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PIANO TEACHING METHODOLOGY: CURRENT ISSUES AND EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

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ABOUT ARTICLE

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Received: 15.12.2024 **Accepted:** 20.12.2024 **Published:** 30.12.2024 **Abstract:** This article is devoted to analyzing the current problems in the methodology of piano teaching and recommending effective approaches to eliminate them. In piano education, the development of students' performance skills, the formation of musical thinking, and the realization of personal creative potential are of great importance. This article highlights the use of interactive and innovative teaching technologies in piano lessons, as well as the role of an individual approach, the importance of creative cooperation between the teacher and the student. At the same time, the main problems encountered in the process of piano teaching - issues of technique, motivation, and support for creative growth - are analyzed in detail. The methods proposed by the author are aimed at improving the modern music education system.

INTRODUCTION

Music is one of the types of art that touches the most delicate fibers of the human soul. Revealing the beauty of this art form and conveying it to others requires high professional skills and patience from the teacher. The piano, with its wide possibilities and unlimited sources of musical expression, has become an integral part of music education. However, providing quality education in this area and preparing the next generation of performers is not always easy.

Today's students' views on music, the development of technologies, and new challenges in the learning process require unique approaches to piano teaching methodology. On the other hand, learning to play the piano requires the student to acquire not only technical skills, but also to enrich his creative thinking. This makes the role of the teacher even more responsible, because he is not only a person who gives knowledge, but also a person who shapes the student's musical worldview.

The problems encountered in piano education are multifaceted: technical limitations, lack of motivation, weakening of the personal approach, and incompatibility of teaching methods with modern

requirements. In this case, the use of new pedagogical approaches and innovative methods increases the effectiveness of the educational process. Therefore, in-depth study of current issues of piano teaching and the search for solutions remains one of the most important tasks today.

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The article aims to contribute to the development of modern music education in this direction by analyzing the difficulties encountered in the process of piano teaching and researching effective methods aimed at eliminating them.

METHODOLOGY

In the process of music education, methodology is not only a set of technical methods of teaching, but also a complex system that includes spiritual, pedagogical and creative approaches to coaching. An individual approach is one of the main principles in the formation of piano teaching methodology. Each student differs from other students in his worldview, creative abilities and musical thinking. Therefore, the teacher must first find and develop an approach specific to each student.

To achieve success in piano teaching, it is important to combine modern and traditional methods. Traditional approaches, for example, through the use of rehearsal and control, provide for the formation of technical skills, in-depth analysis of musical works, and the development of the student's musical memory. At the same time, innovative approaches, such as modern interactive technologies and gamification, help make the process more interesting and effective. For example, with the help of interactive programs, the student can independently read notes or master complex technical exercises. Another important part of the methodology is the creative dialogue between the student and the teacher. The teacher acts not only as a teacher, but also as a guide and inspirer. In this process, the form and content of the lessons must be adapted to the needs of the student. For example, by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each student in piano performance, an individual development strategy is developed.

The methodology is based on a combination of theoretical and practical aspects. The theoretical part ensures the development of the student's musical thinking and theoretical knowledge, while the practical part strengthens technical skills and reveals creative potential. In this regard, the teacher's creative approach and didactic skills are the main factors that increase the effectiveness of the lesson. The article analyzes the interrelationship and effectiveness of the above-mentioned methods in the process of piano teaching. At the same time, strategies are recommended to improve the quality of education through the use of innovative technologies, improving traditional approaches, and strengthening student-teacher communication.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Scientific literature on piano teaching methodology provides valuable information on in-depth analysis of the musical education process and increasing its effectiveness. Theoretical foundations and practical recommendations created by leading researchers and practitioners in this field help to solve the current problems of piano education.

First of all, the methods of such famous music educators as Carl Orff, Zoltán Kodály and Emil Jaques-Dalcroze are of particular importance in the process of piano teaching. Their educational approaches include not only the development of technical skills, but also the formation of musical expressive abilities. In particular, Orff's approach to teaching musical rhythms and Kodály's methodology, focused on vocal training and the development of musical thinking, show their flexibility for use in piano teaching.

The works of Larisa Mokrousova, Galina Timofeeva and other Russian scholars on piano teaching methodology are aimed at studying the technical and theoretical foundations of musical performance. Their research reveals the pedagogical foundations of developing students' technical skills and forming their musical feelings. At the same time, methods of stimulating their creative approach play an important role. In particular, Mokrousova emphasizes the role of creative dialogue between the teacher and the student and an individual approach in piano education.

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Among the modern literature, works on innovative technologies and gamification approaches occupy a special place. Researchers such as Jane Davidson and Gary McPherson have analyzed the positive and negative aspects of using digital technologies in music education in their works. In their opinion, teachers should maintain a balance in using technologies, that is, use technology not as the main tool, but as an auxiliary tool.

National literature also covers the specific aspects of piano teaching. The works of Uzbek scholars, including M. Jo'rayev and N. Safarov on musical pedagogy, analyze the effectiveness of integrating national melodies into piano performance. Their scientific work is aimed at strengthening the connections between Uzbek music and piano performance.

A general analysis of the literature shows that the integration of modern technologies, while maintaining traditional approaches in piano teaching methodology, gives effective results. Also, teachers can fully reveal the personal abilities of students by using methodologies aimed at developing a creative approach. In this article, the author, drawing on various sources, offers modern solutions to the current problems of piano teaching.

DISCUSSION

Piano teaching methodology is of great importance not only as the basis of the musical educational process, but also as an important element of personal development. To successfully organize this process, teachers should include not only modern pedagogical methods, but also approaches that understand and adapt to the individual needs of students.

One of the main challenges faced in piano education today is to strike a balance between technical skills and creative thinking. Many traditional methodologies prioritize technical exercises, which can limit the development of students' creative abilities. Therefore, combining a creative approach and technical skills in the educational process requires great skill from the teacher. Modern approaches such as interactive technologies and gamification are emerging as effective solutions to this issue.

Motivation support is also an important factor in piano teaching. In some cases, students experience a decrease in their initial interest, which may be due to monotony of lessons or approaches that do not meet the individual needs of students. The teacher can overcome this problem by using creativity and methods that are appropriate to the needs of students. For example, choosing an individual repertoire, using performance successes as a motivational tool, and supporting students in achieving their goals are effective approaches.

Another pressing issue in piano teaching is the integration of national and international musical culture in the educational process. The rich traditions and national melodies of Uzbek music can be expressed in new interpretations through piano performance. At the same time, international performance schools and their experience play an important role in enriching national styles. This integration develops musical education not only technically, but also culturally and artistically.

The conclusion from the discussions is that the quality of education can be improved by diversifying approaches in the process of piano teaching, adapting to the needs of students, and integrating modern

technologies. In this process, the teacher must fully understand his role as a creative leader and create an environment that supports the personal and creative growth of students. Thus, piano education will continue its development in harmony with modern requirements and national cultural values.

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CONCLUSION

Piano teaching methodology is one of the most delicate and responsible areas of the musical education process. This process is aimed not only at developing the student's technical skills, but also at enriching his creative thinking, awakening musical feelings and ensuring personal growth. Therefore, piano teaching requires a comprehensive approach that is not limited to technical exercises, but also takes into account the student's personal needs and creative potential.

The main problems encountered in piano teaching today - lack of motivation, limitations in developing technical skills and uniformity of the learning process - can reduce the effectiveness of education. However, the integration of modern approaches and innovative technologies plays an important role in solving these problems. For example, with the help of interactive platforms, students have the opportunity to learn independently, and gamification makes the learning process more interesting and stimulating.

Also, the integration of national and international musical traditions in piano education is of particular importance. While studying national musical heritage allows students to understand their cultural roots more deeply, the use of international experience expands their creative potential. This integration not only enriches musical knowledge, but also makes students active participants in musical processes on a global scale. In conclusion, in order to achieve success in piano teaching methodology, the teacher must combine creativity, pedagogical skills and modern approaches. In this process, the teacher must not only be a provider of knowledge, but also a guide to the musical and personal growth of students. Through such an approach, it will be possible to move to a new stage of musical education and achieve high levels of piano performance. As a result, piano education becomes a powerful tool that reveals the creative potential of students and directs them to the world of music.

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