



LESSON 5: REPERTOIRE

Classical Piano: Major 5-Finger Patterns on Black Keys

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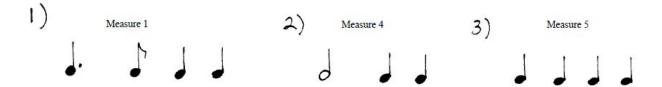
General Observations

Key signature - Common time (C), or

Time signature - D Major



Repeated rhythms or note patterns



Intervals between the two hands - an octave apart

Mm. 1 - 4 - hands stay in D major 5-finger pattern position

Mm. 5 - 8 - thumb crossing technique is used to move up and down the keyboard

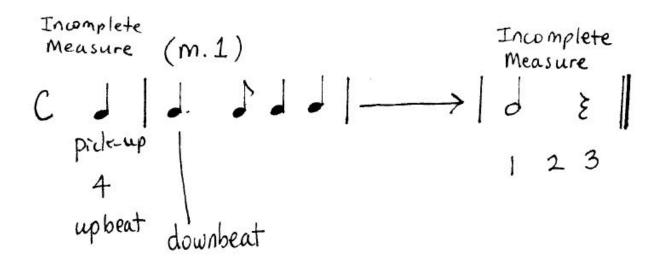
Incomplete Measures



The piece begins with the 4th beat, which is incomplete. The first three beats are in the last measure. These are incomplete measures.

Upbeat and downbeat





Upbeat (pick-up) - occurs on the weak beat, which has less emphasis than the downbeat (starts on the 4th beat in this case)

Downbeat - the first beat of a measure

Clap and count mm.1 - 4







Mm. 1 and 3 - Clap the 8th notes right after counting 2

Play and count mm.1 - 4 - raise the wrists and hands up to play F#

Thumb Crossing Technique - mm. 5 - 8

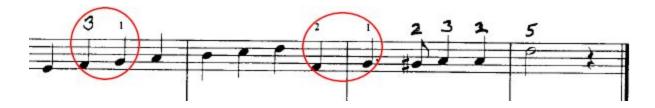
Crossing thumb under

- Thumb follows right behind each note that is played (thumb behind C as it's played, thumb behind D as it's played)
- ➤ Use the 3rd finger as a pivet, transfer the weight from the 3rd finger to the thumb, the hand moves into the new position

Crossing over thumb

➤ Using the thumb as a pivet, swing the 3rd finger and the rest of the hand over the thumb, weight is transferred from thumb to 3rd finger

Right hand - crossing thumb under



Keep natural hand position without collapsing

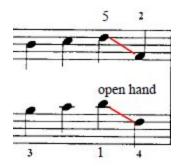
Avoid twisting the elbow during thumb crossing



Left hand - crossing over thumb



Open hand position in m.6

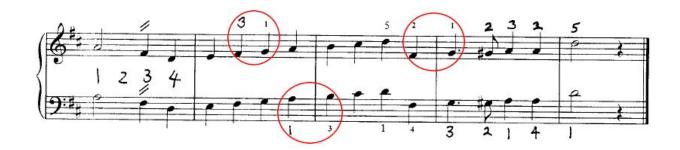


Move position - same note, but different fingering



Hands together - thumb crossing at different times





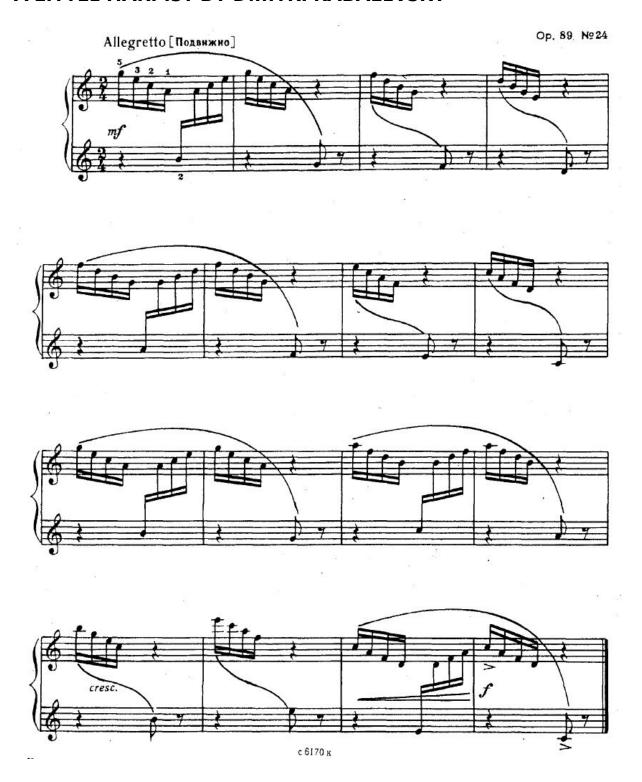
Trouble spot - isolate this spot and practice hands together







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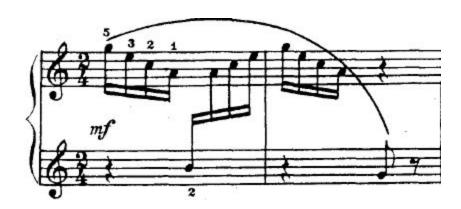


General Obeservations

Key: C Major

Time signature: two beats per measure

Repeated rhythms:





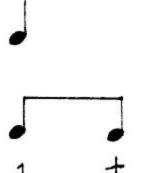
Clefs - both hands play in treble clefs

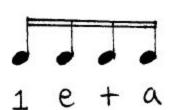
Texture - single melody with no accompaniment. Both hands take part in the melody (slurs connect from right to the left hand)





16th Notes Review





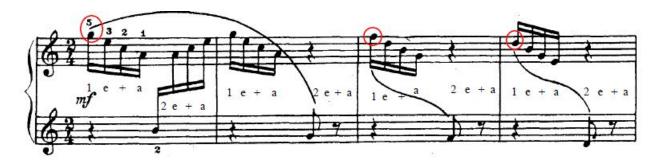


Practice Tips:

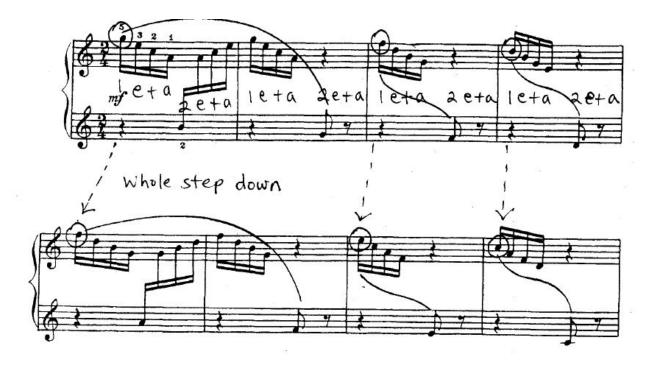
- ightharpoonup Connect the right hand to the left hand. Avoid accent the left hand notes.
- ➤ Make one smooth gesture from right to left hand.



- ➤ M.1 play LH note B play closer to the fall board so the hands are not crowding each other
- > Avoid holding on to any notes. Play and go on to the next note
- > Locate the first note of each phrase to know where to move position to next



- > Practice each phrase in blocked chords helps with knowing the distance and direction from one phrase to the next
- ➤ Line 2 has the same rhythmic pattern as line 1, but a whole step down





Line 3+4

- · Write out counting
- · clap and count
- · Follow practice tips from line 1+2