

Jazzin' Americana

FOR TWO



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

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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 George Gershwin, Oscar Peterson, and John Coltrane. From blues and bebop to boogie and rock, American jazz has made its profound mark on the music of the world.

Each duet is enhanced by interesting facts to awaken curiosity and broaden music education. Please encourage additional jazz listening and research as students navigate

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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Rhythm Workshop

Tap rhythm 3x daily.

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