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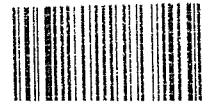
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Dear Student:

Welcome to the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FIRST PERFORMANCE, a collection of thirteen songs written for beginning or young band. These selections represent a variety of musical styles such as rock, blues, marches, traditional folk songs, and transcriptions from classical music.

Each piece was composed or arranged especially for the first year band student and contains a limited range of musical notes as well as simple rhythms designed to provide beginning instrumentalists a repertoire of varied fun and exciting concert music.

Good luck with your First Performance!

Best wishes,



Bruce Pearson



Barrie Gott

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A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"

Electric Bass

J.A.P. Schulz/Magill

Moderato

1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24

25 26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40 41 42 43

mf

mp

mf

O Come, Little Children was composed by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (b.1747 - d.1800). Schulz was the court composer at Rheinsberg, Germany and a choir director for the Royal Court Theater in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was best known for setting poems to simple, folk-like music. The German poet, Christoph von Schmid, wrote the words to this song.

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Electric Bass

Medieval French Melody

1 **Andante** 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31 32 33 34

35 36 37 38 39

40 41 42 43 44

mp

mf

mp

f

p

The melody for **The Friendly Beasts** dates back to 12th century medieval France while the words were written at a later date. **The Friendly Beasts** is usually thought of as an old English carol.

Electric Bass

RIO BRAVO

Allegro moderato

1-8 8 9 10 11 12 13

mf

14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25

f

26 27 28 29 30 31

mf

32 33 34 35 36 37

38 39 40 41 42 43

44 45 46 47 48 49

mf

50 51 52 53 54 55 56

f

Latin America is made up of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies. The music of this region is a combination of Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian traditions and has been influenced by the cultures of the native Indians like the Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. It features catchy melodies, infectious rhythms, and a wide use of percussion instruments.

BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN

Electric Bass

Traditional American Folk

The musical score is written for electric bass in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked **Allegro** with a metronome marking of **2**. The score consists of 40 measures, divided into five systems of eight measures each. Measure numbers 1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37-38, 39, and 40 are indicated above the notes. The dynamic markings are *mf* (measures 3-6), *f* (measures 21-25), and *ff* (measures 37-40). A repeat sign is present at the end of measure 40. A box around measure 5 and another around measure 13 indicate specific points of interest. A box around measures 37-38 is also present, with a '2' below it, possibly indicating a double bar line or a specific rhythmic pattern.

Folk songs are passed down from generation to generation through singing and listening. The common folk sing the songs to their children instead of writing them down. The original composers were forgotten as time passed and the words and places changed. These changes left many versions of the same song. **Big Rock Candy Mountain** originated in the late 1800's and was attributed to Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. The ballad tells of a hobo's life, riding the trains and traveling the country, in search of the perfect place for a "burly bum" to live.

ROYAL CROWN MARCH

Electric Bass

Moderato

1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

26 27 28 29 30 31

32 33 34 35 36 37

38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45 46 47 48 49 50

51 52 53 54 55 56

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

f *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

The history of the march has its beginnings in the military. Marches have a steady beat that is strongly accented. This beat was helpful for soldiers to stay in step. Many marches were written to commemorate a regal occasion such as the crowning of a king. It was with this in mind that **Royal Crown March** was composed.

BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Electric Bass

Ron Cowherd
Traditional American Folk

Allegro

1 *f* 2 3 4 Tap foot 5 *mf* 6 7

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 Tap foot

22 Clap hands 23-24 2 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40 41 42 *f* 43-44 2

45 *mf* 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

61 *f* 62 63-64 2 65 Clap hands 66 Slap knee 67 Tap foot 68 Hey!

A significant part of a country's heritage and culture is found in its folk music. Using the language of the common folk, folk songs describe the lives and times of its people. This piece uses the folk song, **Ol' Joe Clark**. Joe Clark was a veteran from the war of 1812 who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. The numerous verses were made up from incidents in his life and expanded as time passed to include over 90 different verses.

Electric Bass

BAG O' BLUES

Moderato

1-4 4 5 6 7 8 9

mf

10 11 12 13 14 15

16 17 18 19 20 21

f

22 23 24 25 26 27

28 29 30 31 32 33

34 35 36 37 38 39

40 41 42 43 44 45

46 47 48 49 50 51

52 53 54 55 56

The blues is a style of music developed from the African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals of the late 1800's to early 1900's. It is played at a slow to moderate tempo and usually written in 4/4 time. The third, fifth, and seventh notes of the scale in which the piece is written are lowered one half-step.

A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

Electric Bass

Moderato

1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24

25 26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

50 51 52 53 54 55 56

mp

mf

mp

f

>>>

The music of Latin America, influenced by the many cultures and traditions of its people, uses lively rhythms for dances like the habanera, rumba, cha-cha, and tango. The music uses many percussion instruments such as the claves, maracas, and cowbell to keep the rhythm.

A CLASSICAL CANON

Electric Bass

Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill

1-4 **Andante** 4 5 6 7 8 9

mp

10 11 12 13 14 15

mf

16 17 18 19 20 21-22 **2**

23 24 25 26 27

mf

28 29 30 31 32 33

f

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Franz Joseph Haydn (b.1732 - d.1809) was an Austrian composer who worked as the court composer for the royal Esterhazy family for over thirty years. "Papa Haydn," best known for his numerous symphonies and string quartets, also trained and conducted the other court musicians. **A Classical Canon** was originally called the *Nightingale Canon*. Words were added later describing children's anticipation to stay up on Christmas Eve while the parent sang for the children to go to bed. The title then became commonly known as the *Christmas Eve Canon*.

DR. ROCK

Electric Bass

Chuck Elledge

Allegro moderato

1 *f* 2 3 4 5 *mf*

6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 *f* 22 23

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36

37 *f* 38 39 40 41 *p* 42 43

44 45 46 47 48 49 *f*

50 51 52 53 54 55

Rock music evolved into a distinctive style of music with songs like *Rock Around the Clock* and *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog*. During the 1960's, a British band called the Beatles became very popular. In the 1970's and 1980's, electronic instruments and advanced recording techniques were developed to enhance the music.

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FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

Electric Bass

George Frideric Handel

Moderato

1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30 31 32 33

34 35 36 37 38 39 40


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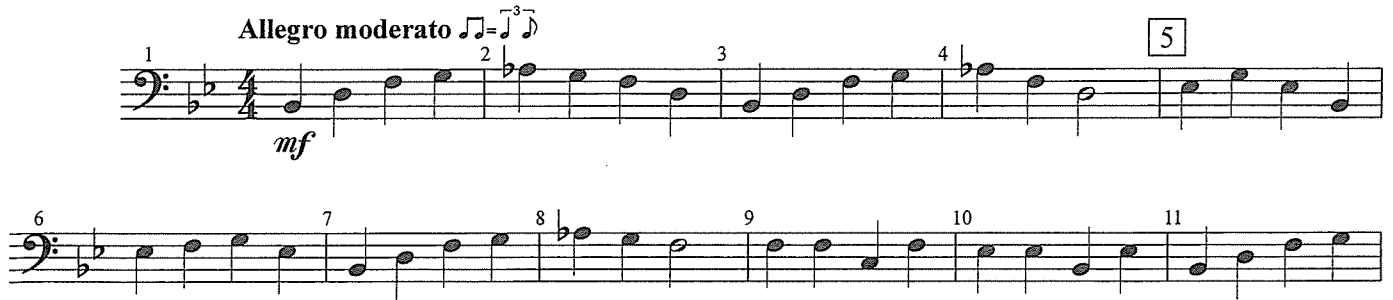
f *mf* *ff*

George Frideric Handel (b.1685 - d.1759) was a popular German composer who traveled widely throughout his life and settled in England. The English royalty paid him well for his many compositions. The **Music for the Royal Fireworks**, written in 1749, originally called for a huge ensemble of brass, woodwinds, timpani, and a cannon. Handel wrote the piece to accompany a fireworks celebration for the King of England. Just as the music began, the fireworks exploded accidentally. In spite of the accident, Handel's piece was a great success.

Electric Bass BOOGIE BLUES

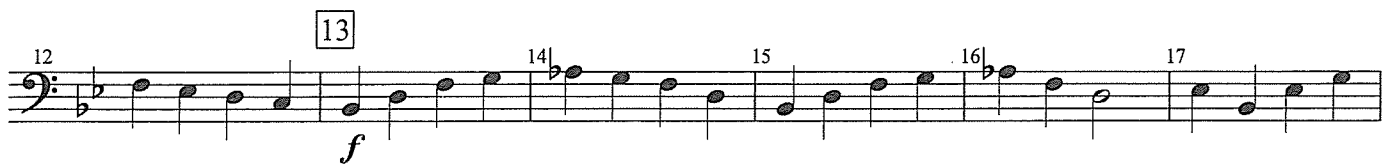
Allegro moderato 

1 2 3 4 5



mf

6 7 8 9 10 11



f

12 13 14 15 16 17



18 19 20 21 22 23 24

25 Solos (repeat as necessary)

26 27 28 29 30



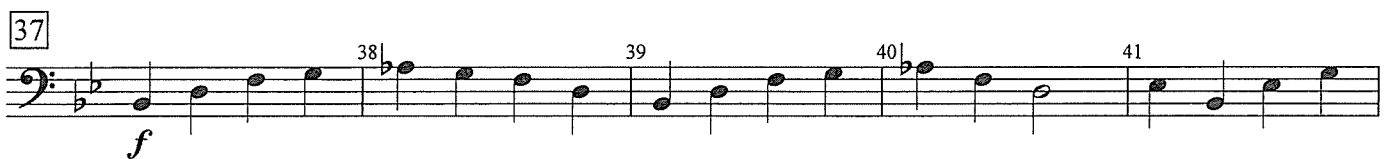
mf

31 32 33 34 35 36

Repeat as necessary

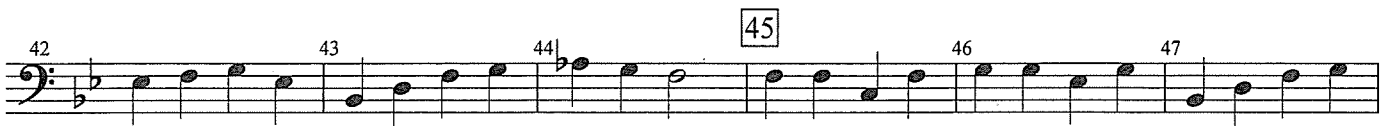


37 38 39 40 41



f

42 43 44 45 46 47



48 49 50 51 52



25 Ad lib solo

26 27 28 29 30



mf

31 32 33 34 35 36



Blues music evolved throughout the early 20th century. "Boogie-woogie," a popular style developed during this time, was normally played at a fast tempo, had a repeated melodic pattern in the bass (called a "walking bass"), swinging eighth notes, and a series of improvised variations in the upper melody.

Electric Bass MINOR ROCK

Allegro

1 *mf* 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9

11 12-13 2 14 15 16

17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25-28 4

29 30 31 32 33


















34 35 36 37 *f* 38

39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46 47

“Rock and Roll” was a phrase used by disk jockey, Allan Freed, in the early 1950’s. He wanted to attract teenagers to his Rhythm and Blues concerts. The name caught on and rock and roll replaced American “pop” music. Rock music has a heavy dance beat with strong accents on beats 2 and 4 and lyrics that relate well to young people.

GLOSSARY

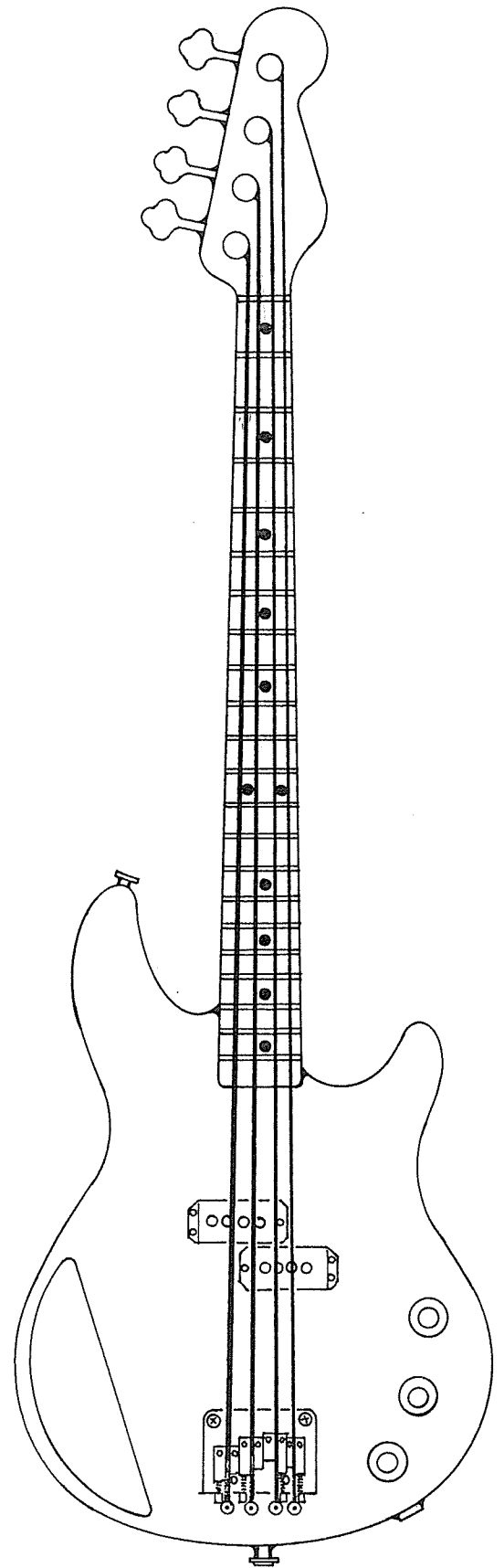
- Accent** > play the beginning of the note louder
- Accidentals** #, b, ♮ sharp, flat, or natural
- Allegro** quick and lively
- Andante** moderately slow
- Articulation** type of attack used to play a note or group of notes
- Bar Line**  divides the music staff into measures
- Bass Clef**  F Clef, read by bassoon, trombone, baritone, tuba, timpani, and electric bass
- Blues** American genre of popular vocal music, developed from African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals; characterized by a harmonic structure that is made up of a 12-measure phrase
- Breath Mark** ‘ take a breath
- Canon** a style of contrapuntal music, similar to a round
- Carol** song usually associated with Christmas
- Common Time** C same as 4/4
- Crescendo** < gradually play louder
- Decrescendo** > gradually play softer
- Double Bar**  marks the end of the music
- Dynamics** loudness or softness of music
- Fermata** ◡ hold note or rest longer than its usual value
- Flat** b lowers the pitch of a note by a half step
- Forte** *f* loud
- Fortissimo** *ff* very loud
- Harmony** result of two or more different notes played or sung at the same time
- Improvise** to create music as it is being performed
- Jazz** style of American popular music that emerged at the turn of the 20th century and continued to evolve throughout the 20th century
- Key Signature** sharps or flats stated right after the clef; key signatures change certain notes throughout a piece of music
- Ledger Lines**  short lines added above or below the staff used to extend the staff to notate pitches that are beyond the range of the staff
- Long Rest**  rest the number of measures indicated
- Maestoso** majestically
- Measure**  space between two bar lines; also known as a “bar”
- Medieval** (also known as Middle Ages, 400-1400AD) a time in European history of warfare, religious devotion, and royal pageantry
- Melody** organized succession of tones
- Mezzo Forte** *mf* medium loud
- Mezzo Piano** *mp* medium soft
- Moderato** moderate speed
- Natural** ♮ cancels a flat or sharp
- One-Measure Repeat**  repeat the previous measure
- Percussion Clef**  indicates that the lines and spaces on the staff do not designate specific pitches; also called neutral clef or no-pitch clef; read by snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and most other auxiliary percussion instruments
- Phrase** musical thought or sentence
- Piano** *p* soft
- Pick-Up Note(s)**  note or notes that come before the first full measure of a piece
- Popular Music** music of everyday life, it has played a role in each historical period
- Repeat Sign**  repeat from beginning or repeat the section of music between repeat signs
- Rhythm and Blues** American style of popular music often described as an urban style of blues; instrumentation included drums, piano, electric guitar and bass, saxophone, brass, and vocalists
- Rock** style of American popular music that developed in the 1960’s from rock and roll, with more amplification and distortion of sound and more room for improvisation
- Rock and Roll** style of American popular music that developed from rhythm and blues in the 1950’s and was especially popular among young people
- Sharp** # raises the pitch of a note 1/2 step
- Slur**  curved line connecting two or more notes of different pitches
- Solo/Soli** one person plays/whole section plays
- Staccato**  dot placed above or below a note meaning to play short and detached
- Staff**  lines and spaces on which music is written
- Swing** style of American popular music that was played by the “big bands” of the 1930’s and 1940’s
- Tempo** speed of music
- Tenuto**  line placed above or below a note meaning to sustain for full value
- Tie**  curved line that connects two notes on the same line or space
- Time Signature** $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ top number tells the number of counts in each measure; bottom number tells the type of note that receives one count
- Treble Clef**  G Clef; read by flute, oboe, clarinets, saxophones, trumpet, French horn, and mallet percussion
- Two-Measure Repeat**  repeat the two previous measures

ELECTRIC BASS CHECKLIST

- Standing or sitting up straight
- Shoulders relaxed
- Instrument properly positioned
- Right forearm and hand positioned properly
- Right hand fingers curved
- Left thumb positioned correctly behind neck
- Left wrist and fingers positioned and arched properly
- Right hand placed between bridge and end of fingerboard
- Plucking action correct
- Finger resting against next string after sounding string
- Index and middle finger producing same sound when plucking string

ELECTRIC BASS SURVIVAL KIT

- extra set of strings
- soft, lint-free cloth
- tuning device (electronic tuner, tuning fork, or pitch pipe)
- fingernail clipper
- extra audio cable
- pencil
- band music
- method book
- music stand



ELECTRIC BASS FINGERING CHART

A small "0" above a fingerboard diagram indicates open string (string not pressed down by left hand). A number next to a dot on the fingerboard diagram indicates which left hand finger to use, and where to place it.

E	F \flat	E \sharp	F	F \sharp	G \flat	G

G \sharp	A \flat	A	A \sharp	B \flat	B	C \flat

B \sharp	C	C \sharp	D \flat	D	D \sharp	E \flat

E	F \flat	E \sharp	F	F \sharp	G \flat	G

G \sharp	A \flat	A	A \sharp	B \flat	B	C \flat	B \sharp	C