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Schumann -- Album For The Young, Op. 68 (Book & 2 CDs) (Alfred Masterwork CD Edition)



Synopsis

Numerous selections from Schumann's Album for the Young have long been favorites of intermediate students, and few collections fail to include the "Soldier's March," the "Happy Farmer" or the "Wild Horseman." This historically informed edition of the entire collection clearly differentiates the markings of the first edition from Clara Schumann's later-edited version. Discussions of ornamentation and the collection's origin are also included. The Alfred Masterwork Library CD Editions conveniently combine each exceptional volume with a professionally recorded CD that is sure to inspire artistic performances. Pianist Kim O'Reilly Newman holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Illinois. She has performed throughout North America and Europe with the Hambro Quartet of Pianos and was an editor and recording pianist for Alfred Music. Kim is a brain tumor survivor and now specializes in performing music for the left hand.

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Customer Reviews

This wonderful edition arrived today. I am 57 years old and was quiet accomplished until a traumatic brain injury left me in a coma for 3 months and was told I would never play again. Just over a month ago I was able to purchase a very sweet Yamaha digital piano from and other than the lovely book of 50 pieces that came with the piano, this is my first book of sheet.I've not encountered most of these delightful pieces in 50 years and most likely I will never get my brain back to being able to play things from memory.In the past I would have purchased an edition as close to the original as

possible, but it is nice to not have to figure out my own fingerings and ornaments. I am one of the most critical gents on the planet and if I were not 100 percent pleased I would not give it my endorsement.

5 star! For the product and also for the customer service provided by . I was about to give a 4 star to the product since one of the CDs are not perfect (the recordings have some noise). However, sent me a new copy immediately after receiving the complaint. The book is quite impressive for beginner and intermediate levels, especially for introduction to the romantic period. The instructions are also quite useful.

Great collection! Nice print quality and CD is a huge bonus.

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I have been trying to play the piano again and these pieces are a very nice way to get the fingers back in shape.

I earlier reviewed the other Schumann's book and CD, but wanted to recommend both of them (one of them has two CDs). My grandchildren are aged 10 and 6 and love all the Schumann music on these CDs, plus my granddaughter is excited about learning the music that comes in the book. I highly recommend these wonderful combinations of book and CDs!

This edition of Schumann's wonderful Album for the Young has an interesting introduction to the work which quotes Schumann as being very enthusiastic about his creation, and eager to publish. It also includes a most enlightening article about editions of the work, with Palmer's justification for preparing a new edition that is not slavishly based on Clara Schumann's. The notation is appropriately quite large and has lots of helpful fingering and other editorial information, but is not swamped by these. Highly recommended.

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