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## PRACTICE PLAYING AT DIFFERENT VOLUMES

This is more of an intermediate or advanced practice tip, but it's one that beginners can get an early start on too, and one that can really make your playing sound sophisticated. Some people practice this already; if so, good for you! If not, here are some tips to get started:

Basically, this involves just getting used to playing things at different dynamic levels.

- Take one song and play the whole thing as quietly as you possibly can and really get into the feeling of playing super quiet and subdued.

- Take the same song and play the whole thing as loud as you possibly can, and really get into the feeling of playing with a grand, powerful tone.

- Play the song again but really listen and feel for places that seem like they should be louder or quieter, and change your dynamics accordingly.

This will do two things for you: it will dramatically increase your control over your instrument, and it will give you greater insight and awareness of the music you are playing so you can play it with more passion and excitement. This is one of the main differences in the musicians you listen to who are just OK, and the ones who really rock!

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"Ritvek S.

is awesome! He puts forth the effort and brings his "A game" 100% of the time to lessons. His dedication to becoming a musician is outstanding!"

- Amber Burgett, Piano Instructor

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