

CHECKMATE - PERFORMANCE NOTES (DUETS)

NAME	Benefit to student	Benefit to teacher	Purpose for writing	Challenges	Relevance for 2015
Capture & Escape	Intense & fun! Momentu- forward motion Rhythmic	Complex & impressive	Spicy rhythm - running eighth notes	Rhythmic performance required & fast tempo	Current rhythms, chords, & melodic structure
The Elegant Empress	Pretty. Part 2 melody with ballad chords & rhythm are fun & interesting.	Stable melody & accompaniment	Perfect for girls	Secondo part 2 - dotted rhythm	Ballad accompaniment & melody. Interesting chords.
Bishop's Blitz	Bizarre & quirky	rhythmic challenges	To depict an odd character.	Timing, rhythms & working together	Spunky rhythms, interesting chords, with odd character.
En Passant	Stable waltz rhythm with melody in 6ths.	Easy to teach & perform	Dance-like.	Part 2 Primo is very difficult	Traditional mixed with new.
The Knight Goes Riding	So fun & sounds great! Primo & Secondo both have fun	Evocative - rhythmic & fun to teach	Horse — positive, great for boys/girls	Easiest part is the horse trotting	6th chords, Dominant 9th chords
Tower Clock	Rich harmonies Current rhythm - (Secondo bar 41)	Both 3/4 and 4/4 time to be controlled & work together.	Bell-like with current chords	Accents (bells) - time signature change.	Chords & rhythms within a bell-like piece non-traditional chordal structure.
The King's Castle	Change places on the bench - military - large end!!!	Traditional melody & accompaniment Perfect for performing with flare!	Military & trading places	Reading 2 eighth notes in a swing time.	Traditional & energetic - perfect for performance
Checkmate	Black keys but stationary ... this is the easiest piece	Teaching black keys - starting students on duets	Wanted to depict a "chase"	Speed (if possible). Ending	Energetic & using 2nd & 6th chords.
General Book	Primo & Secondo share melody & are equal in difficulty	Value within the book - rich with content for any student's capabilities & enjoyment	Command of the keyboard - feeling as though you own it and have control FULL SOUND	Skills required for each & every piece — huge rewards	Providing popular culture & genres at this level with classical control.
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