

Virtuosity and Beauty

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Abstract: Instrumental music is a form of communication that can communicate with all people no matter what their language. But just like learning a new language, mastering the skill of an instrument takes years of practice to gain proficiency. Performing classical music is very much like being an actor; you must stay true to the ideas and concepts of the composer while your own person and experience influences what you use the music to communicate. Classical music is collaboration between two people: the composer and the performer. These two people come from different cultures, with different life experiences, from different times in history; but they share the same emotions and struggles that all people experience. Because of the magic and beauty of music, this incredible collaboration has the power to communicate with an audience in a way verbal language cannot. The piano works that you will hear were written by composers who were extremely proficient keyboard players from different points in history and different countries. Because of their different backgrounds, their virtuosity is displayed in different ways.

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