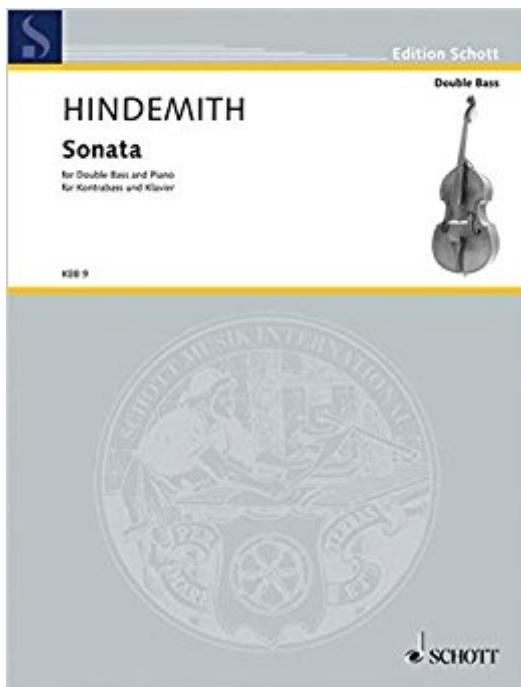


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Composed in 1949, Paul Hindemith's Sonata for Double Bass and Piano is one of the relatively few modern pieces to enter the standard bass repertoire, and one of the few pieces for the instrument written by a fairly major composer. I don't find this sonata to be particularly interesting, and I don't think it's exactly an audience pleaser, but it might be worth looking into for someone looking to vary their repertoire. The bass part is not terribly demanding for an advanced player, although the piano part is quite tricky, and many pianists avoid the piece. The Schott Edition is of high quality (though a little pricey), with very nice paper, legible font, and easy page turns (for the bass player, at least). It makes frequent use of bass, tenor, and treble clefs. However, the buyer should be aware that this

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