Cornet Solo with Band

By: John Oscar Casey

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Casey, John Oscar

DOB: March, 1858 (Livermore, Maine) **DOD:** March 7, 1919 (Hartford, Connecticut)

John Oscar Casey was one of the best known personalities in the New England music world at the turn of the century. He was not only a composer but also a band organizer and director, a businessman, and a virtuoso cornetist.

Casey was born in Livermore, Maine, in March of 1858. He apparently received his early music education, including cornet instruction, from his father. While still in his early teens, he was featured as cornet soloist with the

town band of Lewiston, Maine. By the age of eighteen, he had moved to the Boston area and was first cornetist with Jean Missud's Salem Cadet Band. He also played solos with various other Boston music groups. Between 1884-1887, he was soloist and director with the town band of Winchendon, Massachusetts.

In 1887, the Colt Firearms Company of Hartford, Connecticut, hired Casey as leader of its band. He held this position for four years before leaving Hartford. Eventually he returned to settle permanently in Hartford, again assuming leadership of the band. Casey was very active with that band and others in the Hartford area. He organized and directed Pope's Band, the Band of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guards, and the Sphinx Temple Shrine Band.

In 1895, Frank A. Sedgwick and J.O. Casey formed a business partnership for the sale and repair of instruments and music and for musical instruction. Their firm was located in downtown Hartford, and Casey did the majority of his composing there. His cornet solos, waltzes, and marches were included in the repertoire of bands throughout the United States.

After a protracted heart ailment, he died at his Hartford home on March 7, 1919.¹

Honeysuckle Polka (polka, Cornet solo with band) Composed by John Oscar Casey and published in 1891 by Carl Fischer, the polka has been published in 4 editions over the years. The solo follows the style of the period and includes showy technical passages including a cadenza and triple-tongue virtuosity. The band part supports the solo and is very accessible.

¹ Rehrig, William H. (edited by Bierley, Paul E), *The heritage encyclopedia of band music* (1991), Integrity Press, Westerville, OH.



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CORNET SOLO in Bb





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Alto Saxophone.

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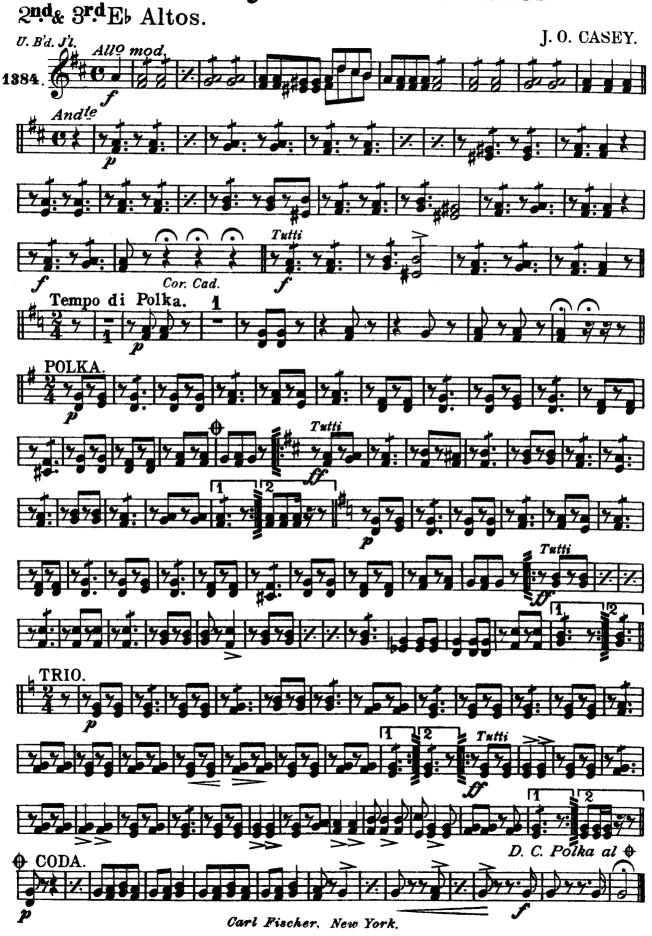
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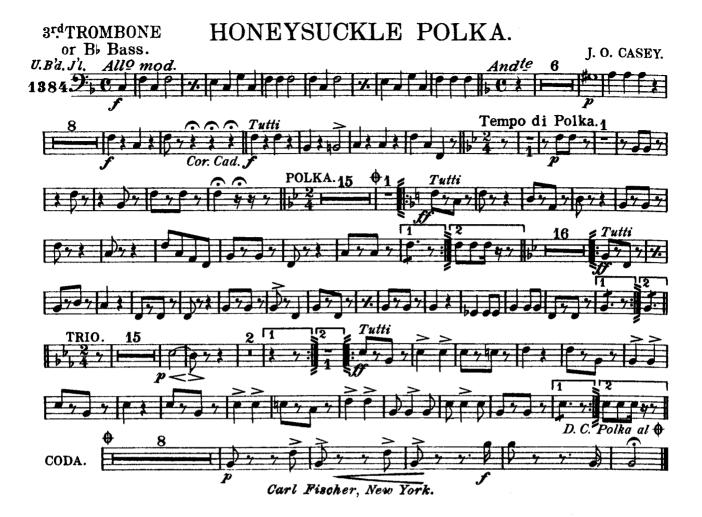














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