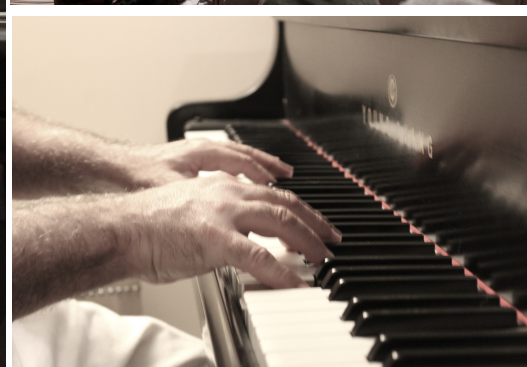


# Dr. Rubén Peláez

## Online & In-Person Piano Lessons



I fell in love with classical music when I was six years old, and I was lucky enough to become a professional concert pianist and share my passion with the world. Skype, FaceTime, and Zoom are excellent options during this critical time for anyone who has a busy schedule and doesn't have time to travel for a piano lesson, but whether you want online or in-person piano lessons, I am fully available for your musical education.

When I teach online, I demonstrate for my students while they see the full keyboard and the exact keys I am playing on the piano. I can talk about anything that has to do with the visual layout of the keys on the piano in the same way as I would in an in-person piano lesson. If anything, online piano lessons are probably just a bit more efficient because as soon as we start the video call, my student and I are both ready to go. I can make every minute of the lesson count, and since we are both sitting at the piano at once, I can move seamlessly between demonstrating at the piano and hearing my students play without any of the awkward switching back and forth that happen with a face-to-face piano lesson.

While my training was rigorous and intense, I believe in a nurturing and fun approach to working with my students. Each student's curriculum is tailored to grow their strengths, and encourage them through the challenges. My goal with each student is to give them the tools to be able to play the music they enjoy, and to inspire them to expand their appreciation for music and all fine arts. Students who are preparing for conservatory auditions, competitions, and performances who would like a special coaching may contact me for availability — I look forward to hearing from you!

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***M**usic has the power of forming the character, so learning to play the piano is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child or yourself. Research indicates that at-least some musical education has a positive impact on the social and cognitive development of children. And this effects are long lasting — better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal and literacy skills, and enhanced critical thinking. In fact, one of the only activities that stimulates, activate, and utilizes the entire brain is music.*

Dr. Rubén E. Peláez was born in Camagüey, Cuba in 1963. He began piano lessons with his mother at the age of six. He continued his studies at the music school in his native province and then continued at the National School of Arts in Havana. He later completed his undergraduate studies at the Higher Institute of Arts of Cuba under famous pianists Jorge Luis Prats and Roberto Urbay. It was around this time that he participated in the international piano competition Marguerite Long Jacques Thibaud in Paris.

He has performed extensively in solo recitals and concerts in the United States, Europe and Cuba. Performances in New York include the famous Spanish Cultural Institute in Manhattan, and in Washington, D.C. include the Phillips Collection Museum, Anderson House Museum, the Department of the Treasury, The Kennedy Center, The Netherland Embassy, Mount Vernon College, The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at The Catholic University of America, and The American University Katzen's Arts Center among others. Peláez has also appeared at a number of venues in Florida, including Miami and Palm Beach. He has also appeared several times as a soloist with orchestras both in Cuba and in the U.S.A.

In November 1996 his first album, the only complete collection of all 41 Danzas for piano by Ignacio Cervantes, was released by ELAN Recordings. Peláez completed his doctorate in music in 1998 at The University of Maryland in College Park, where he studied as a pupil of well-known and famous pianist Santiago Rodriguez. He is currently an adjunct faculty professor at University of Maryland Global Campus where he has been teaching online since 2012. He is also a member of the piano faculty at The International School of Music in Bethesda, MD where he currently teaching online.

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