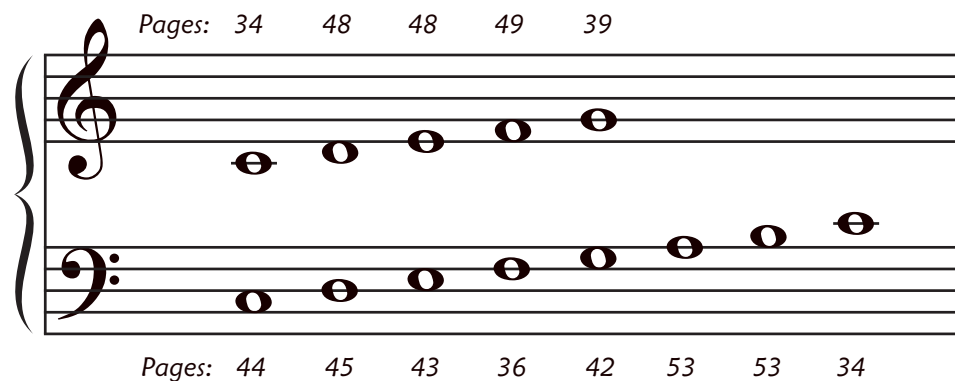


Overview of Materials in Lesson Book 1A

Notes Introduced



Musical Terms and Symbols

p *mf* *f* :||



Technique Principles

- Firm fingertips
- Natural, rounded hand position
- Strong hand arch
- Level wrists
- Good posture
- Finger coordination
- Movement up and down the keyboard

Rhythm Patterns Introduced

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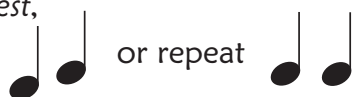


Workout 2 Piano Hands

- Lay your RH flat on the closed keyboard cover.
- Gently slide your fingertips toward your palm until your hand is in a rounded position, like holding a bubble.
- Your wrist should gently be raised so it is level with the back of the hand.
- Repeat with the LH.



In *Treasure Chest*,
notes step up



Treasure Chest



Play loud.

Move higher
to next
2-black-key group.

RH



from the hole,

Move
higher.



Move
higher.



Premier Performer

Play *Treasure Chest* again,
using this pattern:

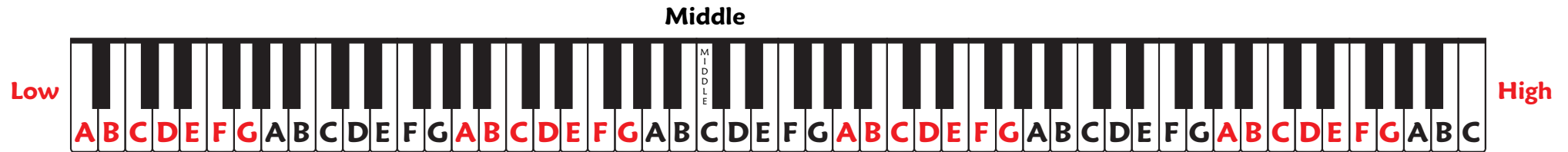


Duet
CD 6/7 GM 4

With confidence

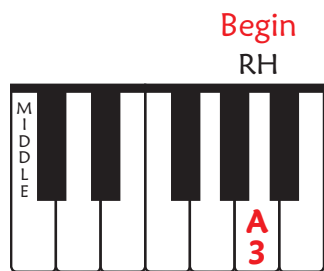
The Music Alphabet

The white keys on the piano are named using the first 7 letters of the alphabet. These names repeat over and over.



Name and play every white key on the keyboard, beginning at the low end and moving up. Use LH 3 for keys below Middle C and use RH 3 for Middle C and above.

Climbing the Music Ladder



Begin RH

4/4 ***p*** **RH 3**

Premier Performer

Play Climbing the Music Ladder again with LH 3, starting on the lowest note of the keyboard and ending on Middle C.

Teacher: Do not play the duet with Premier Performer.

Flowing

Duet

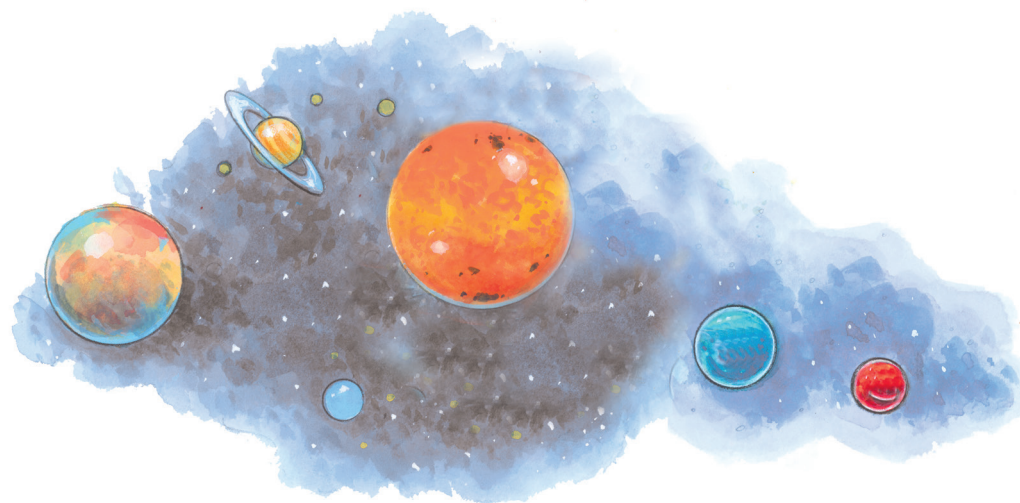
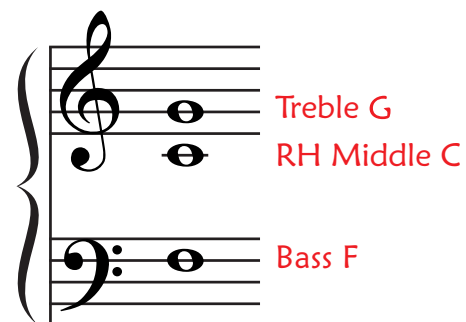
CD 24/25 GM 13

pp

simile

Landmark Notes

Landmark notes are important guides to learning other notes.



Twinkling Planets

Slowly drifting ☐ ☐

1 5 5 1

p Nep-tune, Sat-urn, Ve-nus, Mars— from the earth they look like stars. Twink-ling plan-ets, oh, so high in the clear night sky.

Name notes. ☐



Premier Performer

Play Twinkling Planets again, without the duet, high on the keyboard. Press the damper pedal and hold throughout the piece.

Slowly drifting
Both hands 8va

Duet
CD 60/61
GM 31

RH
LH

pp

1 3 5 4 2 4 4 2 3 1 5 1 4 2 1 2



Performance Tips

It is fun and challenging to play pieces you know for friends and family. Here are some performance tips:

- Before starting, think about the tempo and dynamics of the first measures.
- After you begin, keep going—no matter what!
- After you finish, put your hands on your lap.
- Stand to face the audience and bow slowly.
- Smile and feel proud of what you've accomplished!

Time to Celebrate

With confidence

1 4

f Time to cel - e - brate and smile; all my work has been worth-while. Now it's time to

3 1



Premier Performer

Play Time to Celebrate for a family member or friend.
Remember the Performance Tips.

Duet: Student plays one octave higher.

With confidence

CD 98/99
GM 50

RH 5 1 4 1 5 1 4 1 5 1 6 5 1 4 1 2 1

LH *mf* 5 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

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Fine