

Feel what it's like playing the piano with larger hands!

A recent study at a US university, backed up by sound ergonomic evidence, indicates that around 75% of pianists dream of having larger hands!

To have this opportunity, please join us for an afternoon in the studio of Timothy Young, ANAM Resident Faculty, Head of Piano (*Position supported Anonymously*).

ANAM currently has a keyboard with reduced width keys installed in a Yamaha S6 piano. The DS6.0® keyboard is on loan from the US-based [DS Standard Foundation](#) and has an octave size of 6.0 inches (15.2 cm) compared with the 6.5 inch (16.5 cm) octave of the conventional keyboard. Playing narrower keys is the only safe way of 'growing your hands'.

Many people are unaware that the great composers of the 18th and 19th centuries composed and performed on pianos with narrower keys than today.

Date and time: Monday 17 July, 2.00 - 4.30 pm

Where: Studio of Timothy Young, ANAM, The Convent, Abbotsford. (Room SAG.02, enter from Sacred Heart Courtyard. Site map attached.) Coffee/tea and snacks are available at Cam's Kiosk.

Format:

1. Presentation by Rhonda Boyle (Member of Board of Directors, DS Standard Foundation) from a recent webinar presented to the Frances Clark Center in Chicago: *'Hand span, keyboard size and ergonomics. One size does not fit all!'* The pre-recorded presentation also involves Erica Booker, a highly respected Sydney teacher and Ju-Yang Chi who recently completed his PhD at Sydney University, supervised by Dr. Bronwen Ackermann, former editor of *Medical Problems of Performing Artists*. His research investigated the interaction between hand span, keyboard size and EMG activity in pianists, making use of three different sized keyboards in Erica Booker's studio. Rhonda will cover the latest news about narrower piano keys in the piano and keyboard industry around the world.
2. Short performances using this keyboard by Tim and ANAM students.
3. Plenty of time for attendees to try the piano. (Most people adapt very quickly.)

RSVP: As capacity of the studio is limited to 25 attendees, please reply ASAP to Rhonda: rhonda@cicadabay.com/. (Phone: 0414 331570 if you have any queries.)