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Mazurka

Exercise for Glissè

Pratten's Guitar Method - No. 106

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The first system of the Mazurka exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef staff is in the key of A major (three sharps) and 3/4 time. The first measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) and another triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F6). The second measure contains a quarter note D5 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '2' above it, followed by a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C4 with a circled '2' above it, followed by a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass clef staff shows the corresponding fretting: 9, 10, 7, 7, 4, 4, 7, 5, 9, 0, 2, 3, 12, 12, 2, 10, 10, 0.

The second system of the Mazurka exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef staff continues from the first system. The first measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) and another triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F6). The second measure contains a quarter note D5 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C4 with a circled '2' above it, followed by a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass clef staff shows the corresponding fretting: 10, 7, 7, 4, 4, 7, 5, 9, 0, 5, 4, 12, 12, 0, 4, 5, 2, 0.

The third system of the Mazurka exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef staff begins with a repeat sign. The first measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) and another triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F6). The second measure contains a quarter note D5 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C4 with a circled '2' above it, followed by a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass clef staff shows the corresponding fretting: 0, 10, 9, 10, 0, 9, 8, 9, 0, 7, 6, 7, 9, 5, 0, 0.

The fourth system of the Mazurka exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef staff begins with a repeat sign. The first measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) and another triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F6). The second measure contains a quarter note D5 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure contains a quarter note G4 with a circled '1' above it, followed by a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C4 with a circled '2' above it, followed by a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass clef staff shows the corresponding fretting: 10, 9, 10, 0, 9, 8, 9, 0, 7, 6, 7, 0, 5, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6, 0.

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Practice Tips

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes, counting aloud)
7. Play hands together in rhythm, with a slow metronome, counting aloud

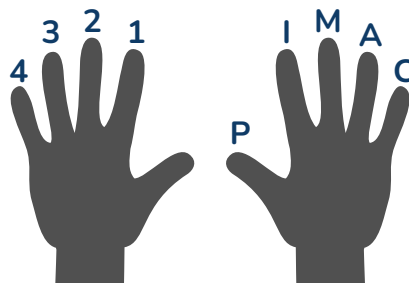
Musical Expression Starting Points

1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter towards the top (opposite at climaxes)
4. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)
5. When a melody or musical line goes down in pitch, get louder to create forward momentum
6. Repeated notes get louder (start quiet if you need to)
7. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato), master it at a steady pace

Tips for Good Practice

1. For tricky spots, describe the problem in detail: Where, what, how? Ask, "What's going on here?"
2. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
3. Have a clear purpose and goal for each repetition (rote repetition is lazy practice)
4. Record yourself often. Listen or watch to decide what to practice next

Fingering Notations



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Allen Mathews