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Big Band: Piano Play-Along Volume 21



Synopsis

(Piano Play-Along). Your favorite sheet music will come to life with the innovative Piano Play-Along series! With these book/CD collections, piano and keyboard players will be able to practice and perform with professional-sounding accompaniments. Containing eight cream-of-the-crop songs each, the books feature new engravings, with a separate vocal staff, plus guitar frames, so players and their friends can sing or strum along. The CDs feature two tracks for each tune: a full performance for listening, and a separate backing track that lets players take the lead on keyboard. The high-quality, sound-alike accompaniments exactly match the printed music. 8 songs, including: All or Nothing at All * Apple Honey * April in Paris * Cherokee (Indian Love Song) * In the Mood * Opus One * Stardust * Stompin' at the Savoy.

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It's a fairly priced collection of eight well-chosen big band classics, but the accompaniment CD is a huge disappointment. The printed music seems well thought out, with a few of the songs even

appearing in their standard key ("In the Mood", however, appears in G rather than the traditional Ab). On top of that, "All or Nothing At All", "April in Paris" and "Stardust" even include verses. Guitar tabs and lyrics are included for all songs but "Apple Honey" and "In the Mood". The sequenced horns and rhythm section on the accompaniment CD, however, are almost laughably bad, sounding too much like something used as background MIDI music on a homemade website. With a vintage photo of an actual big band gracing the front cover of this collection, my expectation for the backing tracks was higher. A far better choice than this collection would be the Hal Leonard Jazz Play Along Vol. 28, "Big Band Era", which includes ten songs (as compared to the eight here) for only \$2 more, and a real rhythm section on the accompaniment CD. The entire Jazz Play Along series from Hal Leonard, in fact, is extremely well produced, making the shortcomings of this Hal Leonard Piano Play Along collection all the more surprising.

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