

# ACCESS FREE ABBY WHITESIDE ON PIANO PLAYING INDISPENSABLES OF PIANO PLAYING AND MASTERING THE CHOPIN ETUDES AND OTHER ESSAYS

## **Abby Whiteside on Piano Playing**

Contains the texts of two books by piano teacher Abby Whiteside, the first, "Indispensables of Piano Playing," in which she explains her rhythm-based method of learning to play, and the second, "Mastering the Chopin Etudes and Other Essays," in which she applies her principles to the performance of the Chopin Etudes.

## **Mastering the Chopin Etudes and Other Essays**

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## **Indispensables of Piano Playing**

Originally published in 1997, *The Pianist's Bookshelf*, was, according to the *Library Journal*, "a unique and valuable tool." Now rewritten for a modern audience, this second edition expands into the 21st century. A completely revised update, *The Pianist's Bookshelf, Second Edition*, comes to the rescue of pianists overwhelmed by the abundance of books, videos, and other works about the piano. In this clear, easy-to-use reference book, Maurice Hinson and Wesley Roberts survey hundreds of sources and provide concise, practical annotations for each item, thus saving the reader hours of precious research time. In addition to the main listings of entries, such as "Chamber Music" and "Piano Duet," the book has indexes of authors, composers, and performers. A handy reference from the masters of piano bibliography, *The Pianist's Bookshelf, Second Edition*, will be an invaluable resource to students, teachers, and musicians.

## **Indispensables of Piano Playing, Abby Whiteside. [2d. Edition. Foreword by Marion Flagg, Joseph Prostakoff, Sophia Rosoff, Stanley Baron].**

"For centuries, poets and philosophers have written about the power of music, often suggesting that music is the essence of life itself, that music lives within us, that we are music. Scientists have dismissed these writings as flights of poetic fancy, or perhaps metaphor or artistic license. They have considered music to be a product of culture, and that's the way musicians have studied music as well. But have poets and philosophers perhaps had a better sense of the true nature of music? Have they been right all along in suggesting that music is life itself?"--

## **The Pianist's Bookshelf, Second Edition**

Dalcroze exercises are lessons of thrilling music improvisation. Teachers who experience Dalcroze

Eurhythmics at workshops become motivated to share the experience with their students but are often unsure how to translate Dalcroze principles from group work into one-on-one activities. The authors saw this genuine need and wrote *Rhythm: One on One* to answer the question: "How do I use Eurhythmics with only one?"

## **The Musical Brain**

Young pianists who decide to become professional musicians have many challenges to face. Carefully balancing aspiration with reality and inspiration with organization, experienced teacher Stewart Gordon creates a blueprint for transforming dreams into achievement. He guides young pianists through the details of how to prepare musically, navigate their college years, and forge a career that will provide a livelihood.

## **Rhythm: One on One**

In further developing Chopin's thinking on pianism, this book explores the keyboard's topographical symmetry and the revolutionary impact of symmetrical inversion on piano technique and pedagogy. With copious excerpts from the extant repertoire, this is the first comprehensive discussion of fingering solutions for pianists since Hummel's monumental treatise of 1828.

## **A Discussion of the Abby Whiteside Technique of Piano Playing**

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## **Planning Your Piano Success**

Music is surrounded by movement, from the arching back of the guitarist to the violinist swaying with each bow stroke. To John Paul Ito, these actions are not just a visual display; rather, they reveal what it really means for musicians to move with the beat, organizing the flow of notes from beat to beat and shaping the sound produced. By developing "focal impulse theory," Ito shows how a performer's choices of how to move with the meter can transform the music's expressive contours. Change the dance of the performer's body, and you change the dance of the notes. As *Focal Impulse Theory* deftly illustrates, bodily movements carry musical meaning and, in a very real sense, are meaning.

## **Natural Fingering**

*Disability and Music Performance* examines discriminatory social practices in music conservatoria, orchestras, music festivals and music competitions, which limit disabled people's access to music performance at a professional level. Of particular interest are the disabling barriers that musicians with an intellectual, physical, sensory or neurological disability—or an acquired brain injury—encounter in the world of Western classical music, both as students and as professional performers. This book collects data in the form of semi-structured interviews and video and audio recordings to explore the voice, concerns and suggestions expressed by musicians with disabilities. It examines their perceptions of both inclusive and discriminatory practices in music institutions as well as the representation of, and audio-visual recordings by, key musical figures with disabilities. Its findings aim to contribute to the wellbeing of musicians with impairments by challenging disabling social practices that see them as inferior. This publication offers performers, teachers and researchers new perspectives for exploring some of the most common social dynamics in encounters between normative audiences, musicians and music critics, and musicians with disabilities. It invites the reader to recognise disability as a rightful identity category in music performance

and to dismantle the disabling barriers that limit the participation of disabled people in music-making.

## **Mastering the Chopin Etudes and Other Essays**

A Dictionary for the Modern Pianist combines nearly four hundred entries covering classical and popular pianists, noted teachers, terminology germane to the piano's construction, and major manufacturers—both familiar firms and outstanding, independent builders who have risen to the forefront in recent years. Speaking to the needs of the modern performer, it also includes entries on jazz and pop artists, digital pianos, and period instruments. As a resource for professionals and students, A Dictionary for the Modern Pianist is also accessible to more general readers, as all of its topics are presented in clear, readable expositions. Drawing on the most recent research of numerous specialists, author Stephen Siek emphasizes the piano's uniquely rich heritage, giving pianists a renewed appreciation for the famous artists and teachers who have shaped their art. Transcending simple alphabetical definitions, the dictionary's careful attention both to legacy and detail make it an invaluable addition to any pianist's library. Titles in the Dictionaries for the Modern Musician series offer novice and advanced musicians key information on the field of study and performance of a major instrument or instrument class. Unlike other encyclopedic works, contributions to this series focus primarily on the knowledge required by the contemporary musical student or performer. From quick definitions of confusing terms to in-depth overviews of history and tradition, the dictionaries are ideal references for students, professionals, and music lovers of all kinds.

## **Focal Impulse Theory**

A handy reference from the master of piano bibliography.

## **Mastering Chopin's Opus 25**

"Often overlooked in musical analysis, the performer plays an important role in the recreation of musical works. This dissertation incorporates the performer's perspective by focusing on social, physical, and mental processes of learning and playing music in the classical piano repertoire. Drawing on studies in music and narrative, the author argue that a narratological approach can extend beyond the listener's perspective to analyze the performer's experience." -- Abstract.

## **American Book Publishing Record**

In this biography, Heidi Von Gunden explores Fine's life and her music. The body of the work covers Fine's long life and career, and is followed by several useful resources including a chronology, catalog, discography, and bibliography.

## **Piano Quarterly Newsletter**

Un'efficace metodologia di apprendimento è cruciale per il pianista professionista. Ma come rendere più efficace e veloce il metodo di studio? I ventidue criteri qui esposti sono altrettanti distillati epistemologici, progettuali, pragmatici, metodologici, che forniscono una guida continua su come, cosa e soprattutto perché si impara. L'autore, che vanta un impegno continuo - in sede concertistica e discografica - condensa in forma organica tutti i parametri implicati in quel complesso ed affascinante atto dell'apprendere e della preparazione, cui il pianista fa affidamento in sede esecutiva. Il trattato è un invito a suonare "prima nella mente, poi con le dita" ed uscire dalla nevrosi della separazione mente-corpo cui il "discorso tecnico" porta in molti pianisti.

## **The American Music Teacher**

Of equal value to teachers & students, this book is designed as a text in piano pedagogy courses at the undergraduate or graduate level but can be used by pianists who are learning to teach, experienced teachers & any pianists who are interested in performance. It examines piano teaching & playing from philosophical, historical, psychological & practical standpoints & sums up many of the important ideas necessary for successful teaching & performing.

## **Clavier**

(Instructional). This comprehensive method, called "Solid, readable and relevant" by Keyboard magazine and "The major work for today's pianists" by International Musician, is divided into four sections. The first, "A Philosophy of Music," deals with communication, cause-effect principles and practice disciplines. The second section, "Mechanics," covers all the basics of keyboard music and playing (notation, harmony, improv, sight reading, etc.), as well as their applications. The third section, "The Business Scene," contains guidelines and industry advice for contemporary keyboardists. Section four, "Interviews," provides insights into the artistry and technique of famous players such as Herbie Hancock, Henry Mancini, Edgar Winter, Keith Emerson, Paul Shaffer and many more. Includes an index.

## **Disability and Music Performance**

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