

# LESSON 5: REPERTOIRE

Classical Piano: More Fundamentals

## CAREFREE JOHNNY BY Daniel Gottlob Türk





### General Observations:

- ➤ Key signature G Major (one sharp F#)
  - going up a half step from the last sharp in the key signature
  - look at the last note of the piece in the left hand
  - all the Fs will be sharped
  - C# in m.3 and C natural in m.5
- > Time signature Common time (same as 4) four beats a measure, quarter note gets a beat



- > Phrase structure two 4-bar phrases
  - phrase I mm.I-4
  - phrase 2 mm.5-8
- > Repetition of patterns -
  - ❖ M.I and the first three beats of m.2 are exactly the same
- > Hand position -
  - Right hand (RH) m.4 thumb move down to play the octave
  - ❖ Left hand (LH) mm. 7-8 open down to get to the B with 4th finger in m.7 and open again for the octaves in m.8
- > Counting -
  - **♦** I+2+3+4+

### Right Hand:

- > Prepare the 4th finger to go back and forth between C# (m.3) and C natural (m.5)
- > Play melody and count out loud

#### Left Hand:

- > Mm.7 8
  - open hand down towards the bottom as indicated in the score.
  - ♦ don't stretch the hand, get to the bottom note by leading with the wrist

#### **Both Hands:**

- > Isolate trouble spot first, practice in small chunks
  - ♦ M.7 beats 1+ 2, beats 2+3, beats 1+2+3, beats 3+4, beats 1+2+3+4
- > Play both hands slowly, two measures at a time

## Pequeña Polka by Dmitri Kabalevsky





## **General Observations:**

> Key signature - no sharps and no flats - C Major

➤ Time signature - 4

- > Counting no 8th notes, count 1234 per measure
- > Repetitions: m.1 and m.5 are the same; m.2 and m.3 are the same
- Phrase structure: two 4-bar phrases
- > Articulations RH plays staccato, LH plays legato

### Hand Coordination Exercise:

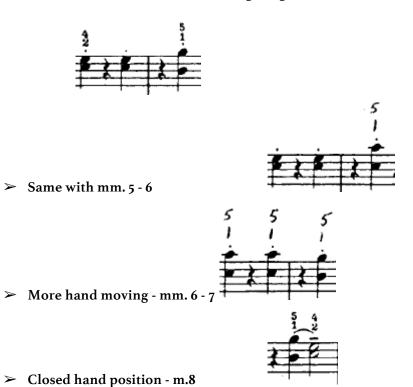


- ❖ Play LH notes legato and RH notes staccato
- ❖ Play the first note C, <u>RH</u> bounces <u>up</u> as the LH goes <u>down</u> at the same time, hands are going the opposite directions
- Connect C to D in the LH, bounces D in the RH. Continue with the rest of the 5-finger pattern



## Right hand:

> moving from the chord in m.I to the chord in m.2 requires the right hand to open up a bit. Look at the notes first, then the fingerings



### Left hand:

> mm. 5 - 6 - bring the elbow and wrist in to move the thumb from G to A



The rest of the hand follows briefly to D position

> mm. 7 - 8 - move thumb back down to G, return to C position





➤ Lift in between the phrases



## **Both Hands:**

- > Practice the first two measures to build in the muscle memory for playing RH staccato and LH legato
- > Practice lifting the LH in between the phrases with the RH (play m.2 to m.3)
- > Remember, RH is the active one that keeps moving to different position and constantly opening and closing the hand
- > Play LH louder (melody), RH softer (accompaniment)
- > Pay attention to the tenuto marks in the last measure
- > Add in dynamics