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PREFACE

The study of music theory is an integral part of a complete musical education. Piano students who have consistent theory instruction will retain and interpret music more easily and accurately. *Fundamentals of Piano Theory* from the Neil A. Kjos Piano Library provides piano students with an organized course for the study of music theory. Each volume contains essential rudiments of theory particularly relevant to the study of piano music. The appropriately graded levels present concepts in a clear, systematic manner to ensure steady and thorough progress as pianists advance in their understanding of music theory.

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The Neil A. Kjos Piano Library is a comprehensive series of piano music in a wide variety of musical styles. The Library is divided into eleven levels and will provide students with a complete performance experience in both solo and ensemble music. Teachers will find the carefully graded levels appropriate when choosing repertoire for evaluations, auditions, festivals, and examinations. Included in the Neil A. Kjos Piano Library:

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