

Keyboard Resources and Recommendations

****TIP****

Look for used keyboards, pianos and controllers in good shape at least 49 full size keys up to 88 full size models.

Controller Keyboards That Connect to Computers



If you are going to be composing, producing or playing with Digital Audio Workstations and hooking up a computer to the computer to use software piano sounds, look at a controller keyboard. Again, I highly recommend purchasing at least a 49 Key Controller with full size

keys to get the most out of this class. There are so many choices in this arena and most are reasonably priced. If you go this route you'll also have to get a keyboard stand, bench or chair and USB or lightning cable to connect to the computer.

Here are a few options that will send you down a rabbit hole of different choices and configurations.

- <https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/SLmk3-61--novation-61sl-mkiii-keyboard-controller-with-sequencer>
- <https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/Hammer88--m-audio-hammer-88-keyboard-controller>
- <https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/OxygenP61--m-audio-oxygen-pro-61-61-key-keyboard-controller>

Standalone/Digital Console Keyboards

If you want the weighted feel of an acoustic piano, but easier to move around and deal with as far as space, try a digital console piano by Roland or Yamaha. These digital pianos plug in, come with pedals and sometimes other sounds and the capability to hook up to a computer. They are also a cheaper option for a full size weighted keyboard.



- <https://www.musiciansbuy.com/roland-rp-701-cb-digital-console-piano.html>
- <https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/YDP103R--yamaha-arius-ydp-103-digital-home-piano-with-bench-rosewood>

Upright, Spinet and Grand Acoustic Pianos



If you want a real, acoustic piano, whether upright or grand, start with a third party local seller like Craigslist or Facebook Classifieds to see if someone is selling their instrument. If you go this route make sure the instrument is in good shape and get a second opinion so you can play it right away. Usually a tuning is a good idea after the piano has acclimated to your environment for about a month. If you are buying new or used from a local piano store, one great brand I recommend is Yamaha. Piano shopping is fun! Usually stores have a variety of new and used pianos in different sizes.