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24 Lyric Preludes

Trumpet and Piano

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24 Lyric Preludes (2008) for Trumpet and Piano

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Program Notes

24 Lyric Preludes, a unified cycle of contrasting pieces in all major and minor keys, may be played in sequence, by book, or excerpted in any order that makes musical sense. As in Chopin's *24 Préludes* for piano, each major key is paired with its relative minor. But these preludes move softly down a descending ladder of thirds and flat-wise around the circle of fifths. Many aspects of the trumpeter's stock-in-trade are explored—double-tonguing, lip slurs, extremes of range and volume—as well as references to rhythms, patterns and problems encountered by the orchestral player. The tonal spectrum may be widened further through judicious use of cornet and flugelhorn and creative choice of mutes. (Wherever *con sordino* appears, the choice is up to the player.) While there are a few notable links between movements (e.g., the Improvisation to the Nocturne; the return of the Prelude tune in the Finale), each piece deals with a characteristic style or musical idea, and most stand on their own. The piano is an equal partner throughout.

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II.	Fluid dynamics	A minor	flow; evenness; agility	2	1
III.	A Knight's Tale	F major	heroic style	4	2
IV.	The Devil's Work	D minor	syncopation	8	3
V.	Taps	B-flat major	ascending slurs; purity of intonation	12	4
VI.	Galop	G minor	staccato; double tonguing	13	4
<u>Book II</u>					
VII.	Intrada	E-flat major	trumpet style; high register	18	6
VIII.	Autumnal	C minor	lip slurs	21	7
IX.	Barcarole	A-flat major	<i>legato</i> ascending and descending	24	8
X.	Proclamation	F minor	stability in <i>f</i>	27	9
XI.	La coquette (Valse romantique)	D-flat major	cornet style	28	9
XII.	Masquerade	B-flat minor	triple tonguing	32	11
<u>Book III</u>					
XIII.	Offertory	G-flat major	breath control in <i>sostenuto</i>	36	12
XIV.	An Insect's Life	E-flat minor	chromaticism; breath control	38	13
XV.	Chanson d'amour	B major	<i>cantabile</i> in the low register	40	14
XVI.	Death and the Maiden	G-sharp minor	low register control in <i>f</i> ; breath control	41	14
XVII.	Song of the Jester	E major	mixed meter	44	16
<u>Book IV</u>					
XVIII.	Improvisation	C-sharp minor	use of the third-valve slide; cadenza-style	49	17
XIX.	Notturmo	A major	<i>cantabile</i> ; tied rhythms	50	18
XX.	Canzona	F-sharp minor	articulation in <i>legato</i>	52	18
XXI.	March of the Ballerinas	D major	single tonguing	54	19
XXII.	Valse nostalgique	B minor	<i>dolce</i> tone	58	22
XXIII.	Siciliano	G major	<i>p</i> and <i>pp</i> in all registers; cup mute	60	22
XXIV.	Finale	E minor–C major	virtuoso style	63	24

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Trumpet in B-flat

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Book I

1. Invitation

(C Major)

Andantino $\text{♩} = 68-76$

Musical score for 'Invitation' in C Major, Andantino tempo. The score is written for a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Andantino' with a quarter note equal to 68-76 beats per minute. The dynamics include *p dolce* and *attacca*. The score consists of three staves of music, with measures 6, 12, and 18 indicated. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff begins with a measure rest and continues with a melodic line. The third staff begins with a measure rest and continues with a melodic line, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

2. Fluid dynamics

(A minor)

Flowing smoothly $\text{♩} = 68-76$

Musical score for 'Fluid dynamics' in A minor, Flowing smoothly tempo. The score is written for a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of no sharps or flats and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Flowing smoothly' with a quarter note equal to 68-76 beats per minute. The dynamics include *p*, *pp*, *mp*, and *mf*. The score consists of three staves of music, with measures 8, 14, and 20 indicated. The first staff begins with a measure rest and continues with a melodic line. The second staff begins with a measure rest and continues with a melodic line. The third staff begins with a measure rest and continues with a melodic line, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

14. An Insect's Life

(E-flat minor)

Prestississimo $\text{♩} = 48$

harmon mute (no stem)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in E-flat minor (three flats: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 12/8. The tempo is marked **Prestississimo** with a quarter note equal to 48 beats per minute. The instruction *harmon mute (no stem)* is present. The score consists of five staves of music, numbered 1 through 9 at the beginning of each line. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The music is characterized by rapid sixteenth-note passages, often beamed in groups of four. A *ppp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking is placed below the first staff, followed by the word *sempre*. Phrasing slurs are used to group measures, and breath marks (double slanted lines) are placed below the staff at measures 3, 5, and 7. Accents (>) are placed above specific notes in measures 7 and 9.

23. Siciliano

(G major)

Moderato $\text{♩} = 42$

cup mute
ossia 8^{va}

pp

5

2

24. Finale

Vivace ♩ = 144

poco p

6

11

f > p

16

mf *sffz*

21

f

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1. Invitation

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Trumpet in C

Piano

p dolce

p

And. *And.* *sim.*

7

13

meno f

8va *loco*

attacca *

6. Galop

(G minor)

Light and quick ♩ = 138

p

8va

f

pp

tre corde

8

mf

Red. *

15

mf

p

pp

mf

p

21

mf

p

mf

mf

p

mf

10. Proclamation

(F minor)

Largo e sostenuto ♩ = 63

sempre f

f

f *ff*

ff

Very freely *rall.*

p *mp* *p*

sfz *p* *ppp*

17. Song of the Jester

(E major)

Giocosso $\text{♩} = 132$

pp

mp

p

mf

cresc.

22. Valse nostalgique

(B minor)

Gently swinging ♩ = 46

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It is in B minor (two sharps: F# and C#) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 46, and the mood is "Gently swinging".

System 1 (Measures 1-7): The voice part has whole rests. The piano part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with dotted half notes and quarter notes.

System 2 (Measures 8-14): The voice part continues the melody, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano part continues with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with some grace notes, and the left hand continues the accompaniment.

System 3 (Measures 15-21): The voice part has a short melodic phrase marked mezzo-piano (*mp*). The piano part continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand has a melodic line with grace notes, and the left hand continues the accompaniment.

24. Finale

Vivace ♩ = 144

The musical score for "24. Finale" is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of Vivace (♩ = 144). It is in G major and consists of five systems of staves. The first system includes a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "poco p" and "ff" markings. The second system continues the treble staff and piano staff with "p" and "mf" markings. The third system features a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "mp" and "f" markings. The fourth system includes a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "pp" and "f" markings. The fifth system continues the piano staff with "f" and "p" markings. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

The score is divided into five systems, each with a measure number in the left margin: 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17. The first system (measures 1-4) includes a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "poco p" and "ff" markings. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the treble staff and piano staff with "p" and "mf" markings. The third system (measures 9-12) features a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "mp" and "f" markings. The fourth system (measures 13-16) includes a treble staff with triplets and a piano staff with "pp" and "f" markings. The fifth system (measures 17-20) continues the piano staff with "f" and "p" markings.