

Education Show: Keyboard Explosion

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Being musicians who have studied and performed in diverse musical settings, both members of Piano Heist love sharing their unique musical perspectives with students of all ages and levels. Their top priority in any musical setting is to encourage musical curiosity, understanding, and participation.

Nico Rhodes and **Patrick Courtin** have been friends since Elementary School, connecting because they love playing the piano and believe it is the best instrument! They also speak French and English. In their Education Show – **Keyboard Explosion!** Audience members learn to expect the unexpected. Get ready for an hour of fun and engagement where even the coolest audience member must join in the fun! Nico and Patrick who make up the band called **Piano Heist** will perform all genres of music from classical piano raptures to bombastic boogie woogie, jazz to rock & roll playing multiple keyboard instruments.

Nico & Patrick are both music educators as well as performers. Here is their philosophy about their educational shows: “Our main objective is to get the kids excited about making music. Regardless of genre, instrument, or ability, we hope that kids walk away from our show with greater confidence in their ability to try, learn, and create music. We emphasize a few points: Everyone is a musician. Music is fun and the most fun when shared with friends. Music is for every occasion; dancing, storytelling, celebrating, and more. In the show we cover basic musicianship, the history of keyboard instruments, how different instruments produce sound, how music tells a story, and beyond. We also invite the kids, at every step, to actively participate in the musical decisions we're making”.

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