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LEGENDARY SINGER TIM HAUSER OF MANHATTAN TRANSFER DIES



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## Piano Lessons are for All Ages

There's an opinion floating around that adults don't make good piano students. This is false. Any adult with the desire and patience to learn piano can do so. Nowadays, methods for piano contain recordings that the student can listen to. This helps the student learn faster, even when they have many other responsibilities. What I've learned is that my adult



students are able to listen to their piano music on commutes to work or when picking up their kids from soccer.

My oldest piano student is 93 years old. She practices a lot every day, and her assignment book usually has no less than ten pieces of music in it to work on, not including scales or other peripheral exercises. My youngest student who is 5 enjoys both traditional approaches to piano as well as Suzuki. He progresses the best by studying both.

### Tim Hauser

Tim Hauser, the founder and singer of the Grammy-winning vocal troupe The Manhattan Transfer, died October 16th. He was 72.

"With the a cappella groups, every voice is like one string on a guitar, one note on the piano, or one cymbal, and you don't have the luxury of falling back on anything."

-Ben Folds

Hauser founded Manhattan Transfer, who released their debut album in the early 1970s and launched hits such as "Operator" and "The Boy from New York City." They went on to win multiple pop and jazz Grammy Awards. Their critically acclaimed album, 1985's "Vocalese," earned a whopping 12 Grammy nominations.

Alan Paul, Janis Siegel and Cheryl Bentyne - who joined in 1978 and replaced Laurel Masse - rounded out the foursome.

"Tim was the visionary behind The Manhattan Transfer," they said in a statement. "It's incomprehensible to think of this world without him."

The Manhattan Transfer continues to perform, as Tim would have wanted, and have used replacements for his vocal part until a permanent one is found.

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