thanks for your interest in Piano Pronto! This handbook includes a variety of charts and guides that will help familiarize you with our catalog.

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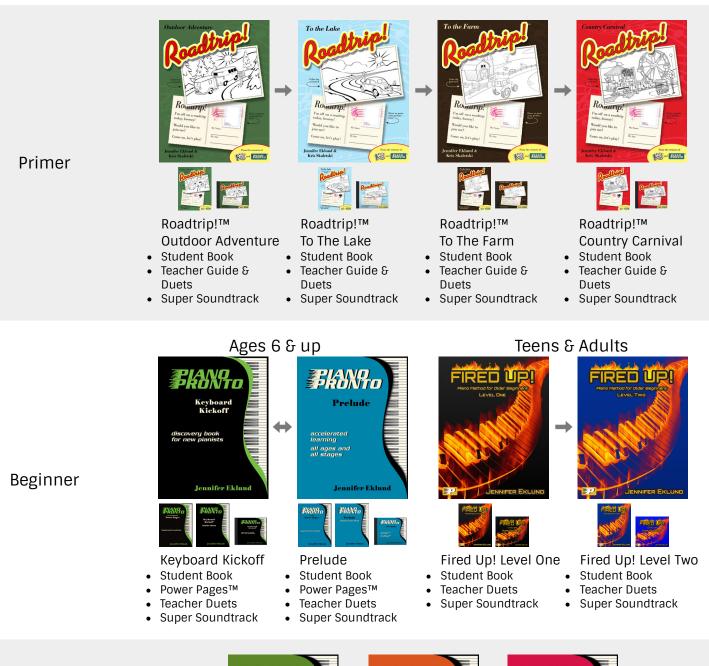








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Primer (Roadtrip!™ Series)

The Roadtrip series is a primer level method book series designed for students ages 4-8. This interactive series features four unique adventures and eighteen multi-key solos per book. Songs are easily taught by rote, note, or number. The suggested order of progression through Roadtrip is shown above and while students can remain in the Roadtrip series as long as necessary, they can transition into Keyboard Kickoff whenever they are ready. The accompanying teacher guidebook for each level contains teacher duets and comprehensive lesson plans. The Super Soundtrack offers vocal versions of the Roadtrip songs as well as play-along tracks that will maximize the full-time fun!

Beginners: Piano Pronto Series (Ages 6 & up)

Beginners, with little or no prior experience, can start with either Keyboard Kickoff or Prelude or teachers can use the two books in tandem to maximize reinforcement of early foundational skills. Keyboard Kickoff is intended for beginners ages 6-9, while Prelude is the starting point for older beginners and adults since the pacing is a bit quicker. Students must complete Prelude before moving forward in the series. While theory exercises are applied throughout the student books, the accompanying Power Pages supplement the series with additional written theory work, sightreading/technique exercises, composition prompts, and ear-training. The teacher duet books provide lush, contemporary accompaniments to all the pieces in the students book and the Super Soundtrack includes orchestrated backing tracks and duet play-alongs for extra fun during and outside lessons.

Beginners: Fired Up! (Teens & Adults)

Fired Up! is a method designed for older beginners, especially teens and adults, who are ready for a modern, accelerated approach to learning the piano. This series teaches on-staff, directional reading in multiple key centers from day one. Fired Up! consists of, original compositions, in a variety of style and genres, and introduction to basic theory, and a heavy focus on efficient practice strategies. Students will start making beautiful music today with a method that focuses on technique, artistry, interpretation, and pedaling right from the beginning. Teacher duet books are available for each level as well as Super Soundtracks that provide orchestrated playalong tracks and duet play-along tracks.

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In Movements 1, 2, and 3 students continue to build foundational skills via the introduction of music from a variety of genres. Scales and key signatures are introduced in Movement 1 along with other essential theory and analysis concepts that are applied to the music through short written exericises. While theory exercises are applied throughout the student books, the accompanying Power Pages supplement the series with additional written theory work, sightreading/technique exercises, composition prompts, and ear-training. The teacher duet books provide lush, contemporary accompaniments to all the pieces in the students book and the Super Soundtrack includes orchestrated backing tracks and duet play-alongs for extra fun during and outside lessons

Intermediate (Track #1)

After completing Movement 3 students can continue on through the remaining four books in the series. Once completed, students have been introduced to all twelve key signatures. These books introduce some standard piano repertoire alongside finelycrafted arrangements of famous melodies from a variety of genres. High-quality recordings of the pieces are available for each book.

Intermediate (Track #2)

After completing Movement 3, students who are ready to transition away from traditional method materials can move on to the Coda collection. This book features 25 favorite selections from the final books in the Piano Pronto series and combines these arrangements with music history pages and musical interpretation guidelines instead of traditional method book exercises. Coda can also serve as a lovely supplement volume for any intermediate student.

Supplemental

Interlude features thirty familiar solos from Keyboard Kickoff, Prelude, and Pronto Pizazz Volume 1, transposed to the keys of G and F major, and adjusted to include more independent work between the hands. The pieces, which include teacher duets, can be used to challenge early beginners, as a lateral move for students who need reading reinforcement, or for transfer students who need a refresher of basic concepts before starting Movement 1.



Supplement Book Correlations

Click on any picture to see & hear all the music:



Rising Starz Vol. 1 Primer Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Roadtrip! & Keyboard Kickoff



Rising Starz Vol. 2 Primer Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Roadtrip! & Keyboard Kickoff



Rockstar Rally Vol. 1 Primer Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Roadtrip! & Keyboard Kickoff



Rockstar Rally Vol. 2 Primer Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Roadtrip! & Keyboard Kickoff



Pronto Pizazz Vol. 1 Easy Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Kickoff, Prelude, & Mvmt. 1



Pronto Pizazz Vol. 2 Easy Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Movement 1 & 2



Minor Marvels Minor-key solos & duets Use with: Movements 1 & 2



Stage Left Vol. 1 Digital only; Easy left-handed solos Use with: Prelude & Movement 1



Stage Left Vol. 2 Easy left-handed solos w/teacher duets Use with: Prelude & Movement 1



Level Up! Multi-level easy solos Use with: Kickoff, Prelude, Movement 1



Easy Spotlight Solos Showcase solos for late beginners Use with: Movements 1 & 2



Spotlight Solos Vol. 1 Showcase solos for late beginners Use with: Movements 1 & 2





Supplement Book Correlations

Click on any picture to see & hear all the music:



Spotlight Solos PLUS Solos for late beginners/early int. Use with: Movements 2 & 3



Spotlight Solos Vol. 2 Solos for late beginners/early int. Use with: Movements 2 & 3



Songs I Love to Play Vol. 1 Solos for late beginners/early int. Use with: Movements 1, 2, 3



Songs I Love to Play Vol. 2 Solos for early intermediates Use with: Movements 2, 3, 4



Sacred Spotlight Elegant, easy hymn arrangements Use with: Movement 3 & up



Beethoven: Exploring His Life & Music Use with: Movement 2 & up



Mozart: Exploring His Life & Music Use with: Movement 2 & up



Shades of You Lyrical solos w/coloring pages Use with: Movement 3 & 4



Sounds of the Spirit Contemporary Sacred Solos Use with: Movements 4 & up



New Horizons Contemporary Lyrical Solos Use with: Movements 4 & up



Dreamweaver Contemporary Lyrical Solos Use with: Movements 4 & up



Let There Be Music! Digital only; All-occasion songbook Use with: Movements 4 & up

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Holiday Book Correlations

Click on any picture to see & hear all the music:



First Christmas Solos: Primer Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Roadtrip! & Keyboard Kickoff



Holiday Classics Multi-Level Easy Solos Use with: Keyboard Kickoff & Prelude



Christmas for Two Easy Solos with Teacher Duets Use with: Keyboard Kickoff & Prelude



Easy Christmas Solos Holiday Solos for Beginners Use with: Prelude & Movement 1



Holiday Classics Vol. 2 Multi-Level Easy Solos Use with: Prelude, Movements 1 & 2



Christmas Solos for Late Beginners Use with: Movements 1 & 2



Christmas Together Evenly-Leveled Easy Duets Use with: Movements 1 & 2



Jazzy Jingles Jazz-style holiday solos Use with: Movements 2 & 3



Jazzy Jingles Vol. 2 Jazz-style holiday solos Use with: Movements 3 & 4



Christmas Classics Vol. 1 Lyrical holiday solos Use with: Movements 4 & up



Christmas Classics Vol. 2 Lyrical holiday solos Use with: Movements 5 & up



Roadtrip! Series Overview Jennifer Eklund & Kris Skaletski

Roadtrip! is a *lateral series* for students ages 4 and up. The series is flexible and fun allowing lots of room for creativity both on and off the bench. All four books in the series feature eighteen multi-key, primer level songs, written on the staff, that can be taught by rote, note, or finger number. While you can start a total beginner with any book in the series the following is a breakdown of key concepts and suggested order of books when using the entire series. After the completion of any of these books the student is ready to move to Piano Pronto: Keyboard Kickoff. Alternatively, you can use any of the Roadtrip! books in tandem with Keyboard Kickoff to maximize the exposure to keyboard geography, basic note reading, and a variety of rhythms. Comprehensive lesson plans and teacher duets are available in each of the teacher guidebooks and the Roadtrip! soundtracks are a fun audio essential that augment the lesson experience and fuel at-home motivation.

Suggested order of books:



ROADTRIP: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

- Focus on fingers 2-3-4; mostly stepwise motion
- Basic rhythms
- Midline crossovers
- No harmonic intervals
- Focus on left and right-hand discernment



Roadtrip: To the Lake

- Basic rhythms
- Heavier reliance on familiar folk tunes
- Black-key only songs included
- Some full five-finger position songs for right hand
- Stepping and skipping included



Roadtrip: To the Farm

- More developed rhythms
- Eighth notes (including swing-style rhythm)
- Legato and staccato
- Harmonic intervals introduced
- Ties and slurs



Roadtrip: Country Carnival

- Most challenging book in the Roadtrip! series
- More developed rhythms (swing eighth notes; easy triplets)
- Limited harmonic intervals
- Legato and staccato
- Multiple elements included in each song

What are Piano Pronto Power Pages™?

All-in-one theory workbooks available for Keyboard Kickoff through Movement 3

- Power Pages workbooks directly correlate to each method book
- Written theory extends beyond concepts introduced in the method
- Sightreading/technique/scale/arpeggio exercises
- Ear-training exercises
- Composition exercises
- Music analysis exercises
- Transposition exercises
- Introduction to lead-sheet playing (Movements 1, 2, and 3)



What are Super Soundtracks?

Orchestrated play-along tracks & duet play-alongs available for Keyboard Kickoff through Movement 3

- Modern accompaniments increase motivation & rhythmic skills
- Available in MIDI format
- Available in Mp3 format (digital download)
- Hardcopy CDs











Keyboard Kickoff or Prelude?

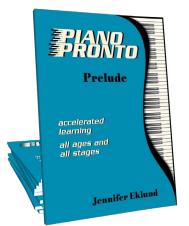
We offer two beginning level method books to help maximize the amount of repertoire and "situational experience" for beginners of all ages. Both *Keyboard Kickoff* and *Prelude* are suitable for total beginners, and are most effective when used in tandem.

Who should use Keyboard Kickoff?



- Beginners ages 5-9 with NO prior piano experience
- Transfer students who need review of basics and/or a slower pace
- Students who have completed Keyboard Kickoff should also use Prelude

Who should use Prelude?



- Beginners ages 9 and up (start adults here). Students who can handle an accelerated pacing
- Transfer students who have limited prior experience
- *Prelude* can be introduced when the student is about halfway through the *Keyboard Kickoff* book

Isn't there overlap? How do I transition?

Yes there is an overlap between the two books. The foreword notes in both books detail how to transition *Keyboard Kickoff* students into the *Prelude* book.

1. Review: Use the early pieces in *Prelude* as a review.

2. Creative transition: Use the early pieces in *Prelude* to work on transposition and harmonization.

3. In tandem: Start introducing the early *Prelude* songs once the student is halfway through the *Keyboard Kickoff* book.

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Pop Music Catalog (F.M. Sheet Music)

Jennifer Eklund is a *Signature Artist* with MusicNotes.com and has a vast catalog of pop music titles for all levels. You can browse the available pop music selections and make requests at: <u>https://fmsheetmusic.com</u>

Helpful Links:

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Common Questions

What book should I put my student in?

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