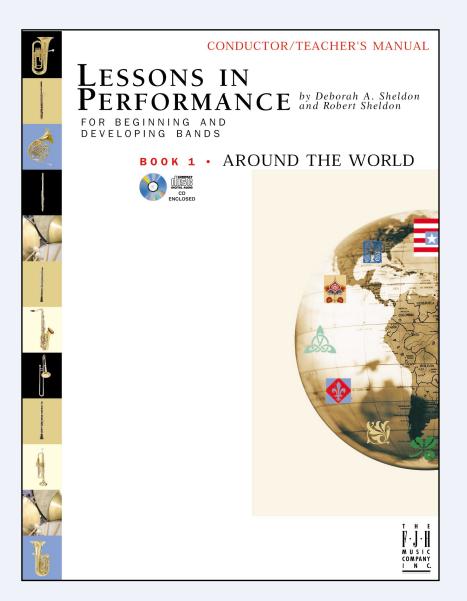
# Lessons in Performance Book 1: Around the World







#### Dear Educator:

The musical experiences of the young and developing band student can be just as deep and meaningful as those of veteran players. With this in mind, Deborah Sheldon and Robert Sheldon have developed *Lessons in Performance*, *Book 1: Around the World*, a comprehensive musical toolbox for you and your students. This collection of fifteen band works suitable for young and developing players will lead your group in directions you may not have thought possible.

*Lessons in Performance* provides wonderful arrangements of folk and nationalistic music from around the globe that can be used individually or grouped for a theme concert. In addition to individual parts, all student books come complete with a spotlight scale, melody, supporting accompaniment lines, and prominent rhythmic units. At their fingertips, students have access to the key ingredients for each piece. By teaching musical interplay between these elements, students will learn the music at a deeper level and have the tools necessary to become more musically independent.

In addition to the full score, the conductor/teacher's manual contains indepth lesson plans. The authors provide insight into nuances of background information, melody, harmony, rhythm, form, texture, articulation, dynamics, and expression. Breakdowns of instrumental ranges are provided along with specifics on percussion instrumentation and rudiments used in each piece. Tips for learning instrumental technique through singing are given as well as instructions for teaching students how to perform basic conducting skills. To help streamline your rehearsal preparations, a complete performance analysis supplements each band work. Connections to the National Standards are made for each work as well, making this collection a valuable component in your music curriculum.

We invite you to take a look at this new design in young band instruction. We are sure you will want to incorporate *Lessons in Performance* in your curriculum.

Sincerely,

Frank Hackinson

Frank Hackinson President The FJH Music Company Inc.

# LESSONS IN PERFORMANCE

The Student Book

## **Music**

The selected literature for this collection includes arrangements representing many countries around the world. You and your students will experience the traditional sounds and cultures of the following countries:

| March Ceremonial        | United States   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| El rey de Fransia       | Spain           |
| Wallaby Walkabout       | Australia       |
| An Irish Ballade        | Ireland         |
| Patriotic Salute        | United States   |
| Old Joe Clark           | United States   |
| Korobochka!             | Russia          |
| Holiday Sleigh Ride     | United States   |
| Birus kakatua           | Indonesia       |
| Armenian Anthem         | Armenia         |
| V'la le bon vent        | French Canadian |
| Noël Français!          | France          |
| Blow, Ye Winds, Blow    | Scotland        |
| A Scandinavian Folktale | Finland         |
| The Chicken Dance       | Belgium         |
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The Conductor's Score comes with full-length recordings. In addition, full-length recordings of all fifteen pieces are available at www.fjhmusic.com.

# **Exploration Pages**

Students and band directors have music extras at their fingertips. Each band piece has two components: the student part to the band work and a page full of activities to assist young players in exploring the work to its fullest. With the help of these Exploration Pages, your job is made easier. Each work has been broken down to reveal key elements to make teaching and learning fun and enduring. There are four sections to the Exploration Pages: Spotlight Scale, Melody, Accompaniments, and Rhythms.

### > Exploration Pages are included with every piece in the following format:

## Melody

All students have access to each work's melodic theme. They will be able to sing, play, and recognize the melodic material, as it has been highlighted to be part of the learning experience.

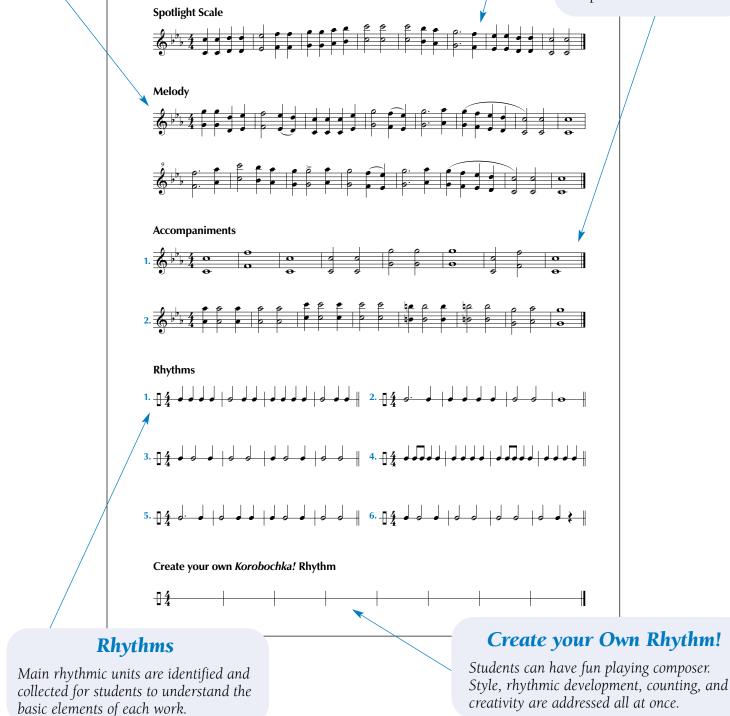
## Spotlight Scale

Based on the primary key, featuring a repeated rhythmic unit found in the piece.

## Exploring Korobochka!

## Accompaniments

Main components of each selection have been extracted and reorganized for all parts, making it easier for your students to listen for and recognize parts that compliment their own.



# **LESSONS IN PERFORMANCE** The Conductor/Teacher's Manual

The conductor's resource contains two main sections for each band work: the Score and Steps Towards Success.



reduction for lessons, rehearsals, and even performances

# **STEPS TOWARD SUCCESS**

Lessons in Performance provides a wealth of information about each selection. Steps Toward Success contains tools and analyses to assist you in **planning**, **teaching**, **conducting**, and **assessing**. Ideas for addressing the **National Standards** in instrumental music are abundant and varied.

#### Sections include:

- Background Information
  Expression
- Melody

- Expression
- Performance Analysis
- Harmony Sing
- Rhythm
- Form
- Texture
- Articulations
- Dynamics

- Singing
- Conducting
- Ranges
- Percussion Instrumentation and Rudiments
- Phrasing/Breathing
- Connecting to the National Standards

## Background Information

Historical information

Facts about composers

Information about music of certain regions

Lyrics when available

Just enough to integrate in to a lesson or two to take students beyond the notes

#### **Steps Toward Success**

# Korobochka!

#### **Background Information**

We found several different meanings for the word *korobochka*. One identified it as a "little *box*." It is also the name for a Russian folk instrument and a Ukranian dance that is accompanied by instrumental music. The word *korobushka* means "peddler." This folk song entitled *Korobochka* is said to be a love song about a young peddler who sees peasant girls working in a field as he walks to market. The peddler looks one of the girls in the eye and they immediately fall in love. In exchange for a kiss, the peddler gives her his box of goods. Perhaps this is the little box referred to in one translation of *korobochka*. Or perhaps the title was really meant to be *Korobushka*.

#### ► Isolates and discusses the main elements of each piece:

#### Melody

The melody in *Korobochka!* is simple, singable, short, and unquestionably Eastern European. The A phrase has a small range of a 6th. The B phrase expands the range to a full octave but maintains the singable quality due to the mostly stepwise motion. This adds to the instrumental performance accessibility of the work.

#### Melody

Characterization of melodic movement with focus on stepwise versus leapwise motion

Identification of main rhythmic patterns that help define the melody

*Phrase lengths* 

#### Harmony

#### **Outlines:**

Key and tonal center

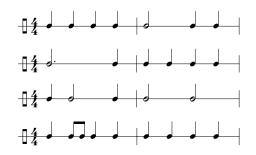
Key changes and harmonic manipulation

#### Harmony

*Korobochka!* is pitched in the key of C minor. Harmonization is very traditional with the main chordal structure moving between Cm, Fm, and G7.

#### Rhythm

The meter is  $\frac{4}{4}$  (J = 72). Rhythmic units are achievable for this level. Whole notes, dotted half notes, half notes, and quarter notes are used. Percussion also uses eighth notes. Tied notation is used sparingly at the beginning of the work. Prevalent rhythmic units are



The movement of the melody and the ease of the rhythmic units make this piece very accessible. As noted in the Form section that follows, the two phrases of this work are repeated. In addition, although the B phrase is different from the A phrase, the differences only come in the first three measures while the last five are exactly the same as the A part of the melody. This is important because of the challenge of changing tempo. The work accelerates throughout. The introduction is marked J = 72. At measure 5, the tempo changes to J = 112. The tempo changes again at measure 37, J = 144. The next change occurs at measure 53, J = 160, the next at measure 61, J = 184, and the final change is marked *Vivo* and is set at J = 210. The challenge is readily met by students of this level, however, because of the repetitive nature of the work.

## **Rhythm**

Identifies meter, tempo, and any tempo variations

Discusses achievability of rhythmic units for students at beginning and developing levels

Summarizes all note and rest durations used in the work

Illustrates prevailing rhythms

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#### Form

Presented in an easy-to-read grid Outlines measure groups and content Gives a good feel for form and length

| Measures | Content           |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1–4      | Introduction      |
| 5–12     | A phrase          |
| 13–20    | A phrase repeated |
| 21–28    | B phrase          |
| 29–36    | B phrase repeated |
| 37–44    | A phrase          |
| 45–52    | A phrase repeated |
| 53-60    | B phrase          |
| 61–68    | B phrase repeated |
| 69–70    | Closure           |

#### Texture

All winds open *Korobochka!* At measure 5, upper woodwinds drop out along with horn and trumpets. The accompaniment voices play whole notes and half notes. The melody is the only true moving line. At measure 13, the upper voices are now added along with the tambourine and bells. The accompaniment is still relegated to whole notes and half notes. At measure 21, the trumpets, bells, and tambourine drop out; snare drum and bass drum are in. The accompaniment is now split in the winds to include half-note–whole-note combinations against a J J syncopation. Trumpets and bells reenter at measure 28 and at measure 29 the full ensemble with the exception of the flutes play with the same accompaniment structure. Texture thins at measure 37 as the work moves back to the A phrase material at a faster tempo. The percussion assists with the tempo as well as contribute to a fuller sounding texture (although wind parts remain thin). At measure 45, the accompaniment to the A phrase retains the half-note–whole-note combinations, but the battery drops out. Measure 53 marks a return to the B phrase material and texture here is the same as it was at measure 21. The entire ensemble is in at measure 61, and the texture is the same as it was at measure 29. Tutti ensemble performs the last three notes.

#### Texture

Systematically moves through the orchestration of each work

Identifies voices carrying specific sections

States where there is "safety in numbers," and where independence and transparency are found

#### Articulation, Dynamics, and Expression

*Korobochka!* is marked *Slowly* at the beginning. These directions change as the tempo changes. At measure 5, the marking changes to *Moderately*. At measure 37, the score is marked *Allegro*, at measure 53 it is marked *Faster*, at measure 61 it is marked *Presto*, and the last two measures are marked *Vivo*.

The introduction of the work is slow, thoughtful, and slurred. A *fermata* on measure 4 helps to prepare the band for the change of tempo at measure 5. The A phrase is articulated with a soft tongue and an occasional slur. The articulation is repeated from measures 13 through 20. Dynamics to this point have been very soft. A *crescendo* at measure 20 brings the work to the first statement of the B phrase, which is played at a *mf* level and employs accented long tones in the syncopation figure. All other articulation is light tongue with occasional slurs. This same articulation is repeated from measures 29 through 36. The dynamics drop to *p* at measure 37 and articulations are as they were in measures 5 through 12. A *crescendo* at measure 52. Another *crescendo* lies ahead at measure 52 and lifts the dynamics to *mf* for the next eight measures. The articulations return to those of the first iteration of the B material and another *crescendo* is found at measure 60. This leads into the repeat of the B phrase at a *f* level while all other articulations are repeated. The last two measures use short accents and *ff* dynamics to close the work. Students must be reminded that in order to play the accelerated tempi with ease and accuracy, their articulations must be light, air should be fast, and avoid overblowing.

### Articulation, Dynamics, and Expression

Measure-by-measure overview focuses on teachable essentials to sensitive musical performance

*Key to development of musical expression* 

## **>** Essential resources to aid the conductor with score study

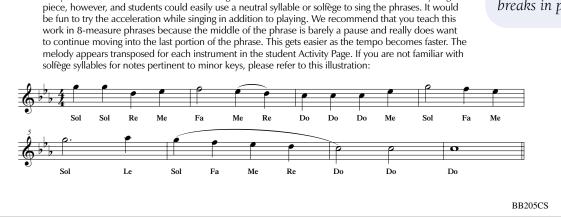
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| Mea     | asures   | Content and Teaching Focus  |  |  |
| 1       | 1–4      | The 4-measure introduction is very slow and legato. It begins with a full band sound at a $f$ level. The moving lines should be played in one breath; indicate this to your students in instruction and conducting.   |  |  |
|         |          | Those playing the supporting long tones will likely need a breath between measures 2 and 3. It must be quick and the reentry of these voices must be smooth. Better yet would be a staggered breath in these voices.  |  |  |
|         |          | Instruct students on the appearance of the accidental at measure 4. All eyes should be upon you for the <i>fermata</i> at measure 4. A slight break at the end of the <i>fermata</i> will allow a good breath going into the first statement of the A phrase. Let the cutoff coincide with the preparation for the downbeat at measure 5. |  |  |
| 5       | i–12     | Dynamics drop to <i>mp</i> . This will mean a dramatic change of beat pattern size. The melody should be played with a light tongue and be heard as somewhat bouncy. The long tones of the accompaniment voices should always be played with full value. Encourage stagger breathing in the accompaniment as well as the melody.          | <b>Performance Analysis</b><br>Every measure studied for content<br>and teaching focus |  |
|         |          | Cue the tambourine entrance at measure 12.  |  |  |
| 13      | 3–20     | The melody is joined by upper woodwinds, trumpets, and bells. Cue this group of voices. The articulations are the same as in the previous eight measures so your gesture should be similar.   | Addresses both vertical and linear<br>elements of the music                            |  |
|         |          | Remind students to be careful of the accidentals in measures 17 and 18.<br>Alto saxophones should check the G <sup>#</sup> key for stickiness prior to playing.   | Includes suggestions for teaching  |  |
|         |          | Demonstrate the <i>crescendo</i> going into measure 21.   | and conducting   |  |
| 21      | 1–28     | The first statement of the B phrase begins at a <i>mf</i> level and the long tone of the syncopation is accented. These features should be indicated in gesture.  |  |  |
|         |          | Cue the snare drum and bass drum entrance. Tambourine needs a release.  |  |  |
|         |          | Remind students about the accidentals in measures 25 and 26. The last three notes of the phrase (this is true for most phrases of this work) should be long and move towards finality in the last of the three notes.   |  |  |
|         |          | Gesture should show the pointed nature of the accompaniment against the legato qualities of the melody.   |  |  |
|         |          | Cue the trumpets and bells entrance at measures 28.   |  |  |
| 29      | 9–36     | Flute should be released on beat 1 of measure 29. Gesture in this section should be similar to the previous 8 measures.   |  |  |
|         |          | Remind students about the accidentals in measures 33 and 34.  |  |  |
|         |          | The closing quarter note of this phrase (measure 36, beat 3) must be emphatic. All voices in beat 4 are silent.   |  |  |
| 37      | 7–44     | This section begins back at a $p$ level with sparser instrumentation. Note the change of tempo. Allow your gesture to become smaller.   |  |  |

## Singing

Uses strong natural connection between singing and playing an instrument

Lends itself well to teaching your students easy-to-sing melodies

Helps students understand natural breaks in phrases



No lyrics are included for this work as the original nor translation could be identified. It is a very singable

► Includes conducting tips for students

#### Conducting

*Korobochka!* is perfect for teaching your students how to accelerate. This work remains in  $\frac{4}{4}$  time throughout but contains six separate tempo markings moving from a deliberate J = 72 to a very swift J = 210. As the tempo accelerates, gesture will necessarily get smaller. Discuss this with your students and ask them why this is so.

## Conducting

Singing

# Suggestions for teaching basic conducting skills to your students

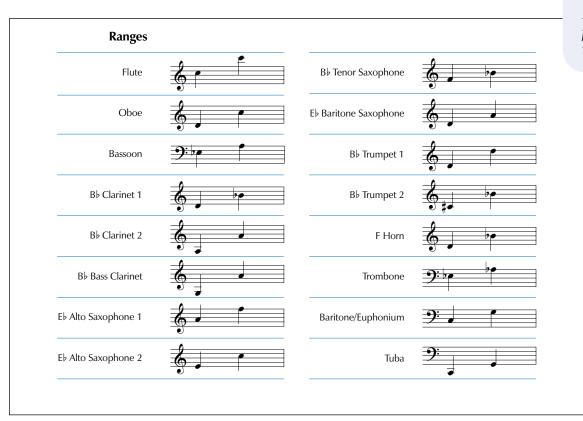
Aspects of conducting gestures can often be transferred into instrumental performance skill

Reinforces the role of the conductor and the student's responsibility to the conductor and the ensemble

## Range

Includes ranges for all instruments

Easy to determine certain performance challenges related to range issues



## Percussion Instrumentation and Rudiments

Addresses percussion needs including instrumentation and rudiments

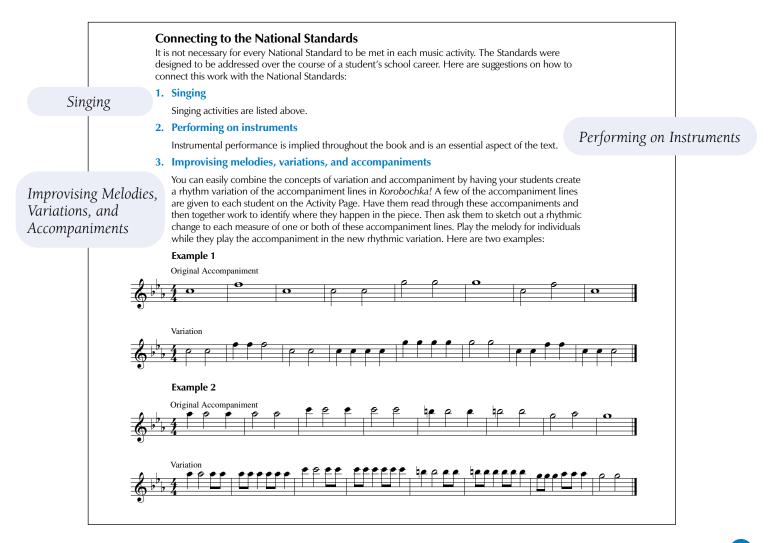
#### **Percussion Instrumentation and Rudiments**

The percussion section is comprised of snare drum, bass drum, crash cymbals, tambourine, and bells. No rudiments are used in this piece. Instruction on the technique of light cymbal crashes is essential.

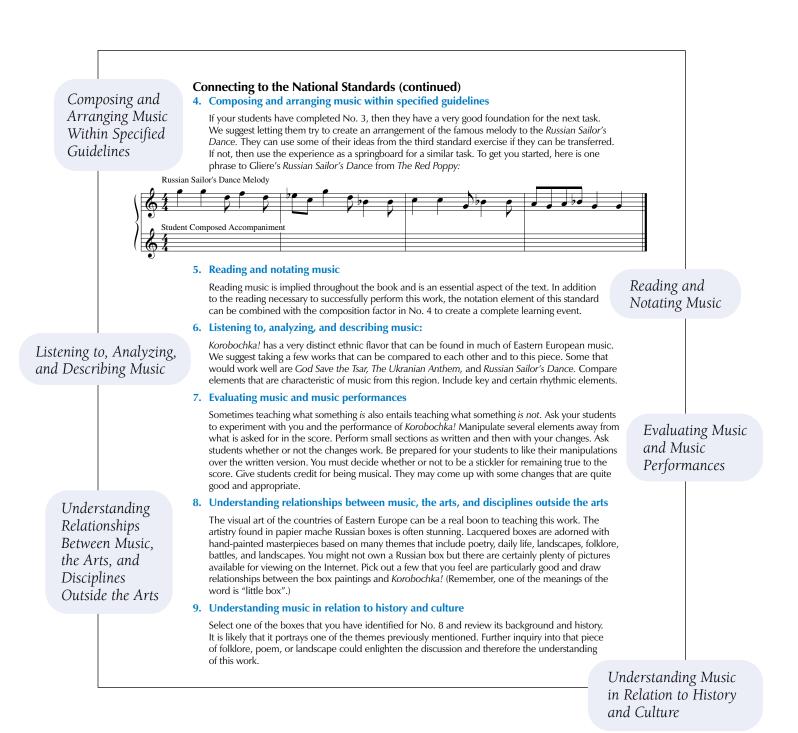
# **Connecting to the National Standards**

- Useful for curriculum restructuring in defining goals, developing strategies, and designing assessment
- Extensively relates the teaching and learning of the work to aspects of the National Standards including:
  - Singing
  - Performing on Instruments
  - Improvising Melodies, Variations, and Accompaniments
  - Composing and Arranging Music Within Specified Guidelines
  - *Reading and Notating Music*

- Listening to, Analyzing, and Describing Music
- Evaluating Music and Music Performances
- Understanding Relationships Between Music, the Arts, and Disciplines Outside the Arts
- Understanding Music in Relation to History and Culture



# **Connecting to the National Standards**





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# Lessons in Performance Book 1: Around the World

#### **Comprehensive and Dynamic Lesson Plans Include**

Full Score Analyses

Techniques for Conducting and Teaching

Background and Historical Information

Supplemental Exercises for Every Instrument Exploring

- Melody
- Accompaniment
- Rhythm

Direct Correlation with the National Standards

Instrument Books Available:

| Conductor/Teacher's Manual | BB205CS  | 24.95 |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
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| E Baritone Saxophone       | BB205BSX | 4.50  |
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