" 'Boon Rolls" Notes





- This solo was written for my student, Cory Boone, who began studying with me when he was five years old. He played this solo just a few months after beginning!
- The word "boon" from the title is a triple pun: it refers to Cory's last name, it means "favorable," and it's short for "baboon."
- You'll hear " 'Boon Rolls" played with buzzes on track 35 of your CD. It's played with double bounce rolls on track 44.
- Since you are very familiar with most of the symbols in " 'Boon Rolls," it is a great solo to read. Memorize it if you wish!

Form

The form of this solo is: Introduction (bars 1-4), A (bars 5-12), B (bars 13-22), A (bars 5-12), Coda (bars 23-26).

New Concepts

One-Bar Repeats

In measures 2, 24, and 25, you'll see the symbol . This tells you to play the previous measure again.

Left Repeat Sign

The "left" repeat sign at the beginning of bar 13 tells you to repeat only back to bar 13 after playing bar 16.

Dynamics

In measure 13, you'll see a dynamic marking "p-mp." The first dynamic tells you to play p, or piano, the first time through. The second dynamic tells you to play mp, or mezzo piano, the second time through.

D.S. al Coda

In measure 22, you'll see the marking "D.S. al Coda." This tells you to do two things:

1. "D.S." means "Dal Segno" (dall SAY-nyo), Italian for "From the Sign," and tells you to go back to the sign which appears at measure 5.

2. In Italian, "al Coda" (all CO-dah) means "to the Tail," and tells you to play from measure 5 until the Coda symbol at the end of measure 12. After playing measure 12, you will skip to the next Coda symbol at measure 23 (bottom line) and play to the end.

Tied Rolls

A **tie** looks like a slur. While a slur connects a roll to a regular note, a **tie** connects two rolled notes or two regular notes to create one long sound.

In measure 12, you'll see and play the following rhythm, which contains one tie and one slur.



Play (Buzzes):

Sometimes, we will **tie** many rolls together in a row. This happens in bars 17-21. In this portion, each new roll suddenly has a new dynamic. Listen for these dynamic changes on your recording.





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