LATE INTERMEDIATE BOOK 5

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10 Piano Solos in 10 Styles

Melody Bober

What could be more exhilarating than receiving the score of a perfect "10"? Olympic athletes, as well as competitors in sports, dance, and music, strive for those high marks. In fact, we all work to achieve perfection in the activities we enjoy. Wouldn't it be wonderful to find a resource that offers pianists a chance to shine at any level—solos in all styles and from all periods of music history that promote technical skills and offer the dream to succeed in performance?

Introducing *A Perfect 10*, Book 5, a collection of solos designed to promote musical excellence for the late-intermediate pianist. I chose a favorite teaching piece from the four stylistic periods—Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. I then wrote six original pieces in jazz, blues, ragtime, Latin, ballad, and showstopper styles. These 10 solos provide students with technical challenges as well as expressive opportunities for musical growth in mood, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, articulation, and dynamics.

You do not have to be an Olympic hopeful to achieve a perfect "10," but you might feel like one as you practice and perform these selections!

Best wishes for successful music making,

Melody Boler

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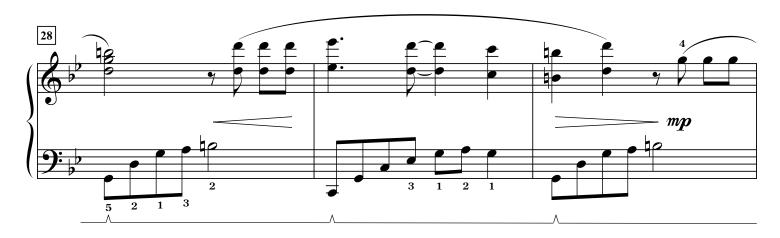
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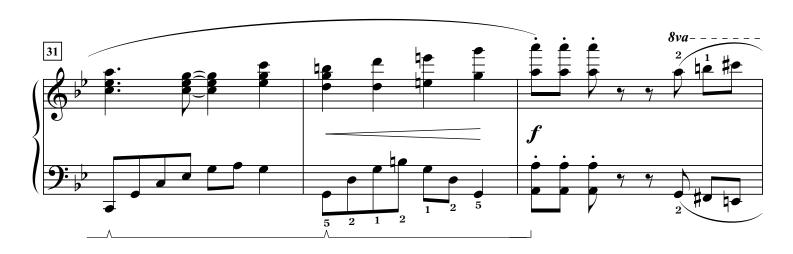


Rose Tango

Latin

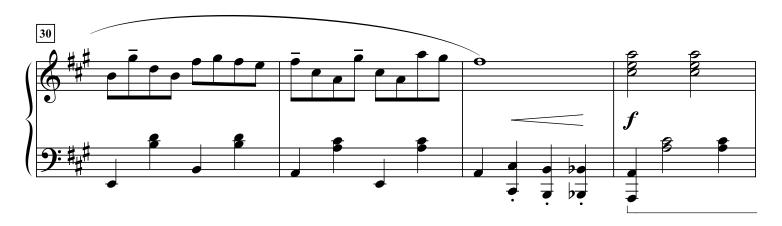




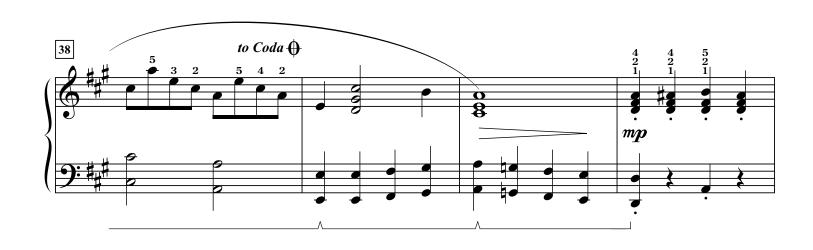


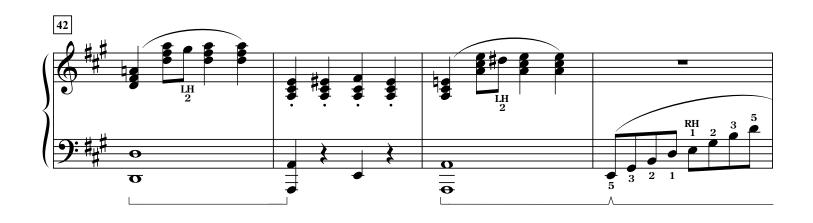












Solfeggio in C Minor

Baroque

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach



A Walk through Boston Common

Boston Common is a public park located in the center of Boston, Massachusetts. Almost 50 acres in size, it became the first American public park in 1634 and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1987. The Common is part of the Freedom Trail, a path through downtown Boston that leads to 16 significant historic sites.



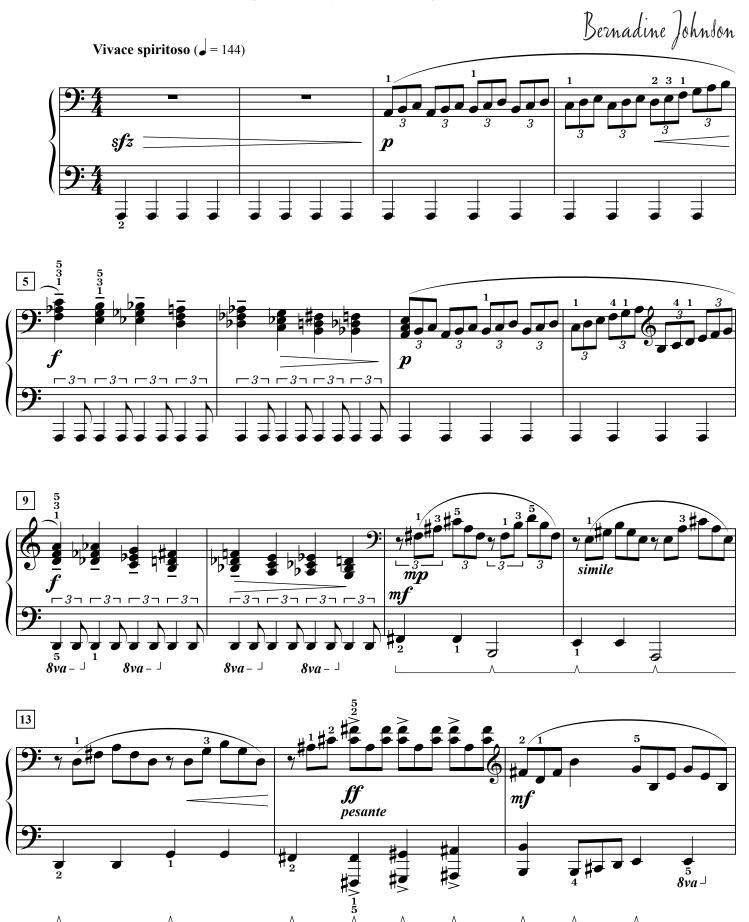
Nantucket Nocturne

Nantucket is an historic island located 30 miles off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Although it is only 14 miles long and 3.5 miles wide, Nantucket has over 80 miles of beaches. During the summer, the population of the island swells from 10,000 to 50,000 due to tourists and summer residents who enjoy its beautiful sunsets, landscapes, harbors, and historic homes.



The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

Paul Revere (1734–1818) was a prosperous and important Boston silversmith. He is famous for his midnight ride from Charlestown to Lexington in April of 1775 to alert the Colonial army about the approaching British forces. His ride was later dramatized in the well-known poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882), Paul Revere's Ride.



All Aboard

Massachusetts has made several major contributions to the advancement of the railway system. The first commercial railway in the United States was constructed in Quincy in 1826 to carry the granite used to erect the Bunker Hill Monument in Charleston. The Boston & West Worcester Railroad was the first to charge commuter fares beginning in 1938. The first subway system in the United States was built in 1897 in Boston.

Bernadine Johnson





8 Late Intermediate Pieces in a Variety of Styles

ROBERT D. VANDALL

Part of the definition of the word "extravaganza" is "an exciting show or event featuring extreme freedom of style and structure." Each solo in *Piano Extravaganza* features pianistic freedom within the style and form of the piece. Even when the hands move freely around the keyboard, my goal was to keep the technique required to play each piece within limited boundaries to ensure student success. I wanted the solos to feel comfortable in the hands, yet sound good and impressive to an audience. In addition, students playing the pieces should feel that they are creating interesting, yet worthwhile musical experiences, whether the piece is slow and introspective or fast and brilliant.

I hope that teachers, students, and audiences alike enjoy each musical extravaganza in this book.

Robert D. Vandale

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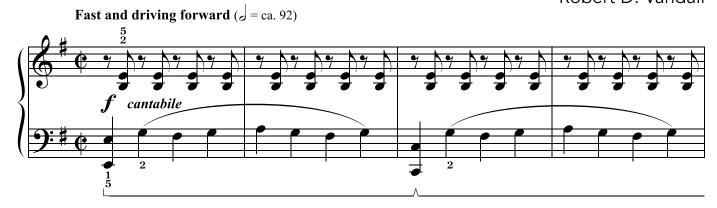


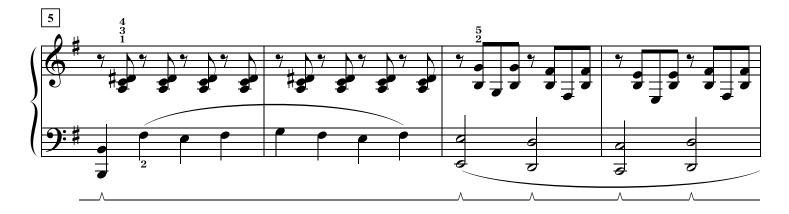
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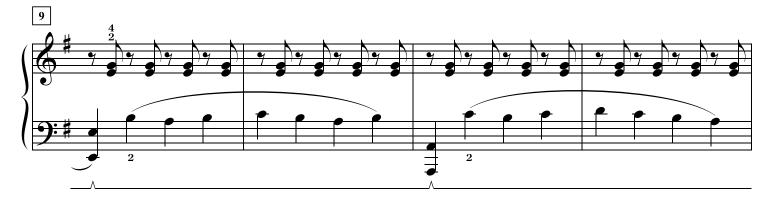


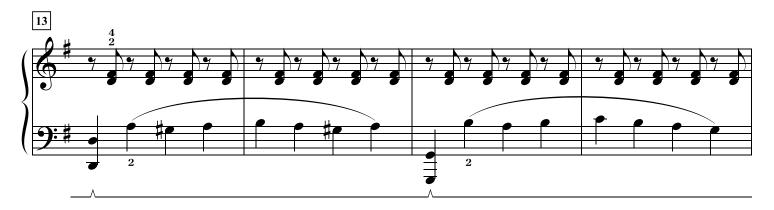
Storm Warning

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Empty Stage Rag



The Meandering Missouri

The Missouri River is the longest river in North America. Flowing from the Rocky Mountains of Montana, the Missouri travels for over 2,000 miles before merging with the Mississippi River near St. Louis, Missouri. Explorers Lewis and Clark, as part of their Corps of Discovery expedition, became the first to travel the river's entire length in 1804–1806.



Black Gold Rag

Since the early 2000s, North Dakota has seen a boom in crude oil production. The oil fields have created a modern "gold rush," leading to the valuable oil being nicknamed "black gold." Second only to Texas, the state has become a major oil producer and has experienced an economic and population explosion in what used to be one of the least densely populated states.



A Garden of Peace

Founded in 1932, the International Peace Garden lies on the border of North Dakota, United States, and Manitoba, Canada. Created as a symbol of friendship between the two countries, the garden features a 14-chime bell tower that rings while terraced formal gardens with reflecting pools display colorful arrays of over 150,000 flowers.



Hurricane!

Hurricanes, also known as tropical cyclones, are massive, rotating storms characterized by heavy rain and sustained wind. In September of 1989, Hurricane Hugo struck Charleston, South Carolina. A Category 4 hurricane, Hugo brought gusts of wind in excess of 100 miles per hour and 20-foot storm surges to the coastal city.



A Morning in Congaree

Congaree National Park is one of South Carolina's most delightful treasures. The 26,000-acre park boasts one of the largest hardwood forests in the United States, with some of the tallest trees in North America and one of the highest canopies in the world. Visitors to Congaree can enjoy hiking, camping, canoeing, and bird watching in a beautiful swampland forest untouched by human development.



Myrtle Beach Boogie

The coastal city of Myrtle Beach, with its lively boardwalk, thrilling amusement parks, and beautiful beaches, draws over 14 million visitors to the South Carolina shore each year. Located in the middle of a 60-mile stretch of uninterrupted beach called The Grand Strand, the city is home to hundreds of restaurants, shops, and concert venues.

