

Foreword

The moment a familiar classical melody falls into the fingers of a beginning pianist is a moment of musical joy for both performer and listener. *Mastering Melodies* offers such moments of discovery and accomplishment with a collection of repertoire, which is both accessible and delightfully arranged for the late beginner/early intermediate piano student. These melodies set the stage for beginning musicianship – playing with expression, building increasing technical skills and inspiring an early love and appreciation of the “classics” of musical literature adapted from symphonic, chamber, operatic and keyboard repertoire. The fingers and ears alike will begin to know Beethoven, Bach, Mozart and other great composers, who each had their own unique and extraordinary way of shaping the melodies of their masterworks. These carefully edited and arranged selections will provide a lasting foundation for building repertoire and inspire a natural enthusiasm in each student as they master the melodies from among music history’s most celebrated works.

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