# FOR THE YOUNG VIRTUOSO

# MASTER LESSONS AND PERFORMANCES WITH JEROME ROSE

# AN ANTHOLOGY OF BEETHOVEN FEATURING INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MASTERPIECES

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#### MOONLIGHT SONATA

Advice on Practice

The touch should be close to the keys. The pianist should have a sense, from the pads of his/her fingers, that he is creating the tone by pressing the key; not by using a hammer to hit the string. The sustaining quality of the pedal allows the tone to ring as though played on the organ. This permits a consistant legato and song quality to the sound. The melody appears over the figuration. The various voices accompanying shou1d be orchestrated; the sustained bass, triplet figuration, and melody must work in perfect concert. Be aware, at all times, of the extended line. Each phrase segues into the next without interruption. Although it is one entire movement, it is also one poetic idea. Only the underlying harmonic structure changes while almost everything else remains the same.

Moonlight Sonata Op. 27 No. 2

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#### SONATA G minor Op.49 No.1 Composed 1795/98

Title The two Opus 49 Sonatas belong to Beethoven's set of Thirty-two Sonatas, which constitute the pillar of compositional form in the Classical Period. Beethoven names these two Sonatas "Leichte Sonaten", easier versions of Sonatas in two movements. The first movement of the first of these two Sonatas is in "Sonata Form"; the second is a Rondo.

Form First Movement Andante (Walking pace) Exposition A measures 1-15 B measures 16-33 Development measures 34-63 Recapitulation A measures 64-79 B measures 80-96 Coda measures 97-end Rondo-Allegro A measures 1-19 B measures 20-31 C measures 32-67 B measures 68-80 A measures 81-103

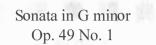
> In tonic C measures 104-135 A measures 136-148 Coda measures 149-end

#### Style &

Interpretation This short Sonata is marked by contrasts between the two movements. The first movement is in a rather dark mode, punctuated with provoking accects and sforzandi. By contrast, the second movement is a bouncing Rondo full of joy and lightness. The writing is not yet as complicated as we see in Beethoven's more mature years. The pieces are more in the Classical Mozart-Haydn style. It is obvious that Beethoven wrote the Opus 49 Sonatas for a general amateur public. Though not nearly as difficult as his other Sonatas, they are still musically uncompromising.

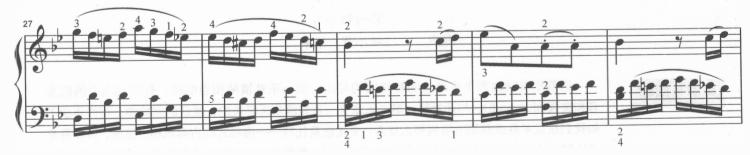
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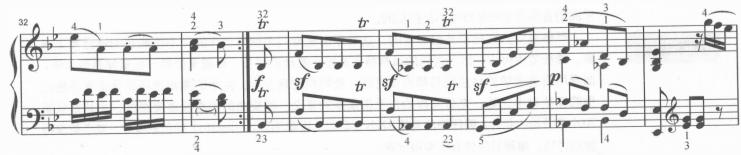
Practice Strict adherance to the dynamics is necessary. This piece is absolutely written for the piano and was never expected to be performed on the harpsichord. Use very little pedal as the musical style is characterized by short motivic lines. Avoid playing the first movement too fast; all the expressive bowing marks require time. Pay particular attention to the left hand. The virtuoso use of the left hand is what separates Beethoven from his competitions. The fully developed left hand takes on a new meaning. Practice slowly the difficult parts of the Rondo, especially, from m.20. Also, pay close attention to the change of color to dolce-legato in m.32. Keep the hands relaxed and light; stiffness will only result with a heaviness in the music.



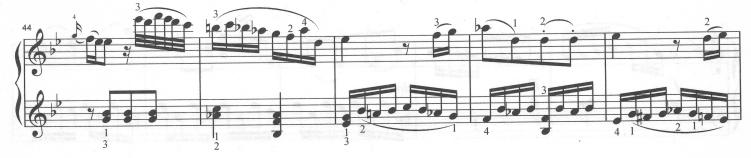


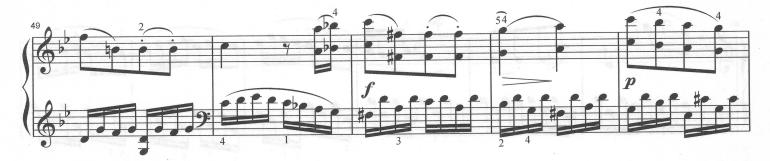












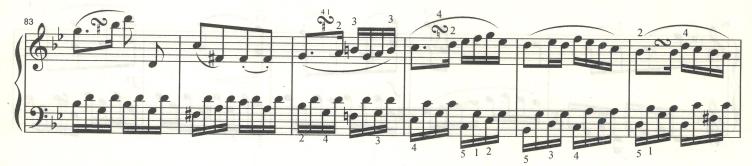
















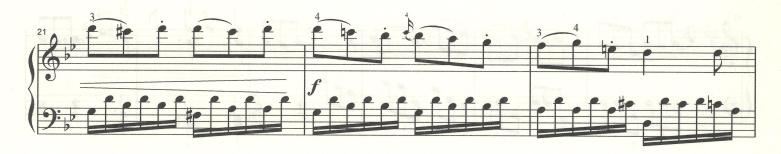








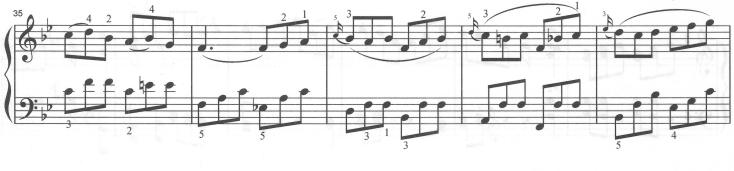


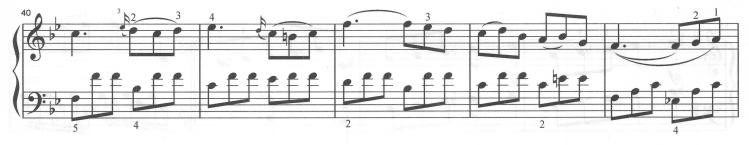




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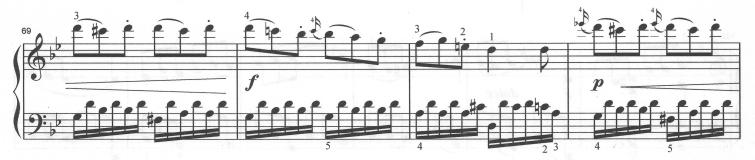


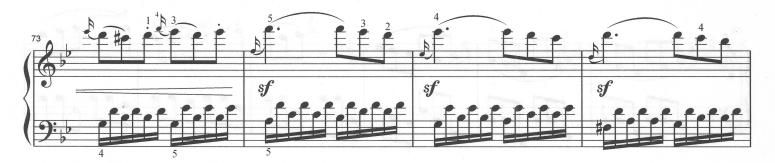


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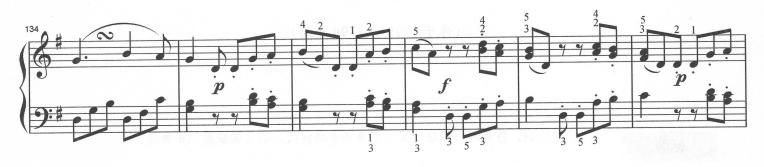


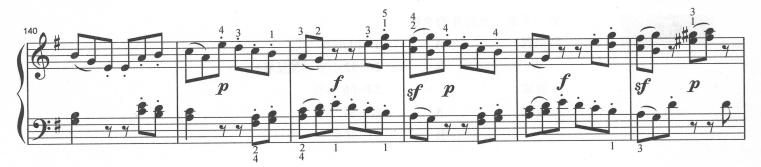


















## SONATA G major Op.49 No.2 Composed 1795/96

Title Sonata: A Classical composition in two movements. The first is in Sonata-Form; the second is a Menuetto.

Form First Movement Allegro ma non troppo (Not too fast) Exposition A measures 1-20 B measures 21-52 repeated Development measures 53-66 Recapitulation A measures 67-87 B measures 88-end

Second Movement Menuetto (Tempo of a Minuet) A measures 1-20 Bridge measures 20-26 B measures 26-47 A measures 48-67 C measures 68- 87 A measures 88-end

Style &

Interpretation Here is a shorter Sonata quite different in character to its sister of the same opus. The lines are much more expansive and melodic. There is a true sense of the piano tone and the pedal has become an integral part of the interpretation. Beethoven makes sure the pianist does not drag his/her feet by setting the meter in alla breve (the beat on the half-bar). There are no dynamic marks written in the first movement. Beethoven prefers to leave the subtleties and nuances to the performera assuming he or she has a good sense of musical style. The same is true in the Menuetto; he only marks a few pianissimos.

#### Advice on

Practice Listen for tone. The sound of the instrument is everything to this music. Take time to finish each phrase. Although Beethoven did not write in any dynamic changes, the pianist must be aware of the character change from the first theme to the second in m.21. The virtuoso scales of m.36 indicate a change of character, as does the key of D minor at the beginning of the Development section. The scales are not strictly legato but should be played with a kind of leggierosemi-detached touch, typical for the classical period.

Do not lose the energy in the Minuet. Though a courtly dance, Beethoven keeps it interesting, for instance, by changing the key to C major in m.68. Do not over pedal the left hand, and keep it light, graceful and moving. This is music that should sparkle.



Sonata in G major Op. 49 No. 2







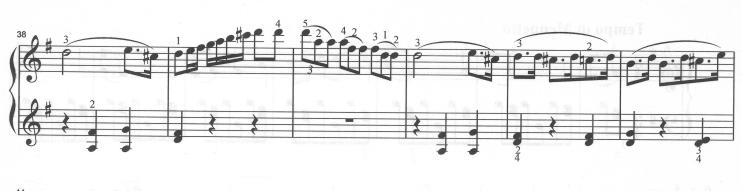






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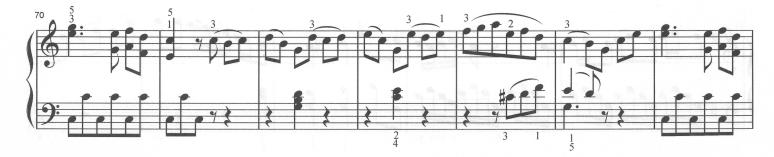












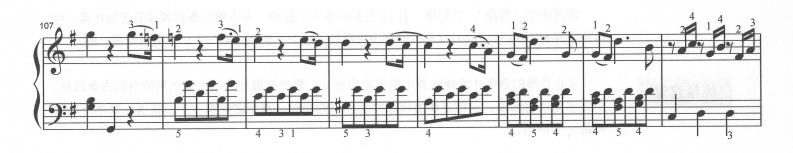
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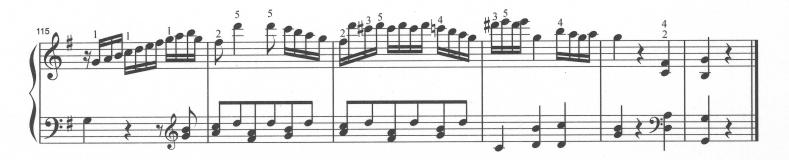












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#### TWO SONATINAS

Title Sonatina I: Printed after the death of Beethoven in 1827; probably written in his youth while in Bonn

Form First Movement, Moderato (Moderately fast) Exposition measures 1-8 Development measures 9-16 Recapitulation measures 17-24 Coda measures 25-34

### Second Movement, Romanze

Α	measures	1-8		
В	measures	9-21		
Α	measures	22-29		
Coda	measures	30-40		

Style &

Interpretation

The style of this piece dates back to the keyboard style of Haydn and Mozart. Since there are very few dynamic markings, it appears that it could have been performed on the harpsichord as well as on the fortepiano. The melodies have a simple loveliness from the Roccoco style of the classical period.

The Romanze is "romantic". It is like an XVIIIth Century Italian song. The left hand imitates a lute or guitar accompaniment and should be played non-legato with very little pedal. It is performed at a slightly faster tempo than the first Movement.

Advice on Practice

An elegant tone is necessary for this music to be graceful and charming. Strict observance of the slurs is also required to create the proper classical style. Avoid using the pedal as much as possible, thinking of only as a means of adding color to the sound. There is a duet taking place between the hands which requires listening intently to the separate voices.

### Sonatina No.1





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### SONATINA II

Also an early work, but truly written for the piano, not Title the harpsichord.

Form First Movement Allegro assai (Very fast)

Binary form (Two parts)

measures 1-18 repeated A B

measures 19-71 repeated

Second Movement Rondo Allegro (Very lively)

(smaller)	A	measures	1-16
	B	measures	17-28
	Α	measures	29-36
	С	measures	37-74
	Α	measures	75-94

Style &

Interpretation Beethoven's compositional technique of using dynamic contrasts for dramatic effect is immediately demonstrated in the first four bars: the first two bars are forte and legato, the second two piano and staccato. These sudden changes in dynamics and articulation typify Beethoven's style of composition. The Rondo also reflects this provoking style of writing: clear articulation and dynamic contrasts are of paramount importance.

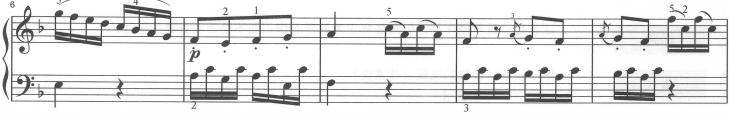
The general character of the Rondo is more playful and light than the Allegro.

Advice on Practice

Study in detail the dynamics as written. Attention to detail will make the performance more convincing. Try to achieve the appropriate clarity in the left hand. I would recommend a semidetached sound. For the sake of practice, I suggest exaggerating the dynamics until they become a unified whole, and the sharp contrasts feel more natural to this unique style. Beethoven obviously loved the capacity of the instrument to make these quick changes and disturb the listener. There is much humor displayed in this piece.

### Sonatina No. 2













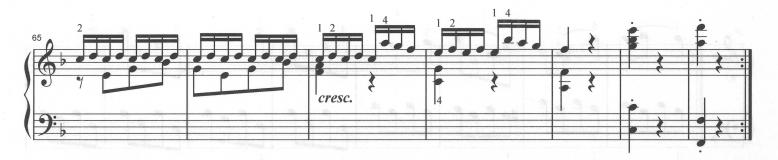










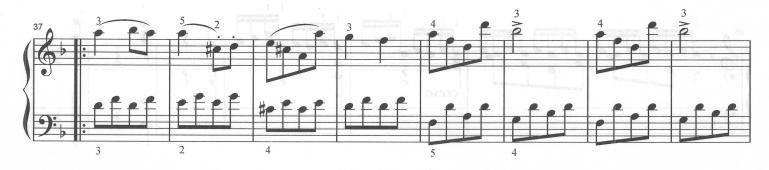






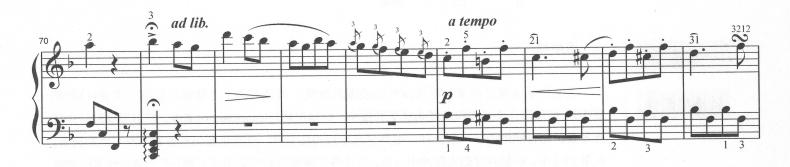
















#### FUR ELISE Composed 1810

Title This famous composition of Beethoven was probably written for Therese Malfatti, the daughter of Beethoven's physician. The dedication in the autograph, 'For Elise", was misread by an early publisher.

Form	Rondo	with two episodes
		A measures 1-22
		B measures 23-37
		A measures 38-59
		C measures 60-81
		A measures 82-end

Tempo Poco moto - In motion

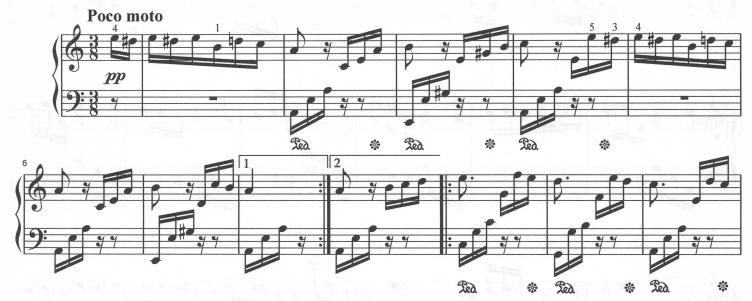
#### Style &

Interpretation This piece reflects Beethoven at his simplest and most romantic self. The genius of Beethoven allows him to organize a few tones over a Tonic (I) and Dominant (V) which then become one of the most beautiful melodies ever written. The piano, played in pianissimo, adds a shimmer to the sound as if the piano hammers caress the strings. Within the short minutes of the piece there are yet the continuing contrasting sections. In m. 23 it sounds as if the sun breaks through the clouds; Beethoven knows how to exploit the different tonal colors of A minor and F major. Awareness and sensitivity to these nuances are required in order to make a performance meaningful.

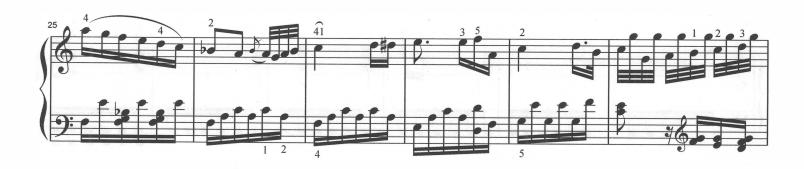
#### Advice on

Practice Listen for the color of the sound. The pedal as it outlines the chords will hold the lines together. The pedal should be used but never in a way that obscures the music. Also, one should take care not to change the pedal too abruptly, because it will prevent the melody from flowing smoothly. The pedal is a coloring device--- think of it as a means of making pastels. Be aware of the change of intensity in m.59; the repeated A portrays a sense of ominous expectation, like a distant thunder. Once again, the pianist is confronted with those subtle changes within the composition which are so typical of Beethoven.

# Für Elise



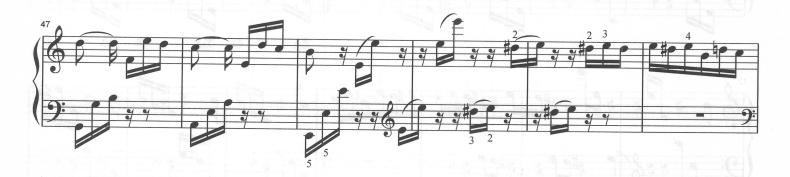










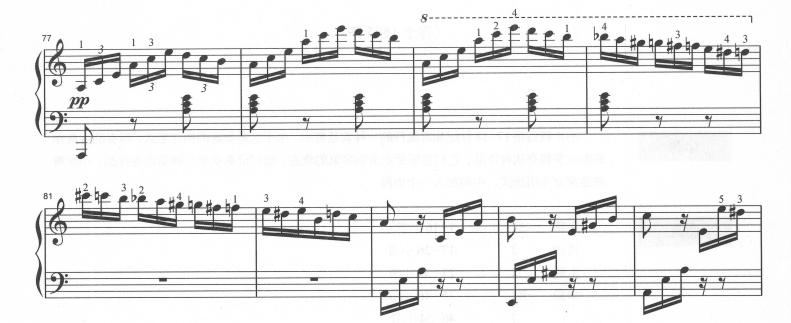




















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#### MENUET in E flat major Wo 0 82 composed 1803

Title The Minuet was a very popular courtly dance of the 17th and 18th Centuries. Since it was such a popular compositional form, all classical composers wrote many of them. They were also very popular with amateur pianists who loved to learn to play them. Generally, they were written in a two part form with a Trio in the middle section.

Form	Theme Episode Theme Trio	A 1 2 1 B 1 2 1	measures measures measures measures measures measures	17-26 27-34 35-46 47-54		
Tempo	Moderato-Mo	oderat	tely fast			

Style &

Interpretation This is a slow and regal Minuet. The chords are full bodied and the tempo is not fast. The counterpoint and suspensions are most interesting in m.21, but the Trio is really what makes the piece unique; an A flat arpeggio leading to the dynamic octaves makes for a lively contrast. In the Trio, I would not play a strict legato. It is a kind of Toccato writing, which is pure pianism, completely different from the Minuet.

Advice on

Orchestrate your chords well. There must be good Practice balance between the bass and the treble. Avoid thickness and maintain the dance mood. The pedal can be used, but only sparingly. Be sure to properly hold down the suspensions in m.18. Practice slowly and listen to each resolution. In the Trio one needs to shape the octaves in m.43. The contours of this line must be crafted elegantly, as well.

Menuet Wo O 82







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# BAGATELLE E flat major Op.33 No.1 Composed 1802

Title This Bagatelle is the first of the great set of Seven Bagatelles, Opus 33. They represent seven distinct character pieces. These "trifles" are gems of pianistic fantasy. His following sets of Bagatelles were all written late in his life when he was already deaf and unable to perform them himself. This one he most certainly performed in public.

Form	Α	1	measures	1-8
		2	measures	9-24
		1	measures	25-32
	В		measures	33-50
	Α	1	measures	51-58
		2	measures	59-74
		1	measures	75-82
	Coda		measures	83-end

Tempo Andante grazioso, quasi allegretto; a comfortable, unhurried, walking pace, in which the pulse can easily switch back and forward between two (andante) and six (allegretto) in a measure.

#### Style &

Interpretation It is easy to imagine this piece as a joke which Beethoven is telling his audience. For example, the lilting melody in mm. 1-16 is interrupted by the off-beat *sforzando* in m. 6. In spite of the *sforzandi*, remember that the basic dynamic remains *piano* until m. 20. From m. 16 till m. 25 the performer gives the impression that he is 'stuck', and the sfp in m. 24 signals his finally remembering the theme again. A similar trick is used in m. 45-51: the right hand seems to wander aimlessly up and down the keyboard, until the sf note, again, signals the return to the theme.

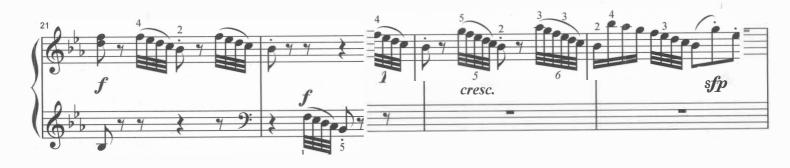
Advice on Practice The subtleties of this piece are more effective when the tempo is well controlled, and the basic dynamic remains *piano*. All articulation must be carefully observed, since every detail plays its role in the 'joke'. Bagatelle in E-flat major Op. 33 No. 1





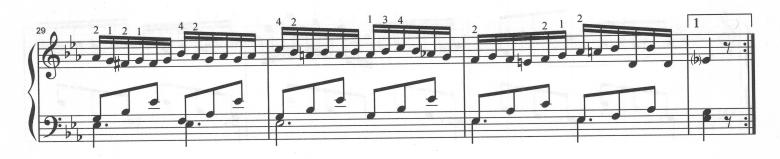






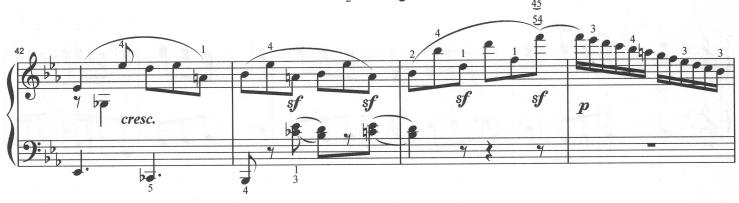
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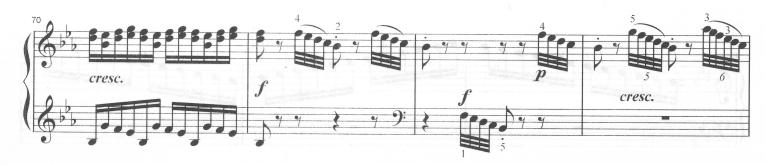






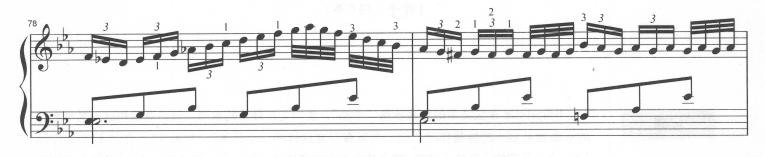


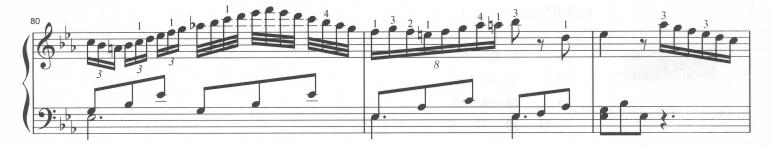




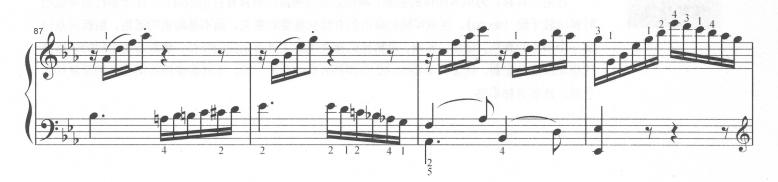
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# BAGATELLE C minor Wo O 52 Composed 1797

**Title** Bagatelle in French means a small trifle, something not to be taken seriously; and Beethoven's compositions by that name are short character pieces. Beethoven went on to write three sets of these "trifles", Op. 33, Op. 119 & Op. 126. This early Bagatelle stands alone and demands a great sense of dramatic timing and virtuosity, which is so typical of Beethoven.

Form

A	measures	1-32
В	measures	33-67
Α	measures	68-88
Trio	measures	69-137

Tempo Presto-Very fast

Style & Interpretation

Every register on the piano has its own character, and Beethoven exploits this as he places the theme of five staccato quarternotes all around the keyboard. Although no dynamics are given by Beethoven, I would suggest playing *piano*, except in measures 25-33 and 81-88, where the chords in the right hand suggest a louder dynamic. The continous staccato in the Presto is relieved by long legato lines in the Trio; the legato slurs are unusually long for early Beethoven.

#### Advice on Practice

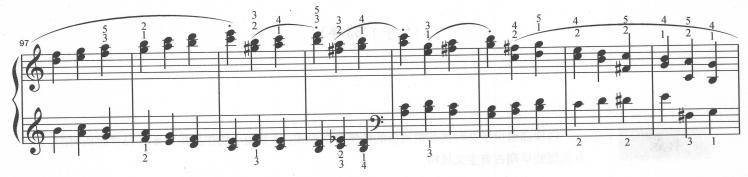
This is truly a piano piece. The Motive must be played somewhat percussively, rather "secco" (dryly) as the hammer hits the string. It is the hammer stroke which is important here, and not the pedal, which plays a very small role. Short, tight, motivic sequences define the music. Think in terms of orchestrating the motives using various instruments, similar to Beethoven's famous Fifth Symphony in C minor. The various timbres make the repetition of the motives more interesting and colorful. Bagatelle in C minor Wo052



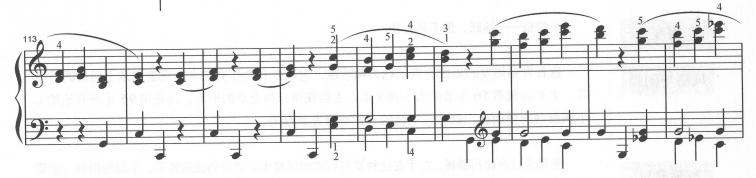
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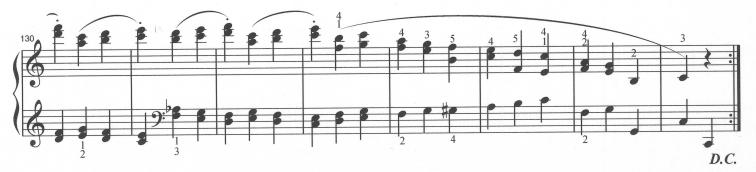












# RONDO C MAJOR Wo O 48 Composed 1783

Title The Rondo was a very popular traditional dance form in Beethoven's time. This short piece was written when Beethoven was 13 years old. It is typical for the early classical style of the period.

Form

A measures 1-36 B measures 37-55 Episode measures 56-80 A measures 81-94 C measures 95-140 A measures 141-end

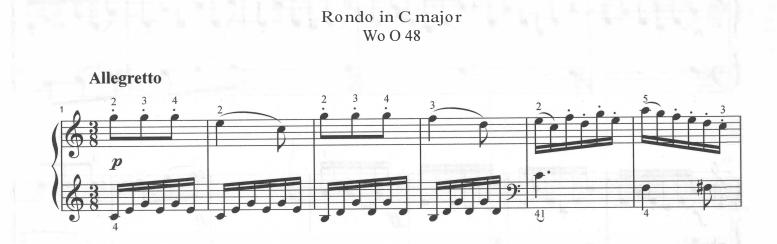
Tempo Allegretto-Lively, not too fast

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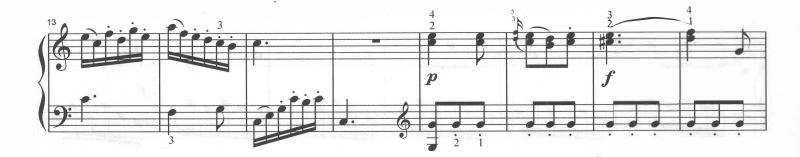
Interpretation This youthful work is full of charm and great fun. It contains all the elements of compositional art that foreshadow the later Beethoven. Notice, especially, the majorminor relationship in m.56; the theme takes on a whole new dimension. This is also true in the C minor section, beginning in m.95. Here the young virtuoso becomes very dynamic.

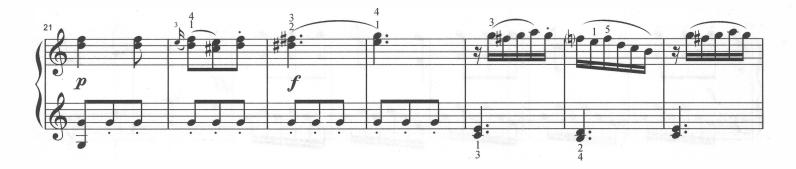
### Advice on

Practice Avoid using too much pedal. The left hand should be detached in this Roccoco style. Be sure to realize the proper articulation of the theme; the staccati and slurs must be clearly defined. The written articulation is not only a nuance to be observed, it represents the very style and character of the music. This is true for the dynamics as well.

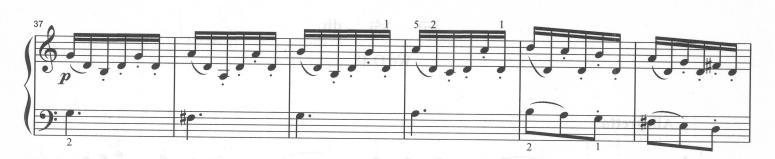






















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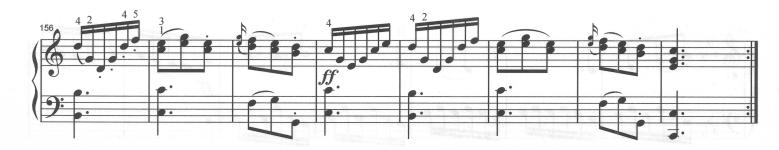












RONDO C major Op. 51 No.1 Composed 1796-97

Title Although this composition has a later opus number, it was composed when Beethoven was 26 and in his prime as a pianist. It reflects his genius as a composer and is a more mature work than the Rondo from his teens. Being the great improvisor, he could spend hours spinning his episodes and constantly returning to his theme. He enjoyed this spontaneous art-form throughout his entire life.

Form	Theme	Α	measures	1-16
	Transition		measures	17-33
	Episode		measures	34-42
	Theme		measures	43-51
		B 1	measures	52-58
		2	measures	59-66
		1	measures	67-75
main theme	e A flat maj			76-82
		2	measures	83-91
		Α	measures	92-104
	Co	oda	measures	104-end

Tempo Moderato e grazioso - Moderate and gracious

#### Style &

Interpretation Comparing this Rondo to the previous one, the pianist can observe the development of the thirteen-year-old Beethoven into a mature composer. By now he had absorbed all the music of Haydn and Mozart in Vienna and had become his own master. The theme is elegant and beautifully elongated. It could easily have come from an opera. The pianistic master is here at work demonstrating the complicated passages he is able to devise; these are never easily executed. The Minore C minor section is completely virtuoso. It is pure flare. One has to think of this rondo as an epic journey; the theme keeps coming back but we are transformed by each episode and departure. Though the theme is familiar, the transformations we experience allow us to hear the theme differently each time.

#### Advice on

Practice Identify each section of the Rondo. The form is not only architectural, it is also key, to the musical relationships, in how to interpret the piece. The contrasting sections here are extreme and the mutations of character and emotion make the piece come alive. Because of the musical contrasts, there is much rhythmical freedom. Allow the tempo to move when it becomes dynamic and impetuous. It makes returning home to the theme all the more sublime. Rondo in C major Op. 51 No.1









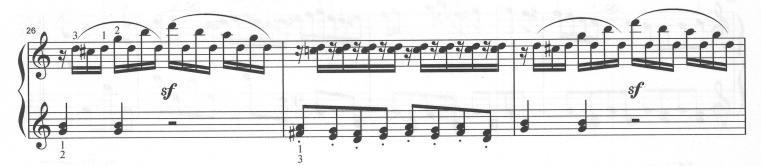


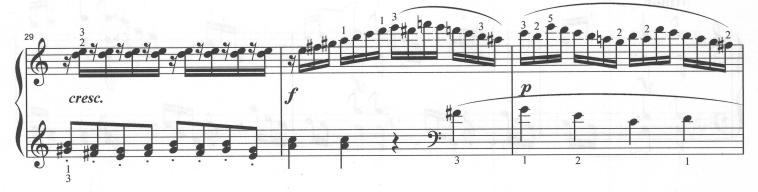
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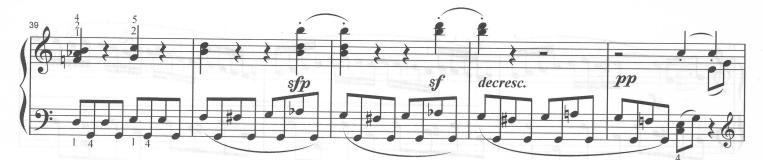






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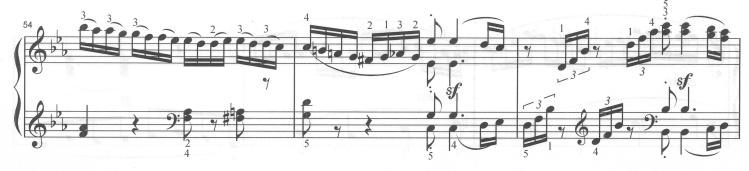










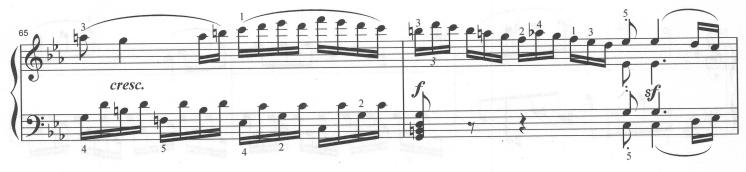


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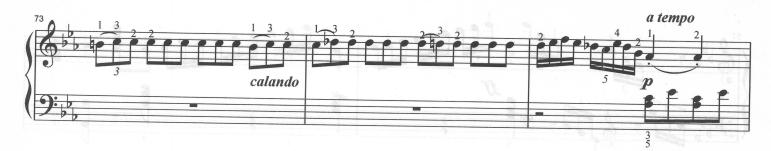


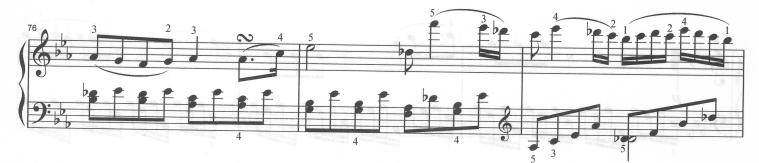




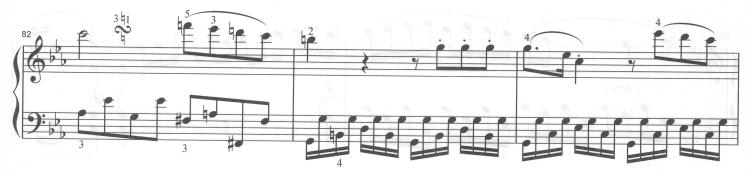


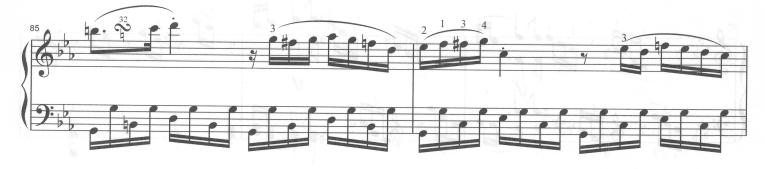
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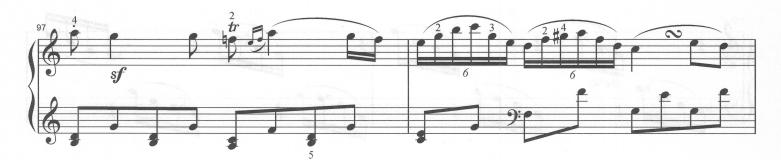


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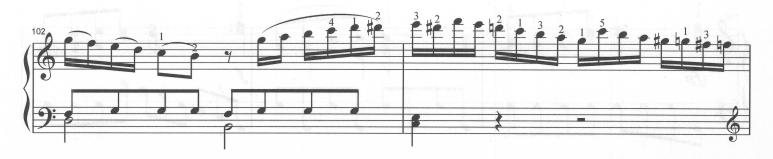












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SIX VARIATIONS from the Opera "La Molinara" by Paisiello The Song is " Nel cor piu non mi sento" Composed 1795 Opera: The [female] Mill Owner \* Aria:"My heart can no longer feel"

Title Beethoven was following the commercial practice of writing variations on popular operatic melodies of the time. Most of the public was familiar with these themes and enjoyed making music at home, playing the aria with imaginative variations supplied by Beethoven.

Form	Theme	A simple Italian melody, lasting twenty measures
	Variation I	A 16th note variation on the theme
	Variation II	Melodic skips in the right hand inverting the theme. Running 16th accompaniment in the left hand
	Variation III	The hands divide the chordal harmonies with sforzando off-beat punctuation
	Variation IV	Minor key in 6/8 time with strong emphasis on the appoggiatura, very "mesto" or sad.
	Variation V	The theme is in the upper register played by the left hand. The right hand is making triplet commentary
	Variation VI	Very virtuoso piano writing. The thumbs in both hands sustain the harmony and the theme is outlined in contrary motion between the hands

**Tempo** There is no tempo indication, since Beethoven's contemporaries were assumed to be familiar with the Aria

Style &

Interpretation Here the inventiveness of the composer shines. The simple Italian melody goes through its transformations, all the time taking on new life. The embellished passage work appears easy at first, but it is very virtuose. One variation quite naturally follows the other until the "Minore' with its complete change of mood. Think of the music as light and light hearted. It requires many hours of practice to mantain the "fun" of this piece. It is really just Beethoven showing off.

Advice on Practice It is absolutely essential to find the right fingering for these variations. If the suggested fingering is uncomfortable, please change it. Pianists change their fingering all the time. Also, write it in, so that you will remember it. You may do this several times until you arrive at a correct fingering. Practice slowly at first, and then in tempo. Only when the music is fully expressed will you know if your choice of fingering works. All the passage work must be smooth and effortless. It is indeed worthwhile spending the time to master these variations.



Six Variations from the Opera "La Molinara" by Paisiello





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#### SIX VARIATIONS Op.76 Composed 1809

Title Variations: A form used by Beethoven in many compositions. He was the supreme master of this compositional technique. Within his long career, he continued to develop his skills, culminating in the writing of his famous "Diabelli" Variations Op. 120 in 1823. Beethoven was famous as an improviser on the piano. He could sit for hours spinnig variations on any theme; something jazz musicians do today most naturally.

Form Th		Allegro risoluto ( Two eight bar phrases.
		Somewhat boisterous, like a military March.)
Variation	I	Much softer, weaving the 16th notes
		around the theme
Variation	II	Forte with rather punctuated accents
Variation	III	Dolce- A Duet in thirds as in Italian Opera
Variation	IV	Two characters colliding
Variation	V	A chordal variation of the theme in 16th notes
Variation	VI	Presto-Very fast in 3/4 time. Very operatic in
		thirds and full of energy like the theme

#### Style &

Interpretation The accented theme makes this piece typically Beethoven. The tune reminds one of a Turkish military march with cymbals and drums. It is percussive and forte. Exploit the different character of each variation. Each one relates to the theme, but has its own identity. Notice how the ideas change every two bars. Beethoven alters the patterns using this formula. Beethoven's extraordinary inventiveness holds this piece together. One idea continues to lead into another.

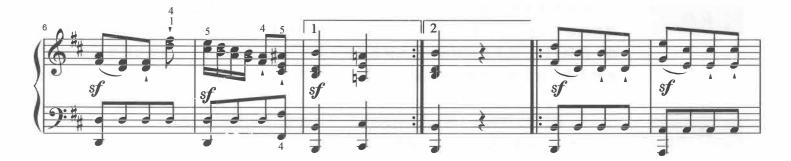
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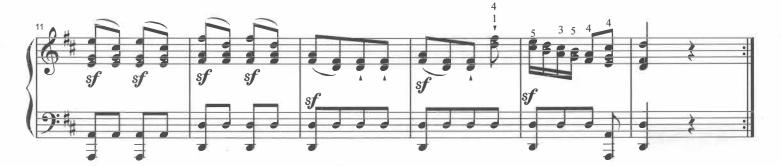
Practice Study the theme and become familiar with its character and identity; this remains true for each variation. The sforzandi are of particular importance as they establish a rhythmic musical dialogue. They are meant to provoke the listener. Notice how serene the music becomes in Variation IV when he removes his accents and writes leggiermente. His Presto Variation VI is a wonderful change to 3/4 meter. The parallel thirds are a virtual study in virtuoso piano playing.

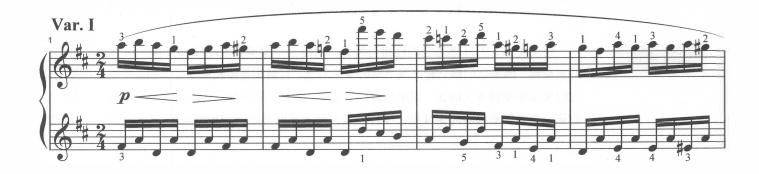
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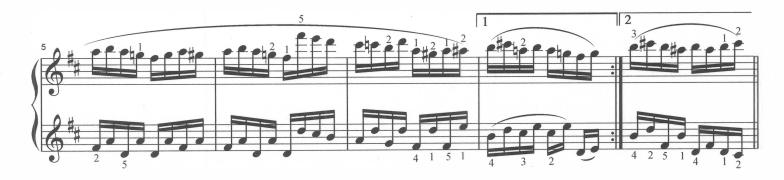
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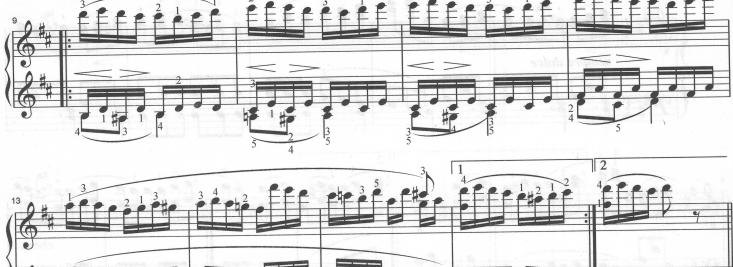














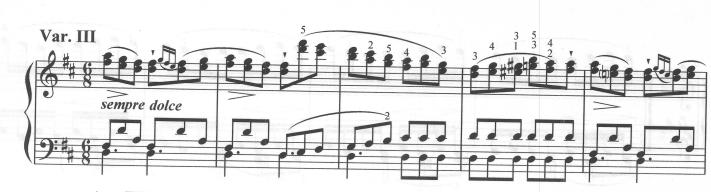








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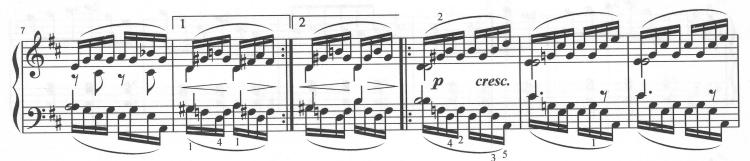




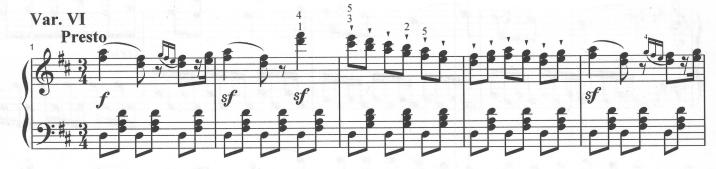


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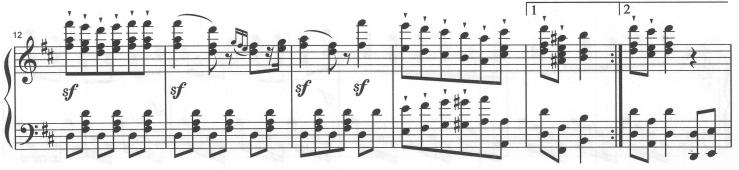








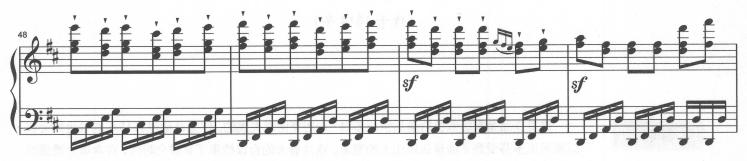


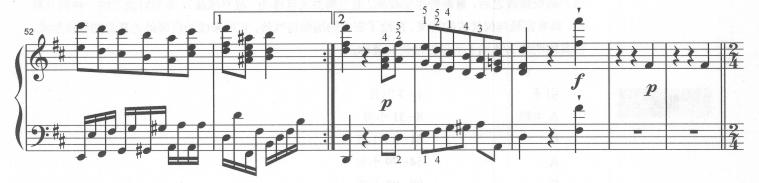


















POLONAISE OP.89 Dedicated to the Czarina Elisabeth Alexievna of Russia Composed 1814

Title This composition was meant to place Beethoven in the good graces of the Czar Alexander during the Congress of Vienna in 1815. This grand occasion marked the end of the Napoleonic Era and the restructuring of all of Europe following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. The Polonaise was a popular Polish dance at the time, courtly and processional in background, depicting a great deal of pomp and grandeur. It went on to become one of Chopin's favorite compositional forms marked by its deliberate rhythmic motives in 3/4 time

Form	Introduction	measures	1-7
	A theme	measures	8-31
	В	measures	31-53
	Α	measures	54-79
	С	measures	
	Bridge A major		
	Α	measures	119-end

Tempo Alla Polacca vivace- In Polish style-lively

#### Style &

Interpretation I hope the Czarina did not have to play this piece, because it would have left her very little time for the Czar. From the opening introduction Beethoven displays his pianistic gifts with the scales in the parallel sixths. It is an example of the knuckle breakers he loved to write and perform; none of his contemporaries could match his virtuosity. The Polonaise theme is elegant and not heroic, very galant. It is necessary to think of it in a light mode, otherwise the repeated notes of the Polonaise rhythm will not be clear. The dance is stately and should not be played too fast. Besides mastering the elegant theme, one needs to pay constant attention to the demands of virtuoso playing. The trills and ornaments require precise execution. It appears the artist/composer wanted to impress the royalty with his pianism.

#### Advice on

Practice Perfect fingering is mandatory in this piece. Obligatory as well are the necessary hours of slow practice. Do not try to learn the piece all at once but do so phrase by phrase and section by section. Because of the difficulty of the music, it is necessary to memorize immediately. It is important to isolate each technical and problematic passage. For instance, in the opening sixths, master each hand individually before putting them together. The trills in m.106 and the following diminished chords must be mastered one at a time. Here is a piece of such difficulty that one must learn patience to master it.



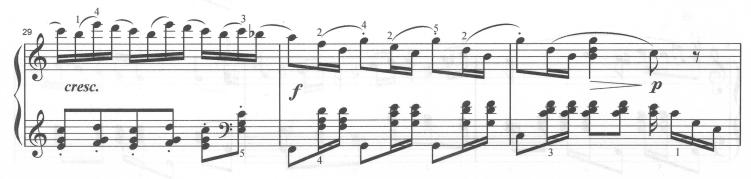
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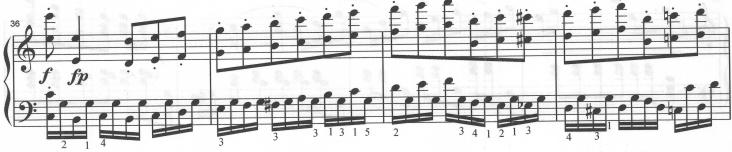


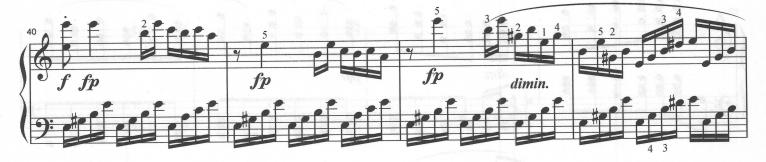














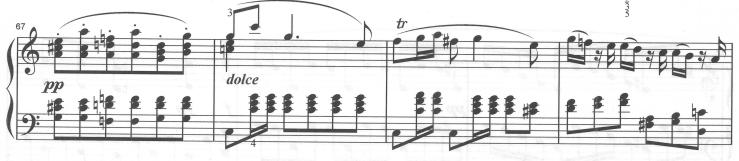




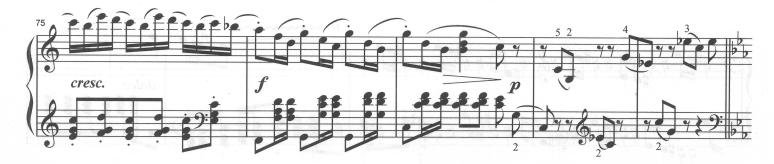




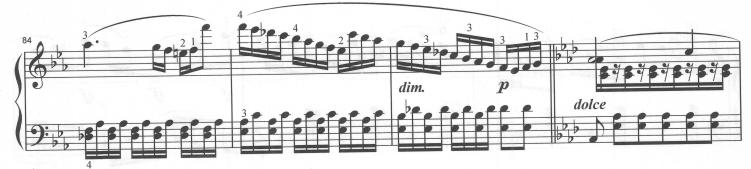




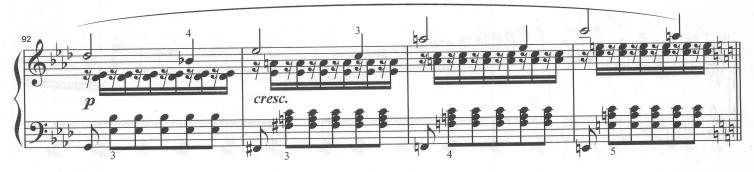












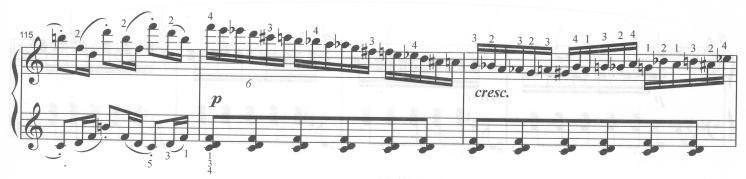




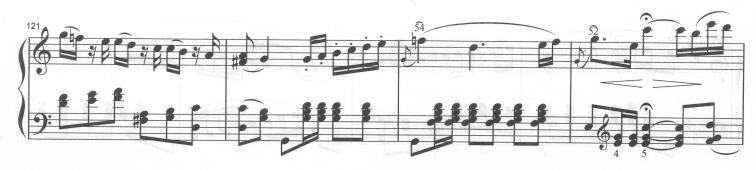












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