Subject: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by Nymeria on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 15:57:43 GMT
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If you have kids, do you (or will you) push music lessons? How important is it that they learn a musical instrument, and do you care which one they learn?

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 21:29:11 GMT
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Hi, Hard to say. I was forced to take piano lessons for several years and have never touched one since. What I would suggest is that if you have a child that seems interested in learning to play an instrument, give it a whirl. If they really do like it, then they will want to continue. If they keep forgetting to practice and such you can probably be sure they really don't want to.

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 21:54:50 GMT
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I share your experience, Bruce. Took piano lessons for years as a kid, and got to where I could play lots of classical pieces. But I put it down once I grew up and really never picked it back up again. I will say this, though, it greatly influenced my taste in music and probably had a big influence on my interest in high quality sound systems. I probably wouldn't be so involved in building sound gear as I am if it weren't for that experience in my youth. So I guess it was sort of a really involved music appreciation course.

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by Lancelot on Fri, 13 Jan 2012 05:54:26 GMT
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I will join the club of Bruce and Wayne (sounds like a superhero separated into two persons ).

I also started to learn piano at a very early age, around 7 years old. I graduated from grade 1 but I never went further because my family moved often when I was young so my piano lessons were interrupted.

I agree with Bruce that if the child is really interested in playing an instrument then do your best to buy the instrument and let the child learn.

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by GuitarStrings on Mon, 16 Jan 2012 01:05:50 GMT
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I don't have kids yet, but I don't see myself pushing music lessons. At one point my own parents wanted me to learn the piano, but I just couldn't get into it. It took a few more years for me to actually develop an interest in playing music. I do think that a household should always be full of music though so the child can acquire what kind of music they enjoy listening to (and possibly playing).

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by Nymeria on Mon, 16 Jan 2012 15:10:47 GMT
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Thanks for your input and advice. I would never push it if the kids had no inherent interest, but I can also see how pushing too hard (instead of encouraging) could drive even an interested kid away.

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by spinright on Mon, 30 Jan 2012 23:23:00 GMT
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As long as the child shows interest, it's important to keep them on that interest. However, this means you have to be interested as well. I took piano lessons when I was younger, but my parent's weren't interested (my Grandmother, who lived out of state, payed for them). I ended up quitting because they just told me to practice, but they never wanted to hear me play. Maybe I was just awful at it, haha.

Subject: Re: Kids & Music Lessons
Posted by Freddy on Fri, 24 Feb 2012 00:05:07 GMT
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I think I would encourage my kids to at least try activities like music and sports. I would never force them to continue something they hated, but I would hope they'd find something they were interested in. I just think it's a shame when a kid spends all of his free time doing something like playing video games. Since video games these days are so cool, I think even more encouragement is necessary.