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Gaspard De La Nuit (Alfred Masterwork Edition)



Synopsis

Considered as one of the masterworks of 20th century piano literature, this critical edition utilizes interpretive clues from such noted French pianists and pedagogues as Casadesus, Perlemuter, and Ciampi, who knew Ravel and studies this piece with him. The original Durand score has not been altered, but editorial changes are pointed out as they occur by means of footnotes. Through her expertise in the French piano literature Nancy Bricard has contributed her own ideas in regard to fingering and metronome markings.

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Customer Reviews

There are several editions of "Gaspard de La Nuit" out there, but the Alfred Masterwork Edition is by far the best! Contains useful historical information on the piece. Fingering suggestions that actually work and I very rarely found a need to change. Contains several subnotes that show you what the composer said about that particular measure/section and differentiates this from any notes explaining the editors suggestion. Displays several different ways to approach a section (with different fingering, hand distribution, etc) which is really helpful. Love, Love, LOVE it!

I am a collegiate piano student, and many established pianists have told me that this is the definitive edition of Gaspard de la nuit. I purchased it, and was simply amazed by its quality. There are pages of background information on Ravel, and lots of helpful performance and musical

suggestions. There are also a number of errors in previous editions that are pointed out concisely in the score. One of the most helpful additions to the music are the suggestive (and sometimes the only feasible) fingerings that are provided, which can ease the pain of learning this immensely challenging music.

The score is clear and easy to read, and I enjoyed all the frequent little performance notes and comments. With this edition, you're never left wondering about even the smallest of details.

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