

Dedicated to the Hattiesburg Music Teachers League of Hattiesburg, Mississippi in honor of their 2009 Composer Festival

Gulf Breezes

Beaches on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi boast miles of white sand and year-round water temperatures of 70 degrees. The beautiful sights and lazy rise and fall of the sand dunes can be reached through public beach entrances, bike trails and hiking paths. All of this is framed by the sparkling emerald water of the Gulf of Mexico.

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Fast and flexible

Both hands 8va

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mp *LH over*

5

9

13

mf

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Tupelo Rock and Roll

Elvis Aaron Presley, the King of Rock and Roll, was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935 in a small, two-room house. The house was built by his father with materials that cost \$180. From this humble beginning came one of the world's greatest entertainers. The city of Tupelo bought the house and its surrounding land with money that Elvis himself raised at a concert in his home town in 1957. Now an official Mississippi landmark, the site includes a museum and a park, drawing over 50,000 visitors a year from around the world.

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Fast and strong (♩ = ♩)

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The tempo/mood is 'Fast and strong' with a note value of a quarter note equal to a half note (♩ = ♩). The piece begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The right hand (RH) starts with a half note F#4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note F#4, and a quarter rest. The left hand (LH) starts with a half note F#2, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note F#2, and a quarter rest. The RH then plays a series of eighth notes: F#4, G#4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G#5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G#6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G#7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G#8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G#9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G#10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G#11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G#12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G#13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G#14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G#15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G#16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G#17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G#18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G#19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G#20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G#21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G#22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G#23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G#24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G#25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G#26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G#27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G#28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G#29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G#30, A30, B30, C31, D31, 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Dreams of Home*

In the 1800s, the plantation formed the foundation for life in the South. Each plantation was known for the stately mansion that graced its lands and for the single crop that was grown there. One of the most famous plantations from this era never really existed—Tara from Margaret Mitchell's epic novel, *Gone with the Wind*. But today it is possible to tour the elegant plantation homes in the Deep South that still stand including homes in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

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Slow and languorous

5

9

13

pp

p

mp

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*Parts of the melody of the traditional Southern song "Dixie," by Daniel D. Emmet, are used in this movement.

Hattiesburg Toccata

Hattiesburg, Mississippi was founded in 1882 by Captain William H. Hardy who named the city after his wife, Hattie.

The Hattiesburg Music Teachers League was created in 1972. In 1983, the organization established a Composer Festival that features a guest composer. Originally held every year, the two-day festival is now a biennial event. During the festival, the composer presents a workshop for teachers. Short recitals of the composer's music are presented by students, each followed by an autograph party. The highlight of the event is the world premiere of the piece commissioned by the League and written by the guest composer.

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Lively!

The musical score for "Hattiesburg Toccata" is written for piano in 6/8 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo marking of "Lively!". The music features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The second system begins with a measure number of 5 and includes a "cresc." marking. The third system begins with a measure number of 9 and includes a "mp" marking. The fourth system begins with a measure number of 13 and includes "cresc." and "f dim." markings. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and triplets.