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Carl CzernyFor every aspiring pianist, Carl Czerny is still a household name. His extensive sets of technical exercises are part of nearly every pianists training. Czerny was also the most famous student of Beethoven, and in turn a teacher of Liszt. His paternal grandfather was employed as a city official in Nymburk near Prague, and apparently he was a good amateur violinist. Wenzel Czerny, Carls father, was a pianist, organist, oboist and singer who received his education and musical training in a Benedictine monastery near Prague. After his marriage, Wenzel settled in Vienna in 1786 and made his living as a music teacher and piano repairman. Carl was born in the Viennese district of Leopoldstadt on 21 February 1791. He was baptized in the parish of St. Leopold, in the presence of the pianists Abb Gelinek and Abb Ferdinand. Only a couple of months after Carls birth, Wenzel took his family to Poland as he had been appointed piano teacher to a local manor. Political unrest caused the parents to leave Poland earlier than intended, and they returned to Vienna with their four-year-old son Carl.Carl Czerny: Variations on a Favourite Viennese Waltz by F. Schubert, Op. 12 The young Carl CzernyCarl was quickly identified as an extraordinary child prodigy, and he started to play piano at the age of three. He received his first lessons from his father, and writes in his autobiography, Since my father had acquired a very good way of playing by studying Bachs, Clementis and similar works [], this had a good influence on my diligence [] my father, far from wanting to train me to become a superficial concert player, rather, I tried to acquire a great deal of skill in sight-reading, and to develop my musical sense, by constantly studying new music. Young Czerny was continually under parental supervision, and was carefully isolated from other children. It has been suggested that Wenzel Czerny was hardly the typical prodigy parent. An anecdote tells, Beethoven once complained that the father was not strict enough, to which Wenzel replied, Oh Mr. Beethoven, but he is our only child. At any rate, Carl progressed rapidly and by the age of ten he was able to play cleanly and fluently nearly everything of Mozart and Clementi. Initially, he played piano recitals in his parents home, and made his first public appearance in 1800, performing Mozarts Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor. Carl Czerny: Grand Sonata for Pianoforte and Violin in A Major (Erika Raum, violin; Anton Kuerti, piano) Czerny introduced his student Liszt to BeethovenCarl was only eight years old when his father first introduced him to Beethoven. Subsequently, the Czech composer and violinist Wenzel Krumpholz arranged a visit to Beethovens home in 1801. Beethoven asked Czerny to play his Pathtique Sonata and Adelaide. Beethoven was impressed with the 10-year-old and accepted him as a student. Carl took lessons with Beethoven from 1801 to 1803 about twice a week, and sporadically until 1804. Czerny describes the lessons as consisting of scales and technique at first, then progressing with the stress on legato technique throughout. On Beethovens recommendations, Prince Lichnowsky engaged Carl at the age of 13 to play Beethoven compositions for him, all of which Carl knew by memory insofar as they had already been composed. Carls letters and autobiography are important documents describing Beethoven during this period. Czerny was the first to report symptoms of Beethovens deafness, several years before the matter became public. Of his first meeting with Beethoven, he wrote, I also noticed with that visual quickness peculiar to children that he had cotton which seemed to have been steeped in a yellowish ointment, in his ears. Carl Czerny: Piano Concerto in D minor (Rosemary Tuck, piano; English Chamber Orchestra; Richard Bonyngne, cond.) Czerny, 1833Czerny highly admired Beethovens facility at improvisation, his expertise at fingering, the rapidity of his scales and trills, and his restrained demeanour while performing. In turn, Beethoven selected Czerny as pianist for the premiere of his Piano Concerto No. 1 in 1806 and, at the age of 21, in February 1812, Czerny gave the Vienna premiere of Beethovens Emperor Piano Concerto. Czerny produced his first compositions at the age of seven, and in 1802 he copied out many Bach fugues, Scarlatti sonatas and other works by ancient composers. In his early teens, he was deeply affected by Beethovens first two symphonies, and produced orchestral scoreswhich hadnt been published yetby copying the parts. He recalls, Thus, very early on, I received a rather correct understanding of orchestration; and this work gave me such pleasure that I also made up scores for several Haydn and Mozart symphonies, which is in any case much more instructive for the student than just studying ready-made scores. Czernys first published compositions appeared in 1806, and for the next 35 years, Czerny taught piano all day and composed all evening. His composition portfolio amounts to well over one thousand works.For more of the best in classical music, sign up to our E-Newsletter Czernys piano heritage treeCarl Czerny: Quartet for four pianos, LevelGrade 1 (1)Grade 2 (2)Grade 3 (3)Grade 4 (2)Grade 5 (1) Opus TitleDescriptionDownload 599Practical Method for BeginnersProbably the most popular Czerny exercises. A series of 100 studies. 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Carl Czerny (February 21, 1791 July 15, 1857)Carl Czerny (born February 21, 1791, Vienna, Austria died July 15, 1857, Vienna), was a prolific, industrious and influential Austrian pianist, composer and teacher of his time. Known for his pedagogical works for the piano, he has a unique position in the development of piano teaching and playing. Czerny was a pupil of Ludwig van Beethoven and Muzio Clementi and the teacher of Franz Liszt. Czerny's works include not only piano music (tudes, nocturnes, sonatas, opera theme arrangements and variations) but also masses and choral music, symphonies, concertos, songs, string quartets and other chamber music. Czerny created his original method of piano practice focused on finger dexterity and velocity. Many of his etudes (studies) are widely used today for piano practice, especially such collections as The School of Velocity, The Art of Dexterity, and Etudes for the Left Hand. BIOGRAPHYFamilyCarl Czerny was born in Vienna in a musical family of Czech origin. His grandfather was a violinist and his father, Wenzel Czerny, was an organist, oboist and pianist. He came to Vienna in 1750 and set up as a piano teacher. When Carl was six months, his father took his family to Poland, where he had been hired as piano teacher to a noble family, but in 1795 the family came back to Vienna.EducationCzerny was a child prodigy with an ability to play piano at an early age of three, he wrote his own music when he was seven, and demonstrated a fine musical memory. Carl performed in public at the age of ten, and commenced his own career as a teacher at fourteen. His father was his first piano teacher who taught him mainly the works of Bach, Mozart and Clementi. At the age of eleven, Carl Czerny was introduced to Ludwig van Beethoven by his piano teacher Wenzel Krumpholz. Beethoven was so impressed with Czernys performance of his Sonata Pathtique that he enthusiastically accepted ten-year-old Carl as his student. Czerny remained under Beethovens tutelage for the next three years. During this period, Carl devoted himself to learning piano lessons from the worlds most famous composer. Beethoven marvelled at Czernys eidetic memory.Teacher and composerCarl Czerny as a young manCzerny went on to take lessons from Johann Nepomuk Hummel and Antonio Salieri. He also attended courses which Muzio Clementi held in Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Prague, Rome and Milan. At age of 15 he decided to dedicate his entire life to teaching, composing and writing music. Czerny taught in Vienna, and he soon earned great reputation for his teaching methods that even Beethoven himself had asked him to teach piano for his nephew. Czerny was selected to be the first to play Beethoven's celebrated Emperor concerto in public in 1812. However, unlike most composers of his times, he felt the life of a concert pianist was not for him and decided to become a teacher instead. Some of the most famous nineteenth-century composers including Stephen Heller, Theodor Leschetizky, Sigismond Thalberg, Anton Door, Theodor Dohler and Franz Liszt were his students.Czerny never married, he continued to live with his parents. His lessons occupied him from early morning until late evening. Though he became wealthy, he was not much interested in money.Contribution to piano studiesCzernys lasting influence, however, was in his piano studies, which were greatly esteemed by teachers for generations to come. These include the School of Velocity, and the School of the Left Hand. These exacting sets of graded exercises were still being widely used in the early 21st century. Czerny also left a valuable essay on performing the piano sonatas of Beethoven. He published an autobiographical sketch, Erinnerungen aus meinem Leben (Memories from My Life; 1842).Last years and deathBy the early 1840s he was having problems with his health. After his parents died, he shared his home with an ever-growing pride of cats. By 1850 he was semi-invalid. Before his death at 66, he methodically divided up his wealth among various charities and musical organizations. SHEET MUSIC: You can find and download free scores of the composer:The Art of Finger Dexterity, Etude Op.740 No.18 Audio.com MuseHub EN : Confirm you are human FR : Confirmez que vous tes un humain Although their name, Barokksolistene, seems to ring of sombre concert settings with players in suits and seated on chairs, the reality couldnt be more different. Violinist Bjarte Eike set up the ensemble in 2005 and launched a free-fowing ensemble that In 1918, between his Flute Concerto and his third symphony, Carl Nielsen wrote one of his few tone poems: Pan og Syrinx (Pan and Syrinx). 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