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PREFACE

The songs of Stephen Sondheim are works of art that will charm, challenge, and inspire theatre audiences for many generations to come. These piano arrangements celebrate only half of Sondheim's brilliance – the music. His lyrics are truly astounding as well, with or without music.

A special thank you to Marek Norman, my composer friend of many decades, for his assistance in assembling the song list for this collection. Marek has mounted many Sondheim productions in his native Canada, and is a fount of information on his works. We have shared many a conversation on the whys and wherefores, twists and turns, of these magnificent songs.

As I often suggest to the pianist approaching a new arrangement, take the time to listen to a recording of the original song to get an overview of the composition. It will be a big help as you begin the process of learning the piano setting.

Sincerely,

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