

Jazzin' Americana

FOR TWO



5 Late Elementary to Early Intermediate Piano Duets That Celebrate American Jazz

Wynn-Anne Rossi

Welcome to *Jazzin' Americana for Two*. This unique series is a journey through the jazz genre, honoring the history, diverse styles, and fabulous musicians who made this music great. While delving into appealing jazz styles, the performers will become familiar with the names of famous musicians like Mary Lou Williams, Charlie Parker, and Duke Ellington. From blues and bebop to boogie and rock, American jazz has made its profound mark on the music of the world.

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through the different styles. Rhythm workshops are included to help students count, then “feel” tricky jazz rhythms.

Please note that improvisation is not the focus of this series. Though improvisation is a key element in jazz, these books are designed as an introduction to the sounds of jazz. However, teachers and students may find it energizing to use a certain jazz style, left-hand pattern, or chord sequence as a springboard for free experimentation.

Enjoy this heartfelt, historic journey through *Jazzin' Americana for Two*!

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Pioneer Rag

Benjamin Robertson "Ben" Harney (1872–1938) was a pioneer of ragtime music. His "You've Been a Good Old Wagon but You Done Broke Down," written in 1895, is one of the earliest ragtime compositions on record.

Rhythm Workshop

Tap rhythm 3x daily.

mm. 9–10

Secondo

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Playfully, steady (♩ = 120)

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Struttin' Down Frenchmen Street

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Rhythm Workshop

Tap rhythm 3x daily.

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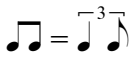
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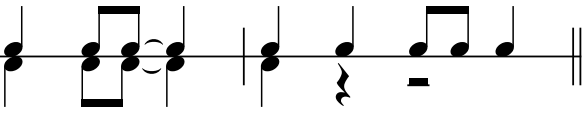
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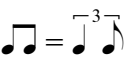


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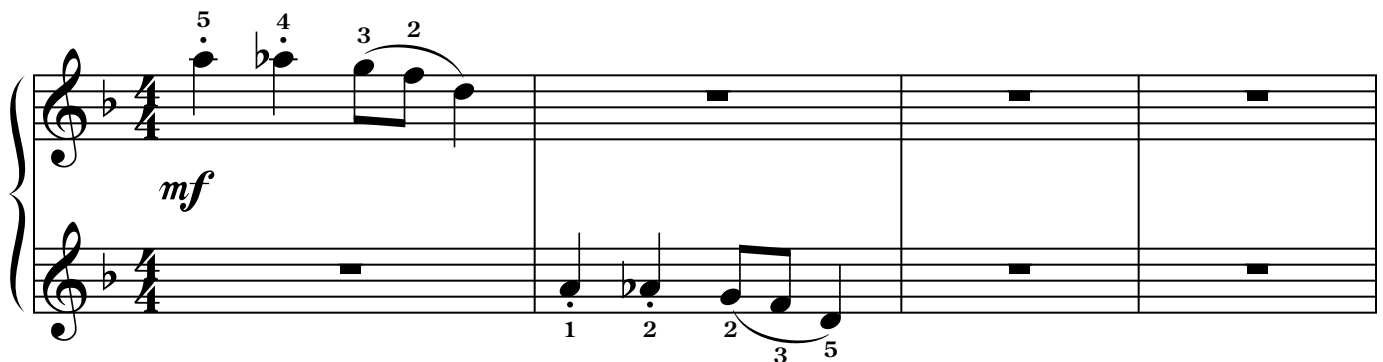
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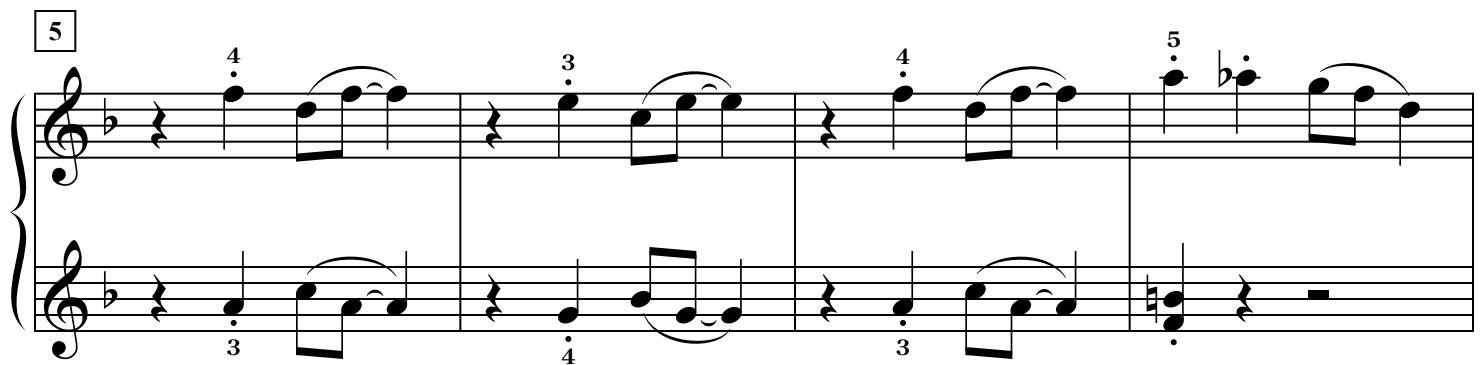
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