



Orchestra Excerpts for NZSSSO 2027 – PIANO/KEYBOARD

In addition to your short solo piece, please play the following **3** orchestral excerpts (between the red brackets) **on piano**.

Please introduce each item before playing.

We suggest you listen to recordings of the Rachmaninov to determine suitable tempi.

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Rachmaninov – Symphonic Dances

Excerpt 1 – Movement 1: Figure 14 to first semiquaver note of the second bar of Figure 15.

The musical score is for a piano piece in F# major, common time. It consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system begins with a circled measure number '14' and a red bracket on the left. The first staff of the first system has a dynamic marking 'p' and the instruction 'con pedale'. The second staff of the first system has a 'dim.' marking. The third system has 'pp' and 'p' markings. The fourth system has a 'dim.' marking. The fifth system begins with a circled measure number '15' and includes 'pp' and 'cresc.' markings. A red bracket is placed on the right side of the fifth system, indicating the end of the excerpt at the first semiquaver note of the second bar of Figure 15.

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Excerpt 2 – Movement 1: Bar before Figure 26 until first beat, Figure 28. Time signature is C.

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The musical score is written for piano and is in common time (C). It consists of five systems of grand staves. The first system begins with a red bracket on the left, followed by a 'sforzato' marking and a circled figure number 26. The second system features a 'mp' marking. The third system includes a circled figure number 27. The fourth system has a circled figure number 28. The fifth system contains a circled figure number 29 and a red bracket on the right, indicating the end of the excerpt. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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Cowan – Hansel and Gretel Suite.

Excerpt 3 – Bars 441 – 456.

Boisterous, swing 16ths ♩ = 110
Piano

441

8^{va}
(swing 16ths)
simplify L.H. where necessary

446

56
(8)
3

449

(8)
3 3

452

(8)
4
4

455 457-460