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***Originally published in the 1940s, Paul Hindemith's remarkable textbooks are still the outstanding works of their kind. In contrast to many musical textbooks written by academic musicians, these were produced by a man who could play every instrument of the orchestra, could compose a satisfying piece for almost every kind of ensemble, and who was one of the most stimulating teachers of his day. It is therefore not***

***surprising that nearly forty years later these books should remain essential reading for the student and the professional musician This work includes summaries and excerpts from the works of C.P.E. Bach, Bartok, Beethoven, Brahms, Hummel and Debussy. In a testimonial to Konrad Wolff, Schnabel himself expressed his admiration for the author and this book: "Konrad Wolff . . . is a remarkable pianist, an excellent theorist, a learned historian, an outstanding teacher, a brilliant thinker and writer. . . . [His book] is a comprehensive elucidation of a complex and subtle problem. Berman addresses virtually every aspect of musical artistry and pedagogy. Ranging from such practical matters as sound, touch, and pedaling to the psychology of performing and teaching, this volume provides a master class for the performer, instructor, and student alike. [?]The strict traditions of piano teaching have remained entrenched for generations. The dominant influence of Muzio Clementi (1752-1832), the first composer-pedagogue of the instrument, brought about an explosion of autocratic instruction and bizarre teaching systems, exemplified in the mind-numbing drills of Hanon's "The Virtuoso Pianist." These practices--considered absurd or abusive by many--persist today at all levels of piano education. This book critically examines two centuries of teaching methods and encourages instructors to do away with traditions that disconnect mental and creative skills. Honing the pianistic self-image takes up where The Craft of Piano Playing left off in the development of Alan Fraser's comprehensive piano technique. Where Craft focused on the foundational security of the hand's innate structure and function, Honing shows you how to take that structure up into a new, sophisticated state--unstable equilibrium--to gain an even finer control over the colours and emotion you produce***

***at the piano. --from publisher description. In further developing Chopin's thinking on pianism, this book explores the keyboard's topographical symmetry and the revolutionary impact of symmetrical inversion on piano technique and pedagogy. With copious excerpts from the extant repertoire, this is the first comprehensive discussion of fingering solutions for pianists since Hummel's monumental treatise of 1828. So many of the great pianists and teachers have come out of Poland and Russia (Rubinstein, Anton as well as Arthur, Leschetizky, Paderewski, the Lhevinnes, Gilels, Richter, and others), yet we know little about their methods of learning and teaching. George Kochevitsky in The Art of Piano Playing supplies some important sources of information previously unavailable in the United States. From these sources, tempered by this own thinking, Kochevitsky formulated a scientific approach that can solve most problems of piano playing and teaching. George Kochevitsky graduated in 1930 from Leningrad Conservatory and did post-graduate work at Moscow Conservatory. After coming to the U.S., he taught privately in New York City, gave a number of lectures, and wrote for various music periodicals. "A clear picture of a musician of rare integrity." — The Musical Times. Highly readable reminiscences, musical philosophy of great pianist: his experiences as a child prodigy in turn-of-the-century Vienna, concert career, thoughts on great conductors and composers of the day, preferences in the repertoire, much more. Also includes "Reflections on Music," address delivered at University of Manchester, 1933. Introduction by Edward Crankshaw. 20 illustrations. Index. (Amadeus). This holistic approach to the keyboard, based on a sound understanding of the relationship between physical function and musical purpose, is an invaluable resource for pianists***

***and teachers. Professor Fink explains his ideas and demonstrates his innovative developmental exercises that set the pianist free to express the most profound musical ideas. HARDCOVER. An insight into the views on technique and interpretation of several of the twentieth century's greatest Russian teachers and performers. A Thousand Stories for a Little Pianist is the first piano book that allows young pianists to be creative and take part in the learning process. Stories, games, and colors are part of a child's daily life; using them this book brings the music into the children's world, rather than bringing the child into the music lesson. The origins of this method are in the treasures of the Russian school of piano and are specifically based on the teaching approach of Anna Artobolevskaya and Heinrich Neuhaus. Great modern teacher and pianist's concise statement of principles, technique, and related material. Includes 10 musical examples. An illustrated guide for the amateur and professional musician that teaches us how to transform practicing from an often laborious activity into an exhilarating and rewarding experience Foreword by Yehudi Menuhin • "Give this book to any musician you love and to any person who loves what music does for them and for the world."—Richard Stoltzman, clarinetist In The Art of Practicing, acclaimed pianist and teacher Madeline Bruser combines physiological and meditative principles to help musicians release physical and mental tension and unleash their innate musical talent. She offers practical techniques for cultivating free and natural movement, a keen enjoyment of sounds and sensations, a clear and relaxed mind, and an open heart and she explains how to: • Prepare the body and mind to practice with ease • Understand the effect of posture on flexibility and expressiveness • Make efficient use of the***

***hands and arms • Employ listening techniques to improve coordination • Increase the range of color and dynamics by using less effort • Cultivate rhythmic vitality • Perform with confidence, warmth, and freedom Complete with photographs to show essential points of posture and movement for a variety of instruments, this is the definitive guide to turning practice from a sometimes frightening, monotonous chore to a fun, fulfilling activity. This is the first book that teaches piano practice methods systematically, based on my lifetime of research, and containing the teachings of Combe, material from over 50 pianobooks, hundreds of articles, and decades of internet research and discussions with teachers and pianists. Genius skills are identified and shown to be teachable; learning piano can raise or lower your IQ. Past widely taught methods based on false assumptions are exposed; substituting them with efficient practice methods allows students to learn piano and obtain the necessary education to navigate in today's world and even have a second career. See <http://www.pianopractice.org/> Rubinstein is considered Liszt's only possible rival on the concert stage while Carrentilde;o is the foremost woman pianist of the late 19th century. Together, they discuss "the soul of the piano": the art of piano pedaling. Rubinstein's technique is explored through works he performed in 1885-6. Carrentilde;o's observations explore her sensitivity made possible through combinations of touch and pedal. A profusely-illustrated examination of the childhood and formative years of Sviatoslav Richter, whose name has been synonymous with the pinnacle of pianistic art. Two books, bound together, by one of the greatest pianists of all time and his famed teacher: *The Shortest Way to Pianistic Perfection and Rhythmics, Dynamics, Pedal and Other Problems of Piano Playing.* (Piano***

***Instruction). Fundamentals of Piano Technique was developed by Leon Conus (1871-1944) and Olga Conus (1890-1976) during many decades of teaching and performing, and through association with the most prominent Russian musicians of the time including Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, and Medtner. The exercises in this method are concise and efficient, focusing on the elements of good playing: control, touch, nuance, and musicianship. This book can be used by students at all levels of development, and with all shapes and sizes of hands. The preparatory exercises allow students to begin using the book within their first year of lessons. A systematic approach allows the hands to develop gradually, avoiding dangerous tension or muscle damage. Topics include: preparatory exercises; extension exercises; five-finger exercises; flexibility of the thumb; trill exercises; scales & arpeggios; wrist development; double notes; and more. As editor of the Guardian, one of the world's foremost newspapers, Alan Rusbridger abides by the relentless twenty-four-hour news cycle. But increasingly in midlife, he feels the gravitational pull of music—especially the piano. He sets himself a formidable challenge: to fluently learn Chopin's magnificent Ballade No. 1 in G minor, arguably one of the most difficult Romantic compositions in the repertory. With pyrotechnic passages that require feats of memory, dexterity, and power, the piece is one that causes alarm even in battle-hardened concert pianists. He gives himself a year. Under ideal circumstances, this would have been a daunting task. But the particular year Rusbridger chooses turns out to be one of frenetic intensity. As he writes in his introduction, "Perhaps if I'd known then what else would soon be happening in my day job, I might have had second thoughts. For it would transpire that, at the same time, I would be***

***steering the Guardian through one of the most dramatic years in its history." It was a year that began with WikiLeaks' massive dump of state secrets and ended with the Guardian's revelations about widespread phone hacking at News of the World. "In between, there were the Japanese tsunami, the Arab Spring, the English riots . . . and the death of Osama Bin Laden," writes Rusbridger. The test would be to "nibble out" twenty minutes per day to do something totally unrelated to the above. Rusbridger's description of mastering the Ballade is hugely engaging, yet his subject is clearly larger than any one piece of classical music. Play It Again deals with focus, discipline, and desire but is, above all, about the sanctity of one's inner life in a world dominated by deadlines and distractions. What will you do with your twenty minutes?***

***Table of contents Surveys the careers and personalities of the great pianists from Clementi and Mozart to the present day. The Craft of Piano Playing presents a new, comprehensive and highly original approach to piano technique with a fascinating series of exercises designed to help the reader put this approach into practice. Alan Fraser has combined his extensive concert and pedagogical experience, his long-standing collaboration with the virtuoso Kemal Gekich, and his professional training in Feldenkrais Method to create this innovative technique. Using numerous musical examples and sketches he shows how many common movement habits at the keyboard can be counterproductive, and provides a new way of manipulating the skeletal frame of the hand to produce astonishing sonic results from the instrument. This book suggests that in the light of new insights into the physics of human movement, a further development of piano technique is now possible, and that improved physical ability can free musical individuality to express itself more fully. The series of***

***movement exercises presented activates the physical functions necessary to the pianist, helping both students who need remedial work in basic strength at the keyboard, and those who seek a new dimension of musical understanding and a new path for the development of pianist skills - thus synthesizing musical and physical issues. This approach can also serve as an effective antidote to debilitating performance anxiety, increasing one's emotional security by improving the physical and musical basis for it. By filling in a missing link between intention and physical execution, this book truly aims to advance the "craft of piano playing." Visit Alan Fraser's web site at <http://alanfraser.faithweb.com/> Andras Schiff is one of the most important pianists of our time. This stimulating memoir will appeal to a broad readership because of the fluent and accessible way he speaks about music, and of course through his inimitable art of making music out of silence. Far from being well-known just for his brilliant musicianship, Sir Andras has also received international attention by taking a public stand against nationalistic and racist attitudes, and by refusing to perform in Haider's Austria, or Orban's Hungary. In the first part of his book, Schiff discusses with the esteemed author and columnist Martin Meyer his artistic principles, playing techniques, musical interpretations and his professional experiences as a performer and conductor. In the second part, Schiff tells the story of his family and his life, from memories of the Holocaust to his political engagement in the present. He discusses music and politics, including his thoughts on Communism and global capitalism; and his enlightening experiences in Budapest, London and Florence. He also offers his insights into great composers such as Bach and Mozart, and his interpretations of key works for piano. MUSIC COMES***



***OUT OF SILENCE* will delight Andras Schiff's multitude of admirers, whilst attracting many readers who are as yet unfamiliar with his genius. Sergei Prokofiev was a bold innovator who eschewed the beaten path in art all his life, often in defiance of orthodox tastes. His compositions, many of which are today recognized masterpieces of musical art, usually evoked either genuine bewilderment or sharp criticism when first performed. Prokofiev's music is performed today all over the world; his works are studied at music schools everywhere. The first two parts of this book are devoted to the composer's own writings (his autobiographical notes, articles and reviews), the rest to articles about Prokofiev by prominent Soviet musicians, artists, and others who were associated with him at one or another period of his life. A musician's life is filled with many stressful situations: passing auditions, rehearsing and performing with difficult partners, sitting for long hours in uncomfortable chairs, going on stage to face audiences large and small, who may or may not be receptive to the performance they are presented. And yet many musicians are able to surmount these looming obstacles with grace and balance, to find satisfaction and artistry in their music and build productive and lasting careers. Indirect Procedures will guide you around these obstacles and along that path to becoming a balanced and successful musician. Based on the work of Frederick Matthias Alexander, this book is a thorough and practical approach to the issues of musicians' health and wellbeing. Author Pedro de Alcantara introduces concepts and exercises for musicians to let go of excessive tensions, stay focused, and direct their energies as they handle the challenges of practicing, rehearsing, and performing. Complemented by an extensive, easy-to-use companion website, and working alongside Integrated**

***Practice, this new edition of Indirect Procedures is an invaluable and essential resource for today's musicians to learn to sing, play, and conduct with less effort and stronger results. A4 trim size - 8.27" x 11.69" (21.006 x 29.693 cm). "The Art of Piano Fingering - Traditional, Advanced, and Innovative" is a new book by virtuoso concert pianist Rami Bar-Niv. The 212-page book was first published in February 2012 and it is the first of its kind and scope in the history of piano playing. The book is intended for anyone who plays the piano, from children to college students, from adult amateur to professional piano teachers and performing pianists. The book teaches how to create your own efficient and injury-free piano fingering, starting with traditional, continuing with advanced, and concluding with innovative fingering. The book offers useful exercises and in addition to fingering issues it also deals with related piano playing techniques, phrasing, and interpretation. The text is illustrated with countless score samples, pictures, and diagrams.***

***Endorsements/Reviews:\*\*\*"The Art of Piano Fingering by Rami Bar-Niv, fills a tremendous void in the realm of the pianistic world. Published in 2012, it is the first book of its kind in the 303 year history of the piano. Order a copy; you will be immensely grateful you did."Dr. Walden Hughes, Professor of Piano, Northwest Nazarene University.\*\*\*"Bar-Niv's book is superbly indexed and valuable as a reference source... he also analyzes difficulties, formulates solutions, and even suggests exercises to help us master difficult solutions... Bar-Niv suggests ingenious fingering solutions... Anyone who plays the piano with serious intentions can benefit from reading and studying this book." Lyn Bronson, CA Music Teacher, Summer 2012. \*\*\*"This book is truly the first of its kind, and it is perhaps three hundred years***

***overdue. The depth of coverage will surprise even the most accomplished pianists."Jeremy Todd, adult piano student.\*\*\*"Rami's new book on fingering is a "must have"! I highly recommend it to everyone."Kevin Coan, Moderator of the E-group "Piano-Teachers". \*\*\*"I highly second that recommendation.Linda Kennedy, piano teacher." \*\*\*"Bar-Niv gives many wonderful fingering tips for students, teachers, and performers.Becky Hughes, MTNA's "American Music Teacher".\*\*\*"You must not miss this outstanding book on piano fingering. Rami Bar-Niv's comprehensive coverage of the subject belongs in every piano teacher's library. Reward yourself with this gem. We have waited 300 years for this book on piano fingering so read this review and then order it promptly. You will not only be richly rewarded with a resource you will refer to frequently but also take great pleasure in reading its clear, intriguing text. Highly recommended. Though this is the first known book devoted to this essential aspect of achieving beautiful, artistic, comfortable study and performance, it sets a high standard with its clear, comprehensive coverage of the subject. Do not hesitate to purchase this book for you will use it often to find a storehouse of solutions to keyboard puzzles.The Art of Fingering is an adventure into the resources of the human hand as well as how to teach these explorations inventively and thoroughly from the elementary to the advanced levels. The piano has been with us for three centuries now, making this first book that is devoted to fingering a most valuable and much needed resource."Mary Gae George, NCTM, Co-author of Artistry at the Piano. My Nine Lives is a powerful and stirring memoir of one of the greatest pianists of the postwar era—an inspiring tale of courage, compassion, and triumph over outstanding odds. At the peak of his career, celebrated***

***pianist Leon Fleisher suddenly lost the use of two fingers on his right hand. Miraculously, at the age of sixty-six, he was diagnosed with focal dystonia, and learned to manage it through a combination of physical therapy and experimental Botox injections. In 2003 Fleisher returned to Carnegie Hall to give his first two-handed performance in over three decades and brought down the house. With his coauthor, celebrated music critic Anne Midgette, Fleisher reveals here for the first time the depression that threatened to engulf him as his condition worsened, and the sheer love of music that rescued him from complete self-destruction. Sviatoslav Richter was a dazzling performer but an intensely private man. Though world famous and revered by classical music lovers everywhere, he guarded himself and his thoughts as carefully as his talent. Fascinated, author and filmmaker Bruno Monsaingeon tried vainly for years to interview the enigmatic pianist. Richter eventually yielded, granting Monsaingeon hours of taped conversation, unlimited access to his diaries and notebooks, and, ultimately, his friendship. This book is the product of that friendship. Richter reveals himself as a man and an artist. Unsentimentally and with his characteristic dry humor and intelligence, the musician describes his poignant childhood and spectacular career, including his tumultuous early days at the Moscow Conservatory and his triumphant 1960 tour of the United States. His laconic recounting of playing in the orchestra at Stalin's surreal, interminable state funeral is riveting. Most important for music lovers, Richter discusses his influences and views on musical interpretation. He describes his encounters with other great Russian performers and composers, including Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Oistrakh, and Gilels. Candid sections from his personal journals offer his sober and***

***unguarded impressions of dozens of performances and recordings--both his own and those of other musicians. This volume offers readers the sizable pleasure of lingering in the thoughts and words of one of the most important pianists of the twentieth century. Unlike many other star performers, Richter was also an intellectual who had interesting things to say, particularly about the musician's proper role as interpreter of the composer's art. This alone makes the book worth reading. Sviatoslav Richter belongs on the shelves of everyone with a classical music collection and will also appeal to lovers of autobiography and admirers of Russian musical culture. J. S. Bach's musician son explains the technique for performing eighteenth-century compositions, discussing fingering, embellishments, bass, and accompaniment***

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