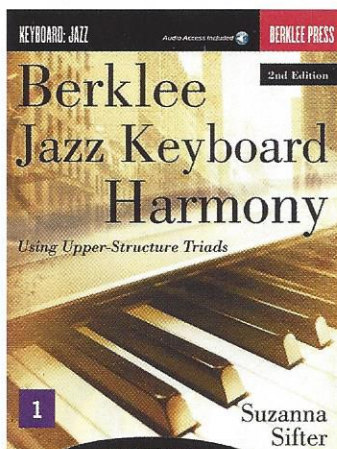


1. Upper-structure Explorations

Berklee Jazz Keyboard Harmony—2nd Edition (Berklee Press) by pianist Suzanna Sifter will help you play with a contemporary jazz sound, interpret lead sheets and use upper-structure triads to expand your comping palette. By considering tensions in terms of upper-structure triads, players will develop an organized and intuitive means of using more advanced structures in their playing. Practical exercises and concise descriptions will help you develop sight-comping and create full and colorful voicings for all chord types. The accompanying online audio files let you hear and practice these techniques with a jazz quartet. **More info:** berkleepress.com



2. A Grander Grand

Yamaha's GCITA grand piano is equipped with TransAcoustic technology that's capable of creating the sound of a 9-foot concert grand piano in a 5-foot, 3-inch baby grand. The GCITA is a hybrid-type acoustic-digital instrument that incorporates electro-acoustic transducers that cause the soundboard to vibrate in much the same way a speaker cone would—allowing for a unique and highly resonant combination of real acoustic sound and volume-controllable digital samples of pianos, electric pianos, pipe organs, harpsichords and other instruments. The piano can also be played through headphones in digital-only mode for "silent" performance/practice. **More info:** usa.yamaha.com



3. Dual-hinged Case

The new K-49 hybrid-design case from Mono is compact, light and rigid. A dual hinge design allows for top-loading quick access or traditional horizontal opening. The case has a water-resistant shell and a deep external pocket that can house pedals, cables and a laptop. **More info:** monocreators.com

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4. Rhodes Warriors

Down The Rhodes: The Fender Rhodes Story (Hal Leonard) is a historical tribute to the electric piano that revolutionized the sound of music. Through interviews with a cast of prominent artists—including George Duke, Chick Corea, Robert Glasper, Donald Fagen, Bob James, Dave Grusin, Quincy Jones, Joe Sample and others—authors Gerald McCauley and Benjamin Bove provide a glimpse into how this instrument played an integral role in the creation of some of the most memorable music from the 1960s through today. Many of the artist interviews appear on the included Blu-ray disc. **More info:** halleonardbooks.com

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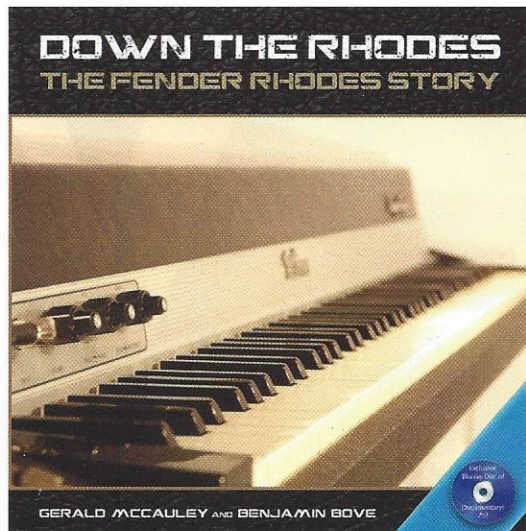
5. Birds of Play

Hohner has added the Black Hawk I and White Hawk II accordions to its Anacleto collection. The BH-1 (pictured) and WH-II have a tactile feel and fingerboard response, with button action that's unique to the Anacleto line. Both models feature a grille that allows for louder projection and diffusion of sound. **More info:** playhohner.com

6. Advanced Digital Piano

Korg's new Havian 30 is designed for musicians seeking a stylish digital piano complete with advanced arranger functionality. Havian 30's RX (Real Experience) sound engine contains more than 950 expressive sounds, in addition to 420 dynamic styles, offering players a variety of fully orchestrated musical performances to play along with. **More info:** korg.com

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