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Invention No. 13 in A Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

BWV 784

Allegro (♩ = 88–100)

3

5 1 2 1 2 (4) 5 2 4 4

f *mf* *mp* *p*

2 1 4 1 5 4 2 1 1 5 2 1

11

5 4 2 (4)
5

mp

p

mp

mf

5 3 2 1
(3 2 1 2)

5 4 2 1 5 1 2 1 4

Sonatina in F Major

I

Anton Diabelli
(1781-1858)
Op. 151, No. 3

Allegro moderato (♩ = 120-138)

The musical score is written for piano and consists of 15 measures. The key signature is F major (one flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro moderato' with a metronome marking of 120-138 beats per minute. The score is divided into five systems, each containing two staves (treble and bass clef). The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a *pp* marking in the bass. The second system includes a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a *p cresc.* marking. The third system features a forte (*f*) dynamic, a *sf* (sforzando) marking, and a *pp* marking. The fourth system continues with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) marking. The fifth system concludes the piece. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes. Articulations such as slurs and accents are used throughout. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Le petit nègre

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

Allegro giusto (♩ = 120-132)

First system of music (measures 1-4). The right hand (RH) plays a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand (LH) plays a bass line with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2. The tempo is marked *Allegro giusto* (♩ = 120-132). The first measure is marked *f con molto ritmico*. The second measure is marked *marcato*. The third measure is marked *marcato*. The fourth measure is marked *marcato*. The RH has fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. The LH has fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Second system of music (measures 5-8). The RH continues the melody. The LH continues the bass line. The tempo is marked *Allegro giusto* (♩ = 120-132). The first measure is marked *mf*. The second measure is marked *p*. The third measure is marked *sub. f*. The fourth measure is marked *sub. f*. The RH has fingerings: 2, 1, 4, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1. The LH has fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Third system of music (measures 9-12). The RH continues the melody. The LH continues the bass line. The tempo is marked *Allegro giusto* (♩ = 120-132). The first measure is marked *mf*. The second measure is marked *p*. The third measure is marked *p*. The fourth measure is marked *p*. The RH has fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. The LH has fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Fourth system of music (measures 13-16). The RH continues the melody. The LH continues the bass line. The tempo is marked *Allegro giusto* (♩ = 120-132). The first measure is marked *p cresc. molto*. The second measure is marked *p cresc. molto*. The third measure is marked *p cresc. molto*. The fourth measure is marked *f*. The RH has fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2. The LH has fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1.

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ADD-A-NOTE (AAN)

When a problem occurs with two or three notes in the *middle* of a passage, practice those notes first, gradually linking the notes before and after until the entire passage is smooth.

A musical score for Bagatelle, Op. 5, No. 1 by Alexander Tcherepnin, measures 1-2. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It features a piano introduction with a treble and bass staff. A bracket labeled 'AAN' (Add-A-Note) covers measures 1-5, with sub-brackets 1-5 indicating specific note groups. Fingerings and dynamics like 'f' and '3' are marked.

Bagatelle, Op. 5, No. 1, Alexander Tcherepnin, mm. 1-2.

ADD-A-GROUP (AAG)

When a problem occurs with a group of notes in the *middle* of a passage, practice this group first, gradually linking the groups before and after until the entire passage is smooth. Practice ①, then ②, then ②+①, then ③, then ②+①+③, etc.

A musical score for Mazurka in G Minor, Op. 67, No. 2 by Frederic Chopin, measures 13-16. The score is in 3/4 time and G minor. It features a piano introduction with a treble and bass staff. A bracket labeled 'AAG' (Add-A-Group) covers measures 13-16, with sub-brackets 1-3 indicating specific note groups. Fingerings and dynamics like 'f' and 'poco rit.' are marked.

Mazurka in G Minor, Op. 67, No. 2, Frederic Chopin, mm. 13-16.

TWO FOR ONE (2/1)

When one hand is required to play multiple voices at a time, practice the passage using two hands. Listen for proper balance between the voices, taking care to bring out the dominant voice. Then practice the passage with one hand and try to maintain the same balance.

A musical score for Gavotte (from French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816) by Johann Sebastian Bach, measures 1-4. The score is in 3/4 time and G major. It features a piano introduction with a treble staff. A bracket labeled 'RH 2/1' (Two for One) covers measures 1-4, with sub-brackets 1-4 indicating specific note groups. Fingerings and dynamics like 'f-mf' and 'mp-p' are marked.

Gavotte (from *French Suite No. 5 in G Major*, BWV 816), Johann Sebastian Bach, mm. 1-4.

Gavotte

(from *French Suite No. 5 in G Major*) BWV 816

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

BACKGROUND

This is the fourth of seven dances in Bach's *French Suite in G Major*. The Gavotte originated in France in the 17th century. The rhythmic pattern includes two quarter note upbeats, reflecting the original dance steps. The Gavotte in G is often enjoyed as a separate piece and has been orchestrated and transcribed for many other instruments.

FEATURES

- The Gavotte is in binary form with the **A** section ending in D major at the repeat sign and the **B** section returning to the tonic key of G major.
- Both the **A** and **B** sections contain two and three voiced free counterpoint. The flowing stepwise eighth notes contrast with the staccato quarter notes that characterize the main melodic motives.
- In the A section the main melody is carried by the RH; in the B section the LH sings the melody and carries it to a cadence in e minor (upbeats to m.13–m.16).

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

Pencil Points

- ☐ Mark in the counting. Subdivide each measure into 4 beats in measures 7–8, 12, 16, and 23–24 even though it is in cut time (1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &).
- ☐ Cross out the tied note in measure 7.
- ☐ Circle the finger numbers in measures 2, 5–7, 10–14, and 17–18.

Preparatory Exercises

1. Play a G Major scale HS, legato and detached: ♩ = one octave ♩♩ = two octaves
2. Play a G Major scale HT in the following pattern: ♩ = RH detached, ♩♩ = LH legato

The musical score for the Gavotte in G Major, BWV 816, is presented in two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 4, and the second system contains measures 5 through 8. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand (RH) plays a melody of quarter notes with upbeats, and the left hand (LH) plays a counterpoint of eighth notes. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. A repeat sign is at the end of measure 4.