

Allegretto in C Major

In addition to composing, Anton Diabelli taught piano and guitar. He also owned a music publishing company that published much of Franz Schubert's music.

This piece is from the

Baroque Era
ca. 1600–1750

Classical Era
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Romantic Era
ca. 1790–1910

Contemporary Era
ca. 1900–present

A SECTION Allegretto

Anton Diabelli
(1781–1858)

use strong fingers throughout

three-note slur

two-note slur

elastic wrist

portato (both hands)

under-over wrist roll

5

9

13

mp

mf

p

mf

A Pleasant Morning

Op. 63, No. 1

This piece is from the

Jean Louis Streabbog was born in Switzerland. He was a very active pianist and composer. His many attractive teaching pieces have been popular for over 150 years.

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A SECTION

Allegro moderato

use strong fingers throughout
finger pivots, thumb under, legato arm

Jean Louis Streabbog
(1835–1886)

1 3 1 two-note slur 1 3 1

p *poco cresc.* *mp* *poco cresc.*

$\frac{1}{3}$ elastic wrist $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ portato $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{5}{5}$

4 thumb roll

mf *cresc.*

$\frac{1}{2}$

7 under-over wrist rolls B SECTION

3 3 1 3 slur 3 3

f *p*

$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{5}{5}$

11 wrist rotation inside the slur

2 1 3 3

mp *mf*

Song without Words

This piece is from the

Louis Köhler was a German pianist, pedagogue and composer. He had a very successful piano school. He wrote works for different instruments, but is best known for his music for piano students.

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Louis Köhler
(1820–1886)

A SECTION

Flowing gracefully

use strong fingers throughout

RH wrist rotation inside the long phrases.

mf cantabile

legato

LH rolling wrist

overlap (syncopated) pedal

5

9

mp

cresc.

13

mf

finger pivots

1 thumb under

Technical Summary—The Scale Skills and Six New Skills from Pathways to Artistry Technique Book 2*

Scale Skills

1. Thumb Rolls

- A. **Roll the thumb downward** toward the key.
- B. **Shift the hand to align** with the crossing finger or finger units as the thumb rolls.
- C. **Return the thumb and hand** to their original position or continue to ascend or descend.

2. Thumb and Finger Pivots

- A. **Keep the weight of the arm focused on the playing surface of the thumb or fingertip.**
- B. **Turn or pivot on that playing surface.**
- C. **Align or Realign:** **Align** the hand and arm with the playing thumb and fingers as they pivot (in preparation for thumb-unders). **Realign** the hand as the crossing finger pivots (after thumb rolls).

3. Thumb-Unders

- A. **Pivot** on the side of the thumb and the strong fingertip cushions, on the notes that precede the thumb-under.
- B. **Keep the pivoting fingers in motion** while the **thumb fluidly passes under.**
- C. **Realign** the hand and arm with the thumb as it plays.

4. Legato Arm

- A. **Lift the wrist** to prepare, then **drop the wrist** with the weight of the arm.
- B. **Form a slightly more diagonal line** to the keyboard to facilitate the thumb and finger pivots and thumb rolls.
- C. **Keep the flowing arm uninterrupted** by the slight directional hand shifts during thumb and finger pivots, thumb rolls and thumb-unders. Avoid all abrupt movement of the elbow.

Six New Technical Skills

1. Overlapping Pedal (Syncopated Pedal)

- A. **Place and depress** the ball of the foot on the damper pedal, heel firmly on the floor.
- B. **Lift the pedal simultaneously** with the key(s) being played at the pedal indication.
- C. **Depress the pedal** immediately after the key(s) are played.

2. Under-Over Wrist Rolls

- A. **Lift the wrist** to prepare. **Drop the wrist and the weight of the arm** into the playing finger and simultaneously **begin a counterclockwise circle.**
- B. **Transfer the arm weight and align it** with the finger playing the highest key of each circular pattern.
- C. **Lift the wrist** as the circle comes over the top.

3. Portato

- A. **Lift the wrist** to prepare.
- B. **Drop the wrist and the weight** of the arm into the playing finger(s).
- C. **Lift the wrist** with enough speed to **release out** of the keys for a detached (but not too short) sound.

4. Wrist Staccato

- A. **Keep** the forearm stationary.
- B. **Lift** the hand and fingers as a unit. **Throw** the playing finger(s) into the key(s).
- C. **Use** the momentum of the throw to **rebound** for the next throw.

5. Trill

- A. **Prepare and gain momentum for the impulse** by lifting the weight out of the key.
- B. **Combine dropping arm weight with wrist rotation.**
- C. **Lift the wrist** and arm weight out.

6. Voicing

- A. First **play only** the melodic notes. **Use** arm weight.
- B. **Add** the notes that are not voiced (non-melodic). **Play** these with a light, detached touch.
- C. **Continue playing** the melodic notes with heavier weight. **Play** the notes that are not voiced with less weight, but not detached.

* See *Pathways to Artistry Technique Book 2* for a comprehensive description of each skill. Other “physical vocabulary” skills in this book can be found in *Pathways to Artistry Technique Book 1*.