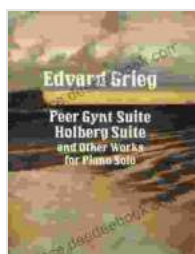


Peer Gynt Suite, Holberg Suite, and Other Works for Piano Solo: A Musical Journey through Grieg's Masterpieces

Edvard Grieg, the renowned Norwegian composer of the Romantic era, left an indelible mark on the world of classical music with his enchanting compositions. Among his most celebrated works are the Peer Gynt Suite and Holberg Suite, both originally composed as incidental music for theatrical productions. These suites, along with other captivating works for piano solo, are now available in a comprehensive Dover Classical edition.



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This meticulously edited volume presents Grieg's piano solos in their original form, allowing pianists and music enthusiasts to delve into the depths of his musical genius. Each piece is adorned with insightful commentary and performance suggestions, providing valuable guidance for interpretation and execution.

Peer Gynt Suite: A Musical Tapestry of Norwegian Folklore and Myth

The Peer Gynt Suite, a four-movement masterpiece, encapsulates the essence of Henrik Ibsen's eponymous play. Grieg's music vividly portrays the protagonist's fantastical adventures and inner struggles, weaving a rich tapestry of Norwegian folklore and myth.

1. **"Morning Mood"**: This tranquil and evocative piece sets the stage for Peer Gynt's journey, capturing the serene beauty of a Norwegian sunrise.
2. **"Åse's Death"**: A poignant and heartfelt elegy, this movement depicts the passing of Peer Gynt's mother, Åse, conveying the profound grief and loss experienced by her son.
3. **"Anitra's Dance"**: A captivating and exotic dance infused with Eastern influences, this movement portrays Anitra, a seductive Arab princess who briefly captivates Peer Gynt.
4. **"In the Hall of the Mountain King"**: Perhaps the most iconic movement of the suite, this thrilling and dynamic piece depicts Peer Gynt's encounter with the menacing Mountain King and his grotesque court.

Holberg Suite: A Baroque-Inspired Homage to Norway's Past

The Holberg Suite, a neo-Baroque composition in five movements, was written in honor of the 200th anniversary of Ludvig Holberg, a renowned Norwegian playwright. Grieg pays homage to the Baroque era while incorporating elements of Norwegian folk music.

1. **"Prelude"**: A stately and elegant , this movement establishes the Baroque framework of the suite.
2. **"Sarabande"**: A graceful and melancholic dance, this movement evokes the refinement and elegance of the Baroque court.
3. **"Gavotte"**: A lively and energetic dance, this movement showcases Grieg's mastery of Baroque dance forms.
4. **"Air"**: A serene and introspective movement, this piece provides a moment of lyrical respite within the suite.
5. **"Rigaudon"**: A spirited and playful dance, this movement brings the suite to a rousing .

Other Works for Piano Solo: A Treasure Trove of Musical Delights

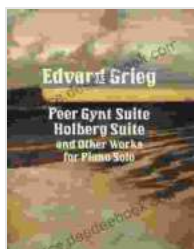
In addition to the Peer Gynt Suite and Holberg Suite, this Dover Classical edition includes a selection of Grieg's other captivating works for piano solo. Each piece showcases the composer's versatility and explores a wide range of musical styles.

- **"Lyric Pieces"**: A collection of over 60 short piano pieces, these intimate and evocative compositions capture the essence of Norwegian nature and emotions.
- **"Wedding Day at Troldhaugen"**: A charming and celebratory piece, this composition depicts the joy and festivity of a Norwegian wedding.
- **"Sonata in E Minor"**: Grieg's only piano sonata, this three-movement work is a testament to his mastery of classical form and Romantic expression.

The Dover Classical edition of Peer Gynt Suite, Holberg Suite, and Other Works for Piano Solo is a treasure trove for pianists and music lovers alike. This comprehensive collection offers a profound journey into the musical world of Edvard Grieg, allowing us to experience the evocative melodies, vibrant rhythms, and masterful storytelling that define his genius. Whether you are a seasoned performer or a casual listener, this edition will provide hours of musical enjoyment and a deeper appreciation for the enduring legacy of one of the most beloved composers of the Romantic era.

Suggested Listening:

- Peer Gynt Suite performed by Leif Ove Andsnes
- Holberg Suite performed by Glenn Gould
- Lyric Pieces performed by Håvard Gimse



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