# Scriabin Preludes Hidden Gems for the Intermediate Student

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### I. Introduction

- Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)
  - o Life, Education, and Influences
  - Works and the Importance of the Preludes

#### II. Intermediate Students

- Advantages/disadvantages
- Goals/Needs
- Age-appropriate teaching tools

#### III. Presentation of Preludes

- Early Intermediate
  - o Notes
  - o Rhythm
  - o Articulation
  - o Dynamics
- Mid-Intermediate
  - o Voicing
  - o Rubato
  - o Flutter Pedal
  - o More challenging Key Signatures
  - Beginning Atonality
- Late-Intermediate
  - Octaves
  - o Velocity
  - o Stable Dissonance
  - o More Challenging Interpretations

## IV. Wrap-Up with Questions

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Scriabin, Alexander. <u>The Complete Preludes and Etudes for Pianoforte Solo.</u> Ed. KN Igumnov and YI Mil'shteyn. Dover Publications, 1973.

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## **Suggested Preludes at the Intermediate Level:**

Prelude in A major for the Left Hand, Op. 9 No. 1 (1894)

Prelude in A minor, Op. 11 No. 2

Prelude in E minor, Op. 11 No. 4

Prelude in B minor, Op. 11 No. 6

Prelude in C-sharp minor, Op. 11 No. 10

Prelude in G-flat major, Op. 11 No. 13

Prelude in A major, Op. 15 No. 1

Prelude in E-flat minor, Op. 16 No. 4

Prelude in G-sharp minor, Op. 22 No. 1

Prelude in G minor, Op. 27 No. 1

Prelude in E major, Op. 33 No. 1

Prelude in C major, Op. 48 No. 2

Prelude in F-sharp minor, Op. 74 No. 2

Prelude in A, Op. 74 No. 4