

Black Dog Music Presents:

The Floppy Paw-Book



***A Supplemental Collection of Musical Etudes,
Exercises, and Other Kibbles n' Bits of Information
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To the Reader:

After some years of teaching music, I have come to realize that there are many things that I have either written for students too many times or wished that had been explained in a different fashion. Our time together is too special to spend with them watching me find handouts in a file, writing down an exercise, or explaining something that is better written out anyway. With the goal of making our studies together even more effective and engaging, *The Floppy Paw-Book* was compiled.

This is not a “text” book in the sense that no attempts are made to present ideas in a linear fashion (except for the snare drum and mallet etudes). Instead, this is simply a collection of tools often referenced during lessons to further expedite the learning process. Upon studying this book one will quickly realize that there are few explanations of exercises, if any at all. This is because the explanations themselves must always be presented in age appropriate fashions with our combined musical experiences in mind. A book will never replace working together with a competent teacher.

It is my sincere hope that this collection of information will serve as a clean, efficient tool in our work together as we explore the amazing world of music.

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Let the joy of hard work explode with every page we turn together!

-Ben Wahlund

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