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Subject: Choosing instruments for your kids  
Posted by [Ssal](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2016 10:36:37 GMT  
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I have a six year old daughter, and I think it's time she learned to play an instrument. Options that come to mind are: Piano, Guitar, Trumpets, Drums and Bass. What's the best way to decide which one it's going to be?

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids  
Posted by [Airforce 3](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2016 18:38:05 GMT  
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Tuba. Get her a tuba.

Personally, I would start mine with a keyboard that simulates a piano. That's a good one for a 6 year old to pound on for awhile. If she likes it, upgrade next year. If not, you didn't really lose a lot in exposing her to that option.

It's good that you want to expose her to more music though.....that's a good thing.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids  
Posted by [Gemmel](#) on Sat, 10 Dec 2016 18:23:39 GMT  
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Piano sounds like a really great choice. Kids love music, and at that age, it's just a matter of exposing her to different types of instruments and then watching what she gravitates towards more than run with that.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids  
Posted by [Lizah](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2016 15:02:30 GMT  
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Has she shown any interest in a specific type of musical instrument? At that age my daughter wanted to play the guitar so we purchased a cheap \$20 acoustic guitar just so she could get a feel for it. Now that she is a little older she loves to play the trombone.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids  
Posted by [drake](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2016 16:18:52 GMT  
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Gemmel wrote on Sat, 10 December 2016 12:23 Piano sounds like a really great choice. Kids love music, and at that age, it's just a matter of exposing her to different types of instruments and then

watching what she gravitates towards more than run with that.

This is such a great idea. I loved music as a kid partly because my father was such a great guitarist. I bought myself a guitar while in high school and I have played it ever since. I tried playing drums but I was such a flop.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids

Posted by [Kenzie](#) on Sat, 24 Dec 2016 11:59:38 GMT

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Please let your child choose! I was made to play the piano and take lessons when I was a child and hated every minute. The only thing it did for me was teach me to read music. Later on I excelled at playing the flute.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids

Posted by [PlayerNM](#) on Sat, 03 Jun 2017 03:00:40 GMT

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I started out on the piano in elementary. In Jr. High, I entered the band and started playing the clarinet. I relied heavily on my piano education for reading music, intonation and rhythms. I was ahead of most of the kids in that beginning band.

By the time I graduated, I could play almost any instrument. Let the child choose because if you don't, they won't practice.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids

Posted by [PianoGrrl](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 2017 08:51:50 GMT

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Kenzie wrote on Sat, 24 December 2016 05:59 Please let your child choose! I was made to play the piano and take lessons when I was a child and hated every minute. The only thing it did for me was teach me to read music. Later on I excelled at playing the flute. I second that completely. If your school has a music program, ask if they can let her try out instruments to find one she is comfortable with, or see if a music shop can do it.

My parents were determined I would learn to play the violin, and I was made to stick with it for years, despite never making grade one and I hated every minute of it. Meanwhile I taught myself piano at a friend's house, which is the only reason I still like music. Her mother was a music teacher and finally had a word with mine.

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Subject: Re: Choosing instruments for your kids

Posted by [Bert](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 2017 18:18:17 GMT

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I think that you should let her decide. She's six, so she should be capable of choosing if you show her examples of all her choices.

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