



"The proper interpretation of Spanish music requires a knowledge of the styles of the various composers, but for all of them great rhythmic stability is necessary because most Spanish music is based on dances. Besides this rather severe or rigid rhythm, the pianist must have imagination and restraint as well. It may also help a little to be a Spaniard, but any person with adequate musical sensitivity who knows Spain and is willing to give enough to study to Spanish music can learn to play it correctly and with perfectly authentic style."

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