

GOOD READS

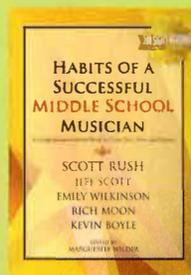


Jazz is a distinctively American style of music, but its very American-ness can sometimes lead us to forget the roles that other countries have played in its history. In her book **JAZZ ITALIAN STYLE**, Anna Harwell Celenza investigates how a group of musicians in northern Italy developed their own brand of jazz after World War I—with the support of their country's dictator, Benito Mussolini. It's a fascinating story, skillfully told. cambridge.org

Since its 1833 founding, C.F. Martin & Co. has built more than two million acoustic guitars. **THE MARTIN ARCHIVES**, by Jim Washburn with Dick Boak, takes a look through the company vaults. Images and documents unseen for generations offer insight into Martin's instruments, the people who made them, and the people who've played them. halleonard.com



LESSONS



Published in multiple editions—one for each instrument in a wind ensemble, including French horn, oboe, even euphonium—**HABITS OF A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIAN** features more than 300 exercises for building fundamentals. Warm-ups, chorales, sight-reading etudes, and studies in rhythmic vocabulary are all part of the package. giamusic.com

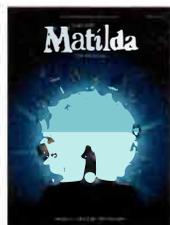


Hawaiian ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro has brought great technical skill to his instrument. In **JAKE SHIMABUKURO TEACHES UKULELE LESSONS**, he gives aspiring uke virtuosos tips on how to get started, concluding with his arrangement of George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." Includes online access to six video performances. halleonard.com

SHEET MUSIC



LA LA LAND: VOCAL SELECTIONS features piano/vocal arrangements of six songs from the acclaimed movie, including the 2017 Best Original Song Oscar winner "City of Stars." halleonard.com



MATILDA - THE MUSICAL presents 10 selections from the Broadway hit, arranged for piano with chord symbols and lyrics. Songs include "The Hamm Naughty," "Quiet," "Revoltin' Children," "The Smell of Rebellion," and "Telly." halleonard.com

PODCASTS



Each installment of the **SONG EXPLODER** podcast takes about 20 minutes to tell the story of a single song's creation through interviews with its writers and producers. Recent episodes have featured Dropkick Murphys' "Blood," Solange's "Cranes in the Sky," and Nicholas Britell's score for the Oscar-winning *Moonlight*. Even if you don't know a given piece, you're bound to be drawn in as it's stripped down and examined, part by part and track by track. songexploder.net

VIDEO

For the past 90 years, photographers have pointed their lenses at country music artists—from the Carter Family to Taylor Swift—and captured their style and spirit on film. Steven Kochones' documentary **COUNTRY: PORTRAITS OF AN AMERICAN SOUND** focuses on seven of these photographers, who provide both imagery and commentary on how a regional style evolved into an international phenomenon. Although talents like Grand Ole Opry cameraman Les Leverett and celebrity portraitist Leigh Wiener take center stage, more than 20 country musicians also appear, including Rosanne Cash, Merle Haggard, Lyle Lovett, LeAnn Rimes, The Band Perry, and Keith Urban. Available online through iTunes, YouTube, Amazon, and other video sites. countryportraitsmovie.com

