

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Festival Solos

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Dear Student,

Welcome to STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FESTIVAL SOLOS BOOK 2, a collection of fifteen solo songs written for young musicians. For many musicians, playing solos is the greatest of all musical experiences. It allows you the opportunity to express yourself and to explore new musical challenges. FESTIVAL SOLOS BOOK 2 includes classic solo literature written by many great composers. Playing the solos in this book will provide you with unparalleled musical experiences.

Included with your book is a professionally recorded CD of all the solos in the book. Each solo has two tracks. The first track provides a model for you, with a professional musician playing your part with piano accompaniment. The second track is the piano accompaniment only with which you can play along. You may also choose to play your solos with a live piano accompanist. The Piano Accompaniment book is available separately.

Each solo has suggested breath marks that allow for maximum musicianship. Take additional breaths when necessary. In some cases, you might not need to use all printed breath marks. Remember to always make your breathing a part of the musical phrase.

We hope you enjoy playing your solos.

Best wishes,

Bruce Pearson

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