

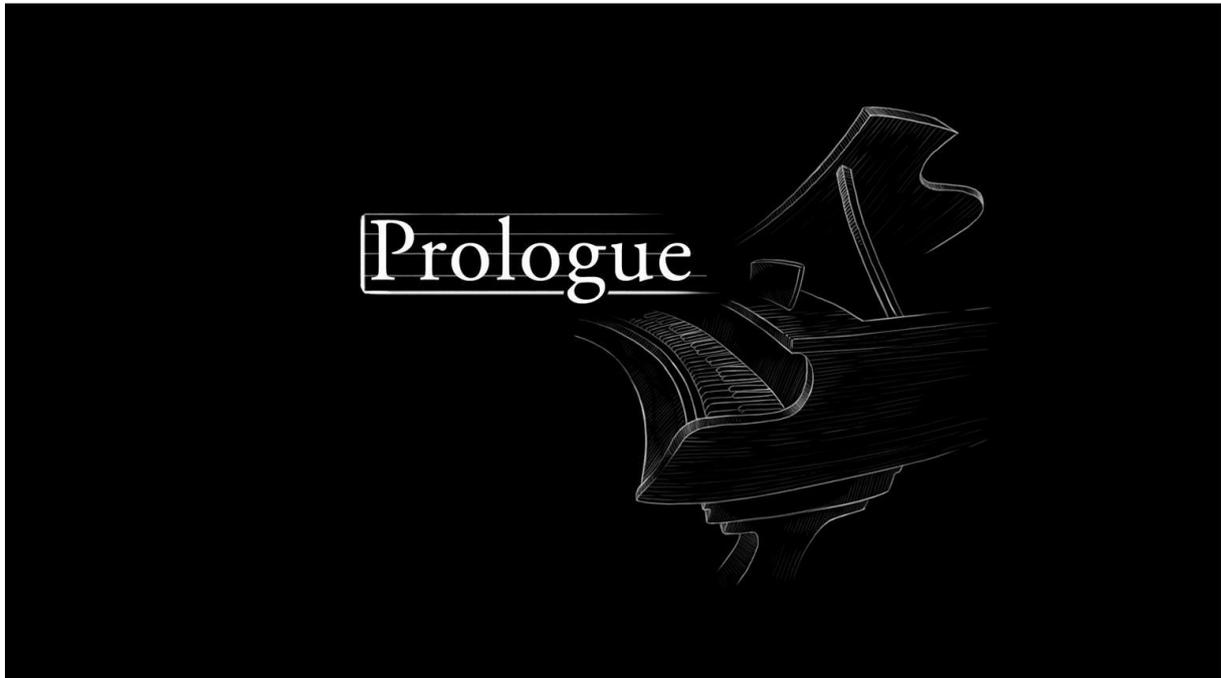
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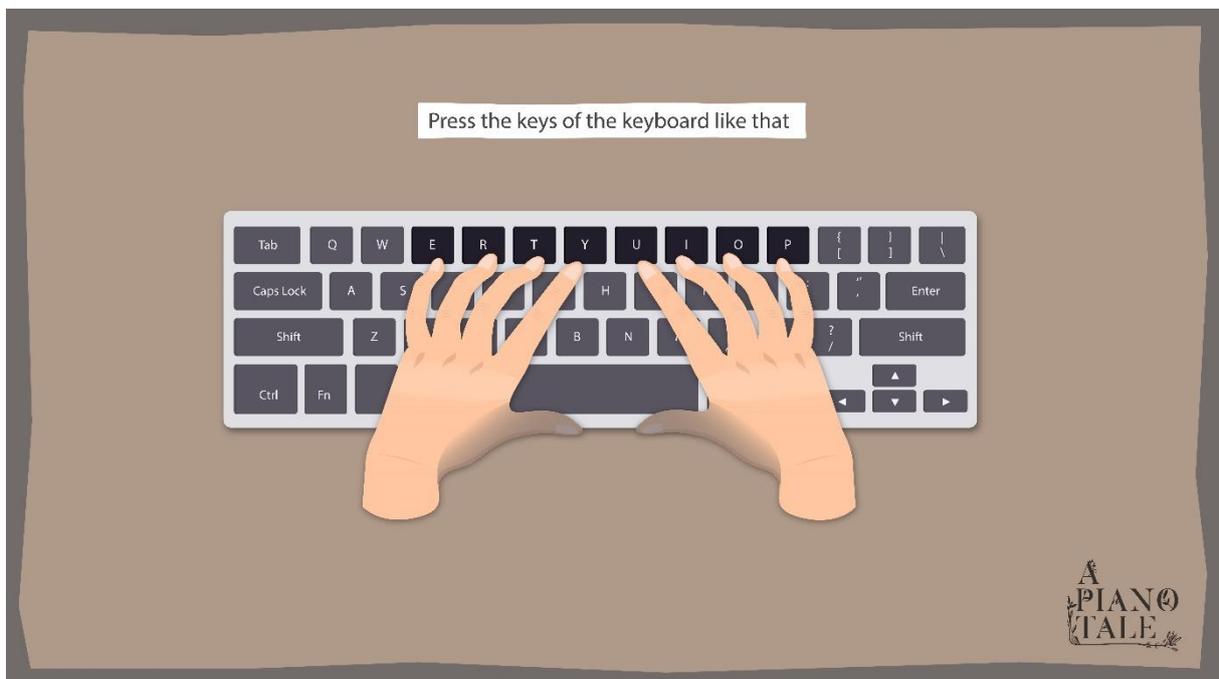
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1) Concept



A Piano Tale is a visual novel with musical challenges for Windows and Mac computers. The musical challenges are played with the keyboard. We use the letters E to P (8 notes):



In the mobile version of the game, there is a virtual keyboard on screen.

The game will be released on Steam, Play and Apple store.

An idea of the game is to present the difficulties of Alzheimer's in a compassionate manner that users of all ages will be able to understand. There is no violence, neither physical nor verbal in A Piano Tale. Likewise, there is no sexual content.



From now on, we denote by « Piano Hero » the musical challenge in the game, in reference to Guitar Hero, though A Piano Tale is very different from Guitar Hero.

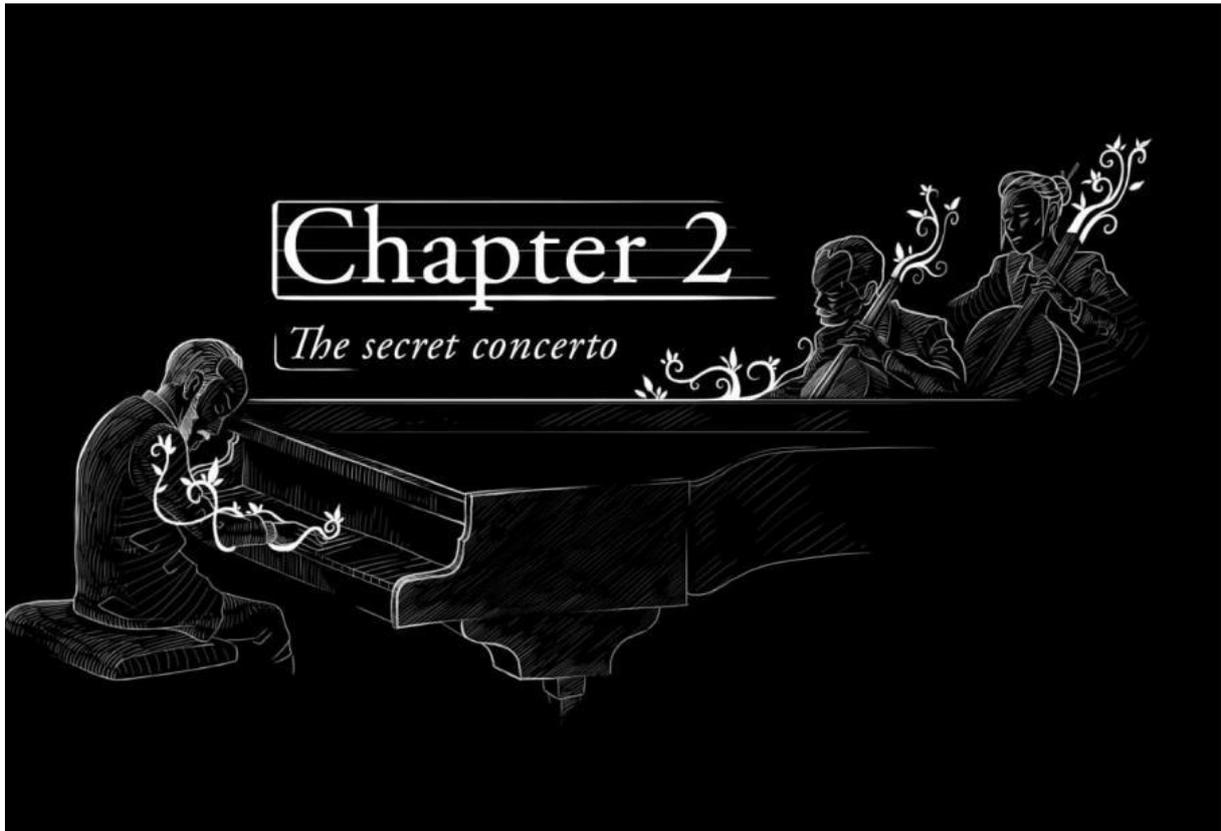


2) Project summary

A Piano Tale has 2 game modes:

- A story mode.
- An arcade mode.

The story mode will last around 2 hours, including 17 piano scenes. Each piano scenes will be playable in arcade mode, once they have been unlocked by completing them in story mode.



The story takes place in the 1980's between Vienna, Austria and St Petersburg, Russia (USSR actually). The central character is an elderly lady that discovers her father, Boris, a fictional Russian music composer, wrote a secret piano concerto during the Stalinist reign. Secret, as this was a period when artists weren't free to compose their music of choice, given the threat of the regime. She is choked, because her father was very strict during her childhood, forcing her to train extensively on the piano. She discovers the concerto was dedicated to her, including her own compositional work. Finding the entirety of the concerto is her challenge, complicated by her battle against Alzheimer's which leads to flashbacks to the 20's and 30's. The finale will decide if she pardons her father and finds all the parts of the piano concerto. 3 endings are possible.



3) Game design and gameplay

In the arcade mode, the player can train to be the "piano hero". All the music in A Piano Tale are original compositions. We have a great wealth of content in A Piano Tale, both concerning drawings and music. The OST will last almost 2h. There are a number of dialogues.

