

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ERIC BAUMGARTNER *Willis Music*



Eric Baumgartner maintains an active schedule in Cincinnati, Ohio as a composer, arranger, teacher and performer. He holds degrees in jazz performance from Berklee College of Music in Boston, and DePaul University in Chicago. Eric is author of the popular *Jazzabilities* and *Jazz Connection* series and is also the orchestrator for many Willis publications, including the Teaching Little Fingers to Play series as well as the Popular Piano Solos, graded pop supplements to the best-selling John Thompson Modern Course. He regularly presents workshops on jazz teaching techniques in the US, and recently completed two tours of Australia. Eric grew up in a musical family in Solon, Ohio where he began piano lessons at the age of seven and was as intrigued by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Stravinsky as he was with the Beatles, Stevie Wonder and Thelonious Monk. Eric also works extensively in musical theatre

and plays keyboard and guitar with several pop and jazz groups. His wide range of musical influences is reflected in his balanced approach to teaching: he finds validity in all music, and works with students to help them find their own musical identity through improvising, arranging and composing.

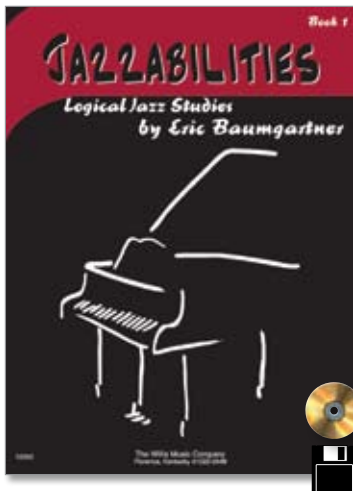


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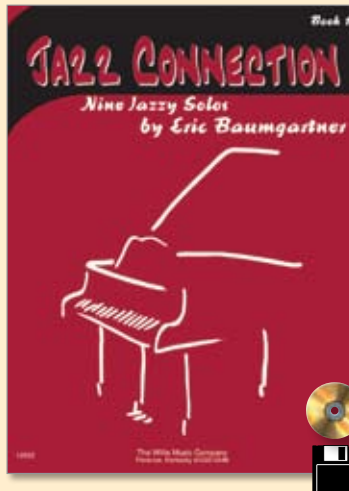
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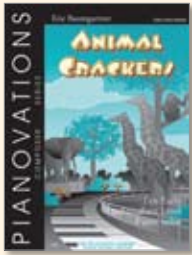
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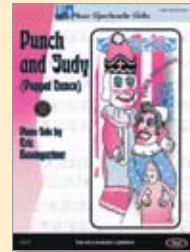
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