

James M. Stephenson

Italian Rainbow Cookie Cake

*for clarinet and piano*

from "Yehtudes" - a set of 12 clarinet etudes  
curated by John Bruce Yeh  
cover photo & title by Molly Yeh



# YEHTUDES

*A clarinet etude project in consultation with John Bruce Yeh, the long-serving Chicago Symphony assistant principal and solo E-flat clarinetist. 12 etudes created, focusing on common clarinet issues decided by John, and where each title is based on a recipe from blog-posts ("my name is Yeh") created by his daughter Molly.*

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*"Yehtude" #8 - "big legato leaps upward"*

**from composer Jim Stephenson:**

**This "Yehtude" is created as an effort to focus on upward leaps that cover large intervals.**

**Essentially a theme with variation, and a time signature that requires some rhythmic calculation, this "yehtude" is harmonically somewhat straight-forward.**

**Therefore, hopefully the player can concentrate on the leaps that span very large distances on the clarinet, and at varying speeds. (quarter notes, eighths, and sixteenths)**

**The rainbow in Molly's title inspired the slurs whose arcs resemble its colorful shape. The minor key and harmonies somewhat echo an Italian sound.**

**For fun, I added the ROY G BIV (rainbow) colors at key moments in the etude.**

**Jim Stephenson: July 29, 2018**

**More of Jim's music for clarinet can be found at [ComposerJim.com](http://ComposerJim.com)**

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title comes from Molly Yeh's blog: "My name is Yeh"  
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## Allegretto, with color

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*mf* *f*

17

[YELLOW]

*pp* *pp*

21

*poco a poco cresc.* *poco a poco cresc.*

25 [GREEN]

*f p* *f p* *f p*

28 [BLUE]

*f p* *f p* *f p*

31

*mf p*