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Anton Slama

66 ETUDES

**in All Major and Minor Keys
for Euphonium**

Edited by Ralph Sauer

Preface

Anton Slama's *66 Etudes in All Major and Minor Keys* was the first etude book that I used with my teacher, Emory Remington (1892-1971). Though not a book for a beginner, it is perfect for an advanced high school student or first-year college student. My assignment was to prepare all the etudes in one key (major and minor) for the weekly lesson. Each key is introduced with a basic scale exercise that includes some arpeggios and easy patterns. There follows a series of exercises in the major and minor of that key that explore more difficult patterns. When working from any etude book, Mr. Remington always started at the beginning and continued to the end. There was no "skipping around."

I would suggest that the student spend enough time on the first etude in each key to become comfortable in that key. Use of a metronome is important at this stage, starting slowly and gradually increasing speed. Dynamics are quite sparse in the original edition (though I have included them), so it will be beneficial to vary the dynamics from session to session. Articulations should also be varied after the printed articulations (wherever indicated) have been mastered.

The problem of where to breathe in pieces that have continuous sixteenth notes (for example) can be solved in various ways. If the metronome speed is slow enough, taking a quick breath between notes is possible. At faster speeds, it is better to leave out a note in order to keep the tempo steady—Example 1. When not using a metronome, it is possible to play these pieces in a more musical manner—Example 2.

I have corrected misprints and tried to resolve articulation conflicts in this wonderful old book. More than fifty years after my first lesson with Mr. Remington, it remains on my music stand.

Ralph Sauer

Example 1

Allegretto

9.

Example 2

Allegretto

9.

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Allegro

1.



Moderato

2.



Allegretto

Andante

66. Musical score for bass clef in E major (three sharps), 3/4 time. The piece begins with a *marcato* marking. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, with an accent (>) over the first note of the second measure. The second staff continues from measure 5 to 8, with an accent (>) over the first note of the fifth measure. The third staff continues from measure 9 to 12, with an 'x' mark over the first note of the tenth measure. The fourth staff continues from measure 13 to 16, with a '7' (finger number) over the first note of the thirteenth measure. The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, as well as dynamic markings like accents and 'x' marks.

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