



Carl Czerny in 1833 (Lithograph by Kriehuber)

As a favorite piano student of Ludwig van Beethoven, and as the teacher of Franz Liszt and many outstanding virtuosos of his time, Carl Czerny occupies a unique position in musical history.

Czerny was an indefatigable composer. His published works number more than 1,000, including symphonies, overtures, concertos, trios, quartets, solos, songs, choruses, offertories, masses, and requiems. But it is for his hundreds of volumes of pedagogical works for piano that he is best known today.

Czerny's fame as a piano teacher of unusual ability had spread by the time he was 16 years old. He held frequent student recitals in his parents' home in Vienna. Beethoven attended these programs often, and finally entrusted Czerny with the musical education of his own beloved nephew.

Among the most notable of Czerny's pedagogical works are the *Practical Method for Beginners on the Piano*, opus 599, and *The Young Pianist*, opus 823. Each of these consists of two volumes. These works may be profitably studied, particularly as material for reading and review, by all piano students, and are valuable for use as supplementary material with any piano method.

The *Practical Method* and *The Young Pianist* may be effectively used together, since they both begin with both hands in the treble clef, adding the bass clef after a similar amount of material is covered, and they both systematically introduce notes of various time-values and other musical principles in similar order.

In this new edition, the music has been more widely spaced for easier reading. While Czerny's excellent fingering has been preserved, all unnecessary numbers have been removed. The purpose of each

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PRACTICAL METHOD FOR BEGINNERS ON THE PIANO

OPUS 599
COMPLETE

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group of studies is more carefully defined through the use of additional categories for classification. The proper performance of ornaments, according to Czerny's own rules, is carefully explained in footnotes.

Book 2 of each of these books is concerned with the development of skill and dexterity in the keys of C, G, D, A, E, F, B^b, E^b, and A^b major. Exercises including all the important embellishments, such as appoggiaturas, turns and trills, are introduced. Advanced problems in combinations of rhythms, various uses of touch, phrasing, arpeggios, scale passages, etc., are found in both volumes, which may be easily coordinated for use together.



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Five-Finger Exercises with Quiet Hand

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