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The Very Best Of John Williams: Trumpet, Book & CD



Synopsis

This incredibly versatile new collection includes some of John Williams' most-loved titles arranged for Level 2-3 instrumentalists. All arrangements are completely compatible with each other and can be played together or as solos. Each book contains a carefully edited part and a fully orchestrated accompaniment CD. Each song on the CD includes a demonstration track, which features a live instrumental performance, followed by a play-along track. The piano accompaniment book includes a CD that features various instrument demonstration tracks from the series. Titles are: Can You Read My Mind? (Love Theme from Superman) * Cantina Band (Star Wars(R)) * Double Trouble (Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban) * Duel of the Fates (Star Wars(R): Episode I The Phantom Menace) * Fawkes the Phoenix (Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets) * Harry's Wondrous World (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone) * Hedwig's Theme (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone) * The Imperial March (Star Wars(R): The Empire Strikes Back) * May the Force Be with You (Star Wars(R): The Empire Strikes Back) * Olympic Fanfare and Theme (1984 Olympic Games, Los Angeles) * Star Wars (Main Title) (Star Wars(R)) * Theme from Superman (Superman) * A Window to the Past (Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban).

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Customer Reviews

After my daughter began piano lessons this year, we were given an older piano by my church. My wife is a Star Wars fan, and when my daughter brought home the Star Wars Theme from her instructor, my wife was ecstatic. But it wasn't the Imperial March that she uses as a ringtone!After

looking at several stores I came to and found this on my first search. Not only did it have the Star Wars Music she loved, but many other film's Scores. I took piano for a total of nine months when I was 12, and was able to read enough to play (okay hammer out somewhat recognizably) the melody to the Imperial March. My wife on the other hand, has a lot more experience and played it chords and all! It is a very popular songbook in the house right now, and I would recommend it to anybody looking for a cacophony of Williams' scores.

Santa brought this book to my daughter for Christmas. She has played trumpet for 4 years now and is considered to be one of the top players in her school bands. She plays jazz and classical pieces, is a soloist, etc. Some of the songs in this book are relatively easy for her, while others are challenging. (I have played trumpet for 30 years and there are a few songs where even I have to stop and study the music a bit!) There are no songs in here which "scare her" or anything like that. Since she knows a lot of the tunes from movies or from soundtrack albums, she is able to pick up the tunes reasonably quickly. What I especially like about this book is that she'll play for a good long time because she actually likes the songs. For a young trumpet player, playing for longer stretches of time is really important.

John Williams writes some of the most bombastic, beautiful, and soaring trumpet pieces that I have ever heard. As a trumpet player I have spent a great deal of time learning to play these pieces for practice and for the sheer fun of it. I had never come across any of Williams's sheet music for trumpets-in fact the few that I DID find were for piano but since they are both treble clef instruments, you can easily transpose them for trumpet. To say I was overjoyed to discover a book of Williams's scores for trumpet would be an understatement! However upon receiving the book I have to say I was a tad bit disappointed. The trumpet line is more on the beginning side than I had expected, meaning it's in the middle register and doesn't sound at all like the dizzying heights that the trumpets are in on such scores as "Superman" and the "Star Wars" trilogy. This book is designated intermediate to advanced but it plays more like a beginning band book.

John Williams' movie music is unbeatable, and this collection for late elementary/early intermediate players is fabulous. Very fun to play them all!

My 14 year old son loves this book and plays from it just for fun. However, when we received the product the pages started falling out when we opened it enough to place on the piano--because the

binding cracked. Ended up taking it in and paying another \$4 to have it spiral bound. Fun music, though.

My son is a middle school trumpet player who loves John Williams, and this book has been excellent in helping him stay motivated and improving his playing. I would recommend it for other players at the appropriate grade level.

This is a great book. My son wow 'em every year at the piano recital when he plays something different from the herd. John Williams writes great music and this book is the right amount of difficulty while still keeping the beauty and excitement.

So far I have only learned a few songs but they have been picked up easy and seem to be accurate arrangements. My only gripe is that I wish more songs had the chords above the staff since I use that to play a song quickly. It takes me longer to figure out the appropriate chord and write it in myself if its not there.

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