## FOREWORD

The following 44, of 100, pages are from Keyboard Accompaniment, BASICS A For the music concepts to be reinforced, the complete book is recommended.

Routinely creating accompaniment for two or three new melodies, the ability to quickly sense a change of harmony is strengthened. Repeatedly choosing chords, progressions, rhythmic styles and embellishments, both the decision-making and the hearing skills are targeted and stimulated to a point where creating an appropriate accompaniment becomes intuitive. To help reach this goal, the Keyboard Accompaniment Series provides a wide variety of melodies for practice and enjoyment.

Developing your own expression, exploring chords and experiencing the joy of creating, can be fascinating and exciting! Listen carefully and have fun!

Musically yours,

## Gayle Dunsmoor

## Keyboard Accompaniment BASICS A SAMPLES

## KEYBOARD ACCOMPANIMENT OBJECTIVES

1. Give the knowledge and technical skills to hear and/or look at a melody, in any key, and create a great accompaniment.
2. Teach students to recognize and anticipate the need for a harmonic change.
3. Provide many melodies to give students ample practice choosing appropriate chords.
4. Provide a wide variety of styles and rhythms so students will be flexible and adapt easily to new styles and rhythms.
5. Give confidence to explore chords and rhythms other than those suggested by arranged music.
6. Generally improve students' sense of timing and rhythm by providing their own accompaniment.
7. Present previously unpublished original works - carefully graduated in the areas of sight-reading and technical requirements.
8. Train students not only to anticipate harmonic changes but to hear and reproduce intervals.
9. Facilitate the understanding of keys and their relationships.
10. Progressively familiarize students with chord progressions.
11. Provide effective tools for modulation and key changing.
12. Facilitate transposition.
13. Stimulate hearing skills to a point where sensing chord changes and creating accompaniments becomes intuitive.
14. Give the encouragement and confidence for students to find their own individual accompaniment style.
15. Teach how to read from a lead sheet.
16. Increase opportunities for playing with other musicians.
17. Give freedom, when desired, to play the piano without notation.
18. Develop an approach to learning music that will complement any other teaching method.
19. Help students achieve a well-rounded musical education.

Auxiliary (aux.)
Between notes with the same name. Ascends a or descends e 1 or 2 CS* between adjacent beats or strong beats.

* Chromatic Step (see below).

REVIEW
C Major Scale

lower
aux.


## Roman Numerals

Triad $\mathbf{I}=\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{E}, \mathrm{G}(\mathbf{G}$ often omitted $)$
Triad $\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}$ ( $\mathbf{D}$ often omitted) Chord V7 = G, B, D, F
(notes other than 7 th often omitted)
lower


Aux. partially another octave range
$\bar{E}$ Under a line is for the $\mathbf{L H}$

Passing Notes (PN) A transition by step from one harmony unit to another.

Variations on a Scale
3rds $\mathbf{b} / \mathbf{w}$ Hands (p viii)
$(C)$ unless otherwise indicated $\mathbf{V 7}$ (G7) $\rightarrow \quad \mathbf{I}(C)$

PN ascend $\rightarrow$ or descend $\rightarrow$ $\mathrm{b} / \mathrm{w}$ V(7) \& I or b/w $5^{\text {th }}$ of I \& root

## Chromatic Step (CS)

Closest distance between 2 keys on the keyboard (Ex. C to C\#).


NOTICE: I \& V(7) are generally on the beat; PN \& Har $\times$ are most often between beats or on weak beats.


## Ascending V(7) - I PN Variations

Apply a RH V7 chord acc.


* Careful: $3^{\text {rd }}$ of V7 (LN) rising to the 'home tone', with both hands, can clash


## Descending V(7) - I PN Variations



The rhythm for the above samples can be as desired

KA PREPARATORY and MA BOOKS $1 \& 2$ recommended before beginning this book.

## 7-BOOK MELODY ADVENTURES (MA)

The first six books are notated in full and give accompaniment knowledge and support for many of the melodies in the KA series.

## KEYBOARD ACCOMPANIMENT (KA) SERIES

These books provide an effective hands-on method that encourages exploration of your 'own' creative skills. By routinely providing accompaniment for two or three new melodies (at least weekly) a feel for harmonic changes, chord arrangements, styles, rhythms \& progressions, gradually develops - until it is intuitive.

ADVANTAGE of KA: sight-reading, theoretical knowledge \& creative ability progress together.

TEACHERS: Since there is seldom time at the end of a lesson, checking accompaniments and assigning new melodies might be best at the beginning of the lesson. As for chord notation, Letter names prepare students for reading 'Lead Sheets' while Roman numeral names allow students to play songs/melodies in other keys without changing the chord names/notation.

OLDER KA BEGINNERS: The Keyboard Accompaniment Series can be a self-study.

## SECTION 1

Keys of

## C MAJOR and A MINOR

DUETS: designed to be instructional and remain within the basic chord structure


## Dotted Quarter Note (••)


$1^{\text {st }}$ note is longer by $1 / 2$ its value

## Reminder

$3^{\text {rd }}$ of the chord as a single note with both hands can clash
(unless approached by step)

## A Waltz in Time*



Write in acc.


Apply acc.

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Hard work spotlights one's character; some turn up their sleeves,
some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. Play the following ascending \& descending Chord V7 and Inversions (inv.) some don't turn up at all.


LH Split


## LH Alternating Bass (AB)

Root generally alternates with a chord note. The most common is the $\mathbf{5}^{\text {th }}$.


## Passing Notes (PN)

PN ascend $\longrightarrow \mathbf{4}$ scale degrees V - I PN descend $\boldsymbol{\sim} \mathbf{5}$ scale degrees V -I Steps often omitted. (PN, pp ix, x)

High Stepping March*



Stretch Alternating Bass with Chords (Stretch AB-C)


## Chromatic Drops for Fills and Endings




Indicates a value of
6 eighth notes (6)

## 8 Time



Accents: $>\mathrm{w}$ w $\frown \mathrm{w} \mathrm{w}>\mathrm{w}$ w $\frown \mathrm{w} \mathrm{w}>\mathrm{w} \mathrm{w} \frown \mathrm{w} \mathrm{w}>\mathrm{w} \mathrm{w} \frown \mathrm{w} \mathrm{w}$ Counts:
strong $\mathbf{2}^{2} \quad 3 \underset{\text { medium }}{4} \mathbf{5}$ $\underset{\text { weak, weak }}{\text { strodium }} \underset{\text { weak, weak }}{\text { men }}$

Principal beats are ONE ( $>$ ) and FOUR ( $\sim$ )

Notice: without a BN indication, the root of the chord can be applied. d. $=60-72$

Measures With Six



Letter \& Roman numeral chord names are written lower case if the chord is minor

Ex. I minor or Im is i
A minor or Am is a

KEY of A MINOR


Harmonic \& Melodic scales should be secure with both hands ascending \& descending 2 octaves



In the boxes, put in the Roman numeral chord name


Write in Letter chord names



Write in acc.


## Tarantella, Cont'd

Key of C (related major)


Coda Opt.: Solid Chords on Counts $1 \& 3$.


## TARENTELLA

Rapid Dance in $6 / 8$. In Italy (1600), a sickness from the bite of the tarantula spider was thought to be cured by the use of this lively dance, hence called the "Tarantella".

## Taking the Challenge!



Create Your Own Accompaniment
for Folksongs

## Create Your Own Accompaniment

Following each melody: Circle the number that represents the accompaniments tried.
Circle the number that best represents how smoothly the accompaniments changed.
Circle the number that best represents the overall impression (dynamics, timing, embellishments, presentation, etc.)

## ACCOMPANIMENT OPTIONS: AB pp 10-11; 5ths pp 19, 28; Repeating BN p 18; Seq. pp 4, 6, 12; Solid pp 4, 9, 6, 22, 26; Split pp 4-9, 21; <br> Stretch AB-C pp 16-17; Stretch AB-SN pp 24-25; Syncopation p 13; 3rds b/w Hands pp viii-ix, 2-3, 8-9, 15

EMBELLISHMENTS: Auxiliary pp $i x, 3,17$; Chromatic Drop pp 16, 17; Coda pp 10,11 ; Grace Note(s) p 19; Harmony Crossing pp viii, ix; Introduction pp 5, 10, 11; Passing Note(s) pp $i x, 10,11,20,24$; Suspended 4th p 12

Write in the metronome tempo for each of the following melodies/songs:


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## SECTION 2

## Keys of: D, G, C and F Major



The remainder of this book has key changing counter-clockwise between major keys in the above shaded area

I6 \& IV6
At times, I \& IV include the $\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }}$ 2 CS up from $5^{\text {th }}$ of the chord.

## REFERENCE PAGE

Fills \& Endings with IV

NOTICE I \& IV share one note the same.
 unless otherwise indicated, there are 2 sharps -F\# \& C\# (see Key Signature)

## Key of D Major

The following scale should be secure, ascending $\&$ descending, two octaves:


Triad (I) \& Inversions

## Triad (V) \& Inversions



The following should be SECURE
ascending \& descending solid \& sequential. Dominant 7th Chord \& Inversions


CS Chromatic Step: closest distance between 2 keys on the keyboard. Notice: $5^{\text {th }}$ of chords often omitted - full chord is implied.

## Joining to the Closest Inversion




Rotation: 3 single, chord notes rotate.
Stretches are less than an octave


The Donkey (D,G)


DUET/ACCOMPANIMENT: Play as written



Apply acc. Indicate embellishments
OPTIONS: Solid; Rot., AB; Split; Stretch AB-SN or C; 3rds b/w hands; Seq. (fill variations, p 57)


Sleigh Ride (D), Cont'd


Reminder
Alway put in dynamics (vi)


## Fills \& Ending Variations



Duet: "Sleigh Ride" Sleigh Bells (measures 7 \& 8) can be an option at any time


## Turns

$\sim$ Revolves (1 or 2 CS) Up and around the principal noteRevolves (1 or 2 CS) Down and around the principal note


Mexico Way(D)
Syncopation
a music event occurs on a normally weak beat or
nothing happens on a normally accented beat.


## 9th Chords

V/9: includes 9th scale degree up from root slash means 'add' (V triad add 9)
V9: without slash, 7th is included

## More About 9th Chords

Unless the $9^{\text {th }} \boldsymbol{\&}$ root are well separated, they can clash in the solid form.
(reason 9ths are not a $2^{\text {nd }}$ ) Sequential order avoids a clash.


No culture, so far discovered, lacks music.

Anthony Storr

## Mexico Way(D), Cont'd



* Same as aux. \& $\downarrow \lambda$, turns are generally on the root, $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ or $5^{\text {th }}$ of the chord.
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## LH Embellishment \& Abbreviations

| $\rightarrow$ | $>$ | < | $\overline{5}$ | 50 | $\overline{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | $\bigcirc$ | $\overline{3} \sim$ | $\cdots$ | $\downarrow \nearrow$ | sus4 |

## Rock-a-My Soul (D)

Write in which one of the above belongs in each of the given boxes
African-American Spiritual


DUET/ACCOMPANIMENT: (as written). Other than Solo Break \& Coda, student performs 1 octave higher than written




## The Dodo Bird (F), Cont'd



The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would solve most of the world's problems.

Mahatma Gandhi


## PATTERNS

Rotation: 3 single, chord notes.


Stretch AB-SN: 2 single, chord notes.
Stretch of an octave
Stretch Alternating Bass (AB) with Single Notes (SN)


Stretch AB-C: AB followed by a solid chord (C)

## Variations



DUET/ACCOMPANIMENT as written, while the soloist for "Fiesta" ( $p$ 71) performs 1 octave higher than written



Keep your fears to yourself but share your courage with others.

Robert Louis Stevenson

d $=56-68$
Lively with contrasting dynamics


Write in LH boogie acc.


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Folksongs and Dances

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EMBELLISHMENTS: Auxiliaries p ix; Chromatic Drop pp 16, 48, 70, 71; Grace Notes pp 19, 50; Harmony Crossing p viii;
Passing Notes pp $i x, 10,24$; Sequential Chord p 52; Sus4 pp 11, 12, 52; Sus2/4 pp 52, 56; Turns p 58
ACCOMPANIMENTS: 3rds b/w Hands pp viii-ix; 2-3; 44-47, 55-59, 62-64 2-Hand Accompaniment p 52
LEFT HAND: AB pp 10-11, 52-54; AB-C \& AB-Seq. pp 68-71; 5ths pp 19, 28; Repeating Single BN p 18; Rot. pp 46-48, 70;
Seq. pp 2, 6, 12, 49-50, 68-70,72; Solid pp 4, 6, 9, 22, 26, 40-44, 62; Split pp 5-9, 21, 45-47, 58, 66; Stretch AB-C pp 16-17, 56-59, 68-71;
Stretch AB-SN pp 24, 47, 54, 70; Variations: Stretch AB-SN; Stretch AB-C-Seq.; Stretch AB-SN-Seq.; Stretch AB $\downarrow \boldsymbol{\lambda}$ pp 70, 71
RIGHT HAND: Solid pp 6, 8, 12-14, 22, 40-43, 62-65; Split p 13


## Shepherd's Hey! Cont'd



Accompaniments tried $1 \begin{array}{lllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5\end{array}$
Smooth changes
Overall impression (includes embellishments)



## Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be? Cont'd



## FROM THE AUTHOR



BRAVO! You have completed KA BASICS A and created accompaniments in MAJOR \& MINOR keys.

You are becoming a FINE MUSICIAN

