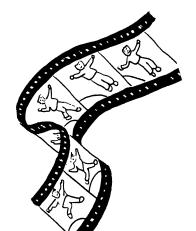




First Impressions

Eight solos for the novice Eb Horn player



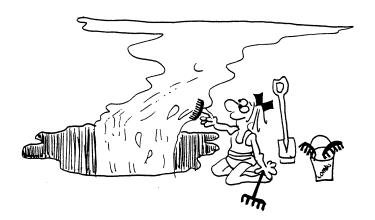


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French Horn Soloist









Preface

The idea behind First Impressions was to provide the novice Horn player with a series of small scale, fun pieces to play as they take the first steps towards public performance.

In a lot of available music the novice Horn player is faced with a solo part which has been transposed from what was originally designed for a Bb instrument – to fit with an all encompassing piano accompaniment part.

This often leaves the Horn part either uncomfortably high or low - or in Keys requiring a much more developed musical ability and understanding.

The music itself is intentionally simple in structure and harmonic content to allow the younger player to feel at ease in a sound world already familiar through the music experienced in the school environment.

The accompaniment parts have also been kept intentionally straight forward to allow even the inexperienced pianist / teacher the chance to accompany their pupils in performances.

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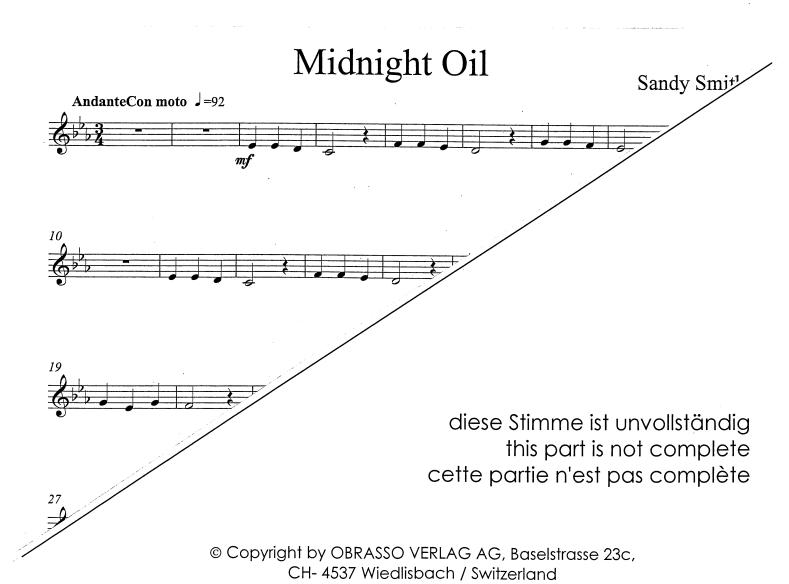
Sandy Smith began his career with the Whitburn Band. Following study in Edinburgh where he gained L.T.C.L. and L.L.C.M. teaching diplomas he obtained a music degree from Huddersfield University, a P.G.C.E. FROM Bretton Hall College and worked as a primary school teacher — mainly in years 5 and 6.

In 1981 he joined the Black Dyke Mills Band where he spent over ten years as principal horn.In 1993 he joined the Williams Fairey Band in a similar capacity.

From 2000 he has been principal horn and arranger in residence with the Grimethorpe
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