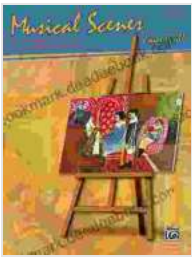


10 Intermediate Character Pieces for Piano Solo: A Journey through Musical Expression

As an intermediate pianist, you are ready to delve deeper into the realm of musical expression. Intermediate Character Pieces for Piano Solo offer a rich tapestry of emotions and narratives, inviting you to explore the expressive possibilities of your instrument. These ten carefully selected pieces will ignite your imagination and help you become a more nuanced and expressive performer.



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Each character piece is a miniature masterpiece, designed to evoke a specific mood, character, or story. From the whimsical and playful to the introspective and poetic, these compositions will challenge your technical skills while nurturing your musical sensitivity. Let us embark on this musical journey, discovering the hidden depths of these exquisite works.

1. "Reverie" by Claude Debussy

Rêverie

Claude Debussy
Ed. by Henry Clough-Leginter

Andante (in a sognando)

pp *Andante (in a sognando)*

Ad lib. Pedale

The image shows a page of a musical score for Claude Debussy's 'Rêverie'. It features four systems of music, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The score is written in a flowing, lyrical style with many slurs and ties. The first system includes the tempo marking 'Andante (in a sognando)' and the dynamic 'pp'. The second system has 'Ad lib. Pedale' written below it. The third system has 'ritmo p' written above it. The fourth system has 'mf' and 'dim' written above it. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '© Copyright 2009 Dover, Inc. (www.dover.com) All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured'.

Claude Debussy's "Reverie" is a dreamy and introspective piece that invites you to lose yourself in its ethereal harmonies. The flowing melody, supported by arpeggiated chords, creates a sense of tranquility and longing. As you play this piece, allow your emotions to guide your interpretation, capturing the essence of reverie.

2. "Für Elise" by Ludwig van Beethoven

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Für Elise

Bagatelle in A minor

Ludwig van BEETHOVEN
(1770-1827)
Op.125

Poco Moto

pp

5

15

p

22

dim *pp*

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Beethoven's "Für Elise" is a timeless masterpiece that continues to captivate audiences with its simplicity and emotional depth. The arpeggiated melody, coupled with the contrasting middle section, showcases Beethoven's genius for musical expression. Practice this piece to refine your finger technique while conveying the tender and heartfelt emotions it evokes.

3. "Clair de Lune" by Claude Debussy

30

Clair de lune

Claude Debussy
Op. 9, No. 3

Andante très expressif

pp

avec pédale

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The image shows a page of a musical score for the piano piece "Clair de Lune" by Claude Debussy. The page is numbered 30 in the top left corner. The title "Clair de Lune" is centered at the top, with the composer's name "Claude Debussy" and the work's identification "Op. 9, No. 3" to the right. The tempo and performance instruction "Andante très expressif" is written above the first system. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first system includes a dynamic marking of "pp" (pianissimo) and the instruction "avec pédale" (with pedal). The music is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 3/4 time signature. The score is overlaid with a diagonal watermark that reads "lookmark.deedeebook.com". At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "© 1900/1910 by C. Debussy, Paris (engraver) © 1995 by G. Schirmer, Inc., New York".

Debussy's "Clair de Lune" is a nocturnal masterpiece that transports you to a moonlit world. The piece's shimmering melody and ethereal harmonies evoke a sense of wonder and tranquility. As you play this piece, pay attention to the subtle nuances of touch and pedaling, creating a magical and immersive soundscape.

4. "Gymnopédie No. 1" by Erik Satie

GYMNOPIÉDIE NO. 1

By ERIK SATIE
1886-1925

Lent et doucement (slowly and tenderly)

Hand pedal

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Erik Satie's "Gymnopédie No. 1" is a minimalist masterpiece that exudes a sense of timelessness and mystery. The haunting melody, played with a detached touch, creates an atmospheric and introspective piece. Focus on the precise execution of the repeated chords and the subtle dynamic changes to convey the enigmatic nature of this composition.

5. "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin

The image displays a page of sheet music for the piece "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin. The page number "30" is visible in the top left corner. The title "THE ENTERTAINER" is centered at the top. Below the title, the composer's name "SCOTT JOPLIN" and the year "1902" are printed. The music is written in 2/4 time and begins with a tempo marking of "100 BEAT". The score consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system includes a dynamic marking of "f". The music features characteristic ragtime syncopation and a lively, rhythmic feel. A large, diagonal watermark reading "lookmark.com" is overlaid across the entire page.

Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" is a joyous and energetic ragtime piece that showcases the syncopated rhythms and infectious melodies of the genre. This piece demands a lively and rhythmic approach, capturing the exuberance of the ragtime era. Practice the intricate syncopations and dynamic contrasts to bring this lively composition to life.

6. "Prelude in C Major, BWV 846" by Johann Sebastian Bach

The image displays a musical score for the "Prelude in C Major, BWV 846" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The title is prominently displayed at the top, followed by the subtitle "from THE WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER, BWV 846". The composer's name, "JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH", and the year "1730" are also present. The score is written for a single instrument, likely a harpsichord or keyboard, and is in the key of C major. The tempo is marked "Allegro" with a metronome marking of 122. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The music features a flowing melody in the right hand and a lively bass line in the left hand. The score is watermarked with "lookmark.deebeebook.com" across the page.

Bach's "Prelude in C Major, BWV 846" is a Baroque masterpiece that showcases the composer's mastery of counterpoint and harmonic structure. The flowing melody, supported by a lively bass line, creates a sense of majesty and grandeur. This piece requires a precise touch and a deep understanding of Baroque musical conventions.

7. "Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 114" by Johann Sebastian Bach

The image displays a musical score for the Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 114 by Johann Sebastian Bach. The score is presented in a standard piano format with two staves per system: a treble clef staff for the right hand and a bass clef staff for the left hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The piece is in G major and consists of 24 measures. The score is divided into six systems, each containing two staves. The first system is labeled 'Minuet [1]' and 'Christian Petzold'. The notation includes various rhythmic values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano). The piece concludes with a final cadence in the last measure.

Bach's "Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 114" is a charming and elegant dance piece that evokes the courtly atmosphere of the Baroque era. The graceful melody and flowing bass line create a sense of lightness and refinement. Practice this piece to develop your control over dynamics and phrasing, capturing the delicate nuances of the minuet.

8. "Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36, No. 1" by Muzio Clementi

Sonatina in D Major

Muzio Clementi
Op. 36, No. 1

Allegro con spirito

f *p* *f* *f* *f*

*Play the sixteenth notes, quavers, on the beat

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Clementi's "Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36, No. 1" is a delightful and accessible piece that is perfect for intermediate pianists. The lively opening movement showcases your dexterity, while the contrasting slow movement allows you to explore your expressive range. This sonatina provides a well-rounded workout for your technical and musical skills.

9. "Nocturne in E-flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2" by Frédéric Chopin

Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2
Composed by Frédéric Chopin

Andante = 132
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