



Jazz-Inflected Etudes

for trumpet or other treble-clef instrument by Pamela J. Marshall

- 1. Hearth
- 2. Skyscape
- 3. I Mourn

dedicated to Natalo Paella

Notes

Jazz-Inflected Etudes developed from an evening of improvising at the synthesizer. I wrote the music with the elegant jazz phrasings of my friend Natalo Paella in my ear. These pieces are dedicated to Nat.

Jazz-inflected means that the performers should interpret the pieces in a jazz style; the nuances, tone color, tone-bending, and ornaments are left up to the performer. Some slurs and dynamics are indicated. The performer should feel free to add slurs and dynamics according to their feeling about the music, choosing what sounds most expressive for them. Nuances such as accents, staccato, legato, pitch bending, turns, grace notes, tonguing, mutes or other tone colors may be freely chosen by the performer. Be expressive —play with the tempo, the ornaments, and everything else.

Nat and I decided that Hearth sounded good on flugelhorn; and for I Mourn, he used a cornet and a plunger to great effect. Nat's performances have taught me a lot of nuances and tone colors that I can apply when I play these pieces. Don't be afraid to exaggerate. What seems extreme to a classically trained player may be just right in a jazz solo.

These etudes can be played in any transposition and by any treble clef instrument, with adjustments for range. For example, when I play "Hearth" on the horn, I play the first two high Ds down an octave and I play an A for the third longer D. Other horn players might choose to go for the high notes as written.

About the order: they are printed to provide the best page turns. I think the order Hearth, Skyscape, I Mourn works well, but feel free to do one, two, or all the pieces in an order that suits your interpretation.

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Hearth jazz-inflected solo

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Shyscape jazz-inflected solo

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