

## **Electronic Keyboard Requirements**

Some electronic keyboards are very similar in touch and feel to an acoustic piano, and many are affordable and attractive options as a first instrument. It is possible for a student to exclusively use an electronic keyboard at home for about two years if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Has at least five octaves of standard-sized keys
- Is touch-sensitive (can play louder and softer by the way you play the keys)
- Has a damper (floor) pedal that you can plug into it
- Has a stand that allows you to set it at the same height as the keys would be on a regular (acoustic) piano
- Has a music stand that allows music to be set up in the same position as it would be on an acoustic piano

I still believe that an acoustic piano (upright, console, baby grand or grand) is the best kind of instrument for students to practice on as their everyday instrument. Most people find that after a few years or so of lessons, they benefit from acquiring an acoustic piano on which to practice, along with the electronic keyboard.