Subject: Good Musical Instrument to start a child on
Posted by JuneBug on Mon, 21 Mar 2016 16:46:47 GMT
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My daughter is only a year old, so it is early for this question, but I like to research theses sort of things ahead of time. What kind of musical instrument do you think is the best to start a child on. My SO and I have discussed it, and we think starting her on an instrument when she is 5-6 would be good for her. We are considering a piano keyboard, but I thought I would scope out thoughts online here.

(We are probably insane to be thinking about it before she has even started walking.)

Subject: Re: Good Musical Instrument to start a child on
Posted by JillbeQuick on Mon, 21 Mar 2016 16:50:17 GMT
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Oh you are absolutely insane, but so am I!
I have been in love with the idea of being able to play the piano, though I can't play myself. I did try a halfhearted attempt to learn guitar when I was a teenager, but there wasn't enough interest. If you want to start your kid on a musical hobby, I think classical instruments are the best.

Subject: Re: Good Musical Instrument to start a child on
Posted by Yurimi on Wed, 13 Apr 2016 12:36:20 GMT
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Count me in to the insane group because I also had similar thought when I don't even have a husband yet!

In my opinion piano or keyboard would the best start too. They are easier to play for smaller hands unlike other instruments. When I was little, I started with a very small keyboard which looks more like pianica than a keyboard. I had fun with the rich sounds while learning the basic theories of music. You can move on to more complicated instruments when the kid can handle them better.

Subject: Re: Good Musical Instrument to start a child on
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 17 Apr 2016 02:47:38 GMT
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Subject: Re: Good Musical Instrument to start a child on
Posted by Yurimi on Sun, 17 Apr 2016 12:33:46 GMT
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Do you mean a recorder? Recorder is not a popular instrument here in my area. I had short classes on how to play it when I was on junior high school, but nothing more. Guitars and violins have different sizes based on age and body size, so they cost more than common instruments.

Ultimately it depends on what the kids like to play. Parents are responsible to show them as many instruments as possible, I guess.