

Minnesota Moments is dedicated to all the Minnesota teachers I have met through the years at the Schmitt Expo.

Sparkling Waters

Minnesota is known for its beautiful scenery, fragrant pine forests and sparkling lakes. From Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters Area, to the headwaters of the Mississippi River and the many rivers and streams throughout the state, to the "Land of Many Lakes" (the state nickname), water plays an important role in the commercial and recreational activities of Minnesotans. In fact, the name Minnesota is taken from two words in the Sioux Indian language that mean "sky-tinted waters."

Joyce Grill

Quickly flowing

The musical score for "Sparkling Waters" is presented in four systems, each with a measure number in a box at the beginning (4, 8, 12). The piece is in 2/4 time and features a variety of musical notations including slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The first system is marked *mf* and includes fingering for the right hand (RH) and left hand (LH). The second system is marked *p* and *mf*. The third system is marked *p*. The fourth system is marked *p*. The score features a variety of musical notations including slurs, ties, and dynamic markings.

Parade of Festivals

The long, cold winters in Minnesota make it an ideal setting for winter carnivals and sports festivals. The oldest and largest winter festival held in the United States is St. Paul's Winter Carnival. However, festivals of all kinds are held throughout the year highlighting different areas of the state. These many celebrations include the Mayflower Festival in Duluth (June), the Rochesterfest in Rochester (June), Bloomington's River Rendezvous (September) and the Apple Fest in Bayfield (October).

Joyce Grill

Lively (in 2)

The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a tempo marking of "Lively (in 2)". The first system is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The second system, starting at measure 7, is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and fingerings. A performance instruction at the bottom states: "* Play all dotted quarter notes detached."

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