

# SOLO XTREME

9 X-traordinary and Challenging Piano Pieces

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The term “xtreme” is often used in sports to indicate feats that go beyond the ordinary. The pieces in Solo Xtreme were written to encourage students to achieve similar feats. Many pieces encountered by young pianists consist of single-line melodies that stay in one location on the keyboard. The pieces in this series move beyond this, challenging beginning students to change locations, cross hand-over-hand, play harmonic intervals and accidentals, use the pedal to create color and moods, and vary articulations. In addition, some suggest optional special effects using rhythm instruments. At the same time, they expand technique and musicianship.

In creating these pieces, I incorporated ideas that would encourage students to reach for new heights whether playing for their own enjoyment or for family and friends. The pieces also make impressive recital and contest solos. Enjoy!

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