The Skater Waltz

By: Emile Waldteufel Arr: V.F. Safranek

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Waldteufel Emile (a.k.a. Levy, Charles Emile)

DOB: December 9, 1837 (Strasbourg, France) **DOD:** February 12, 1915 (Paris, France)

Charles Emile Levy, who composed under the pseudonym Emile Waldteufel, was born in Strasbourg, France, on December 9, 1837. He came from a family of Dance musicians who also had shared the pseudonym Waldteufel. At age four, his family moved to Paris, where he learned piano, first from his mother, and later with private tutors. At the

age of seven, he began study at the Paris Conservatory, where Bizet and Massenet were his classmates. He left the Conservatory in 1848 because of financial difficulties and earned a living selling newspapers and demonstrating pianos.

At the age of 14, he left home and rented an attic room, earning money by giving piano lessons. During the Franco-Prussian War, he volunteered for military service. He returned to Paris after the war and worked as a musician and conducted presidential balls.

Levy began writing waltzes but found difficulty in having them published. However, in March, 1874, he signed a contract with Hopwood & Crew to publish his music. This contract lasted through 1888. British bandleader Charles Coote regularly performed Levy's waltzes, thus bringing them to the attention of a wide audience. Despite the popularity of some of the waltzes, including *Les Patineurs* (The Skaters) *Estudiantina*, and *Espana*, he always labored under the looming shadow of Johann Strauss, Jr.

Levy conducted only on special occasions, and when his music began to go out of vogue, he ceasedconducting entirely. He died in Paris on February 12, 1915.¹



Safranek, Vincent F.

DOB: March 24, 1867 (Bohemia) DOD: September 7, 1955 (San Diego)

Vincent Frank Safranek was born in Bohemia on March 24, 1867. When he was two years old, his family moved to the United States. From early childhood, he showed a remarkable aptitude for music. His father, however, had hoped that Vincent would study either medicine or law and

was not in favor of music training for him. This objection was later withdrawn, and the young Safranek was sent to the Conservatory of Music in Prague. In addition to his training at the conservatory, he also studied cornet privately.

Upon returning to the United States, he became interested in military music and applied to the War Department for the position of chief musician (bandmaster). A vacancy existed in the 25th Infantry at Ft. Missoula, Montana, and he was granted special authority by the Adjutant General of the Army to enlist.

¹ Rehrig, William H., Bierley, Paul (editor). *The encyclopedia of band music,* Integrity Press, Westerville, OH. (2005), CD, used with permission

Safranek soon began to experiement with instrumentation and added such instruments as alto and bass clarinets, oboes, French horns, and flugelhorns to his band. From this experiment, he perceived the need for arrangements that were suitable for the modern band. Most of the published American arrangements were designed for brass band with reed parts indiscriminately added without regard for balance or blend. As a result of these experiments in military band arranging, he was hired by the Carl Fischer publishing house to rearrange and modernize many of their publications. He also made many new arrangements of the more demanding overtures and operatic transcriptions.

In addition to his work as an arranger, Safranek composed two popular suites for band, Atlantis, and Don Quixote. His shorter band works consist of marches, dances, and characteristic pieces. He was also the author of the method book, Manual for the Trumpet and Drum, and A Guide to Harmony. The books were used extensively by army bandmasters and bandsmen.

After 30 years service as an army bandmaster, Safranek retired from active duty in 1930, at the age of 63, and settled in San Diego, California where he remained until his death. He remained active in San Diego as a member of San Diego's S.W. Hacket Masonic Lodge, the Al Baker Shrine, and the Scottish Rite. He and his wife had two children. Safranek died on September 7, 1955, in San Diego.²

Skater, The (waltz) One of Waldteufel's most popular works, The Skater was published by Carl Fischer in 1911 and arranged by V.F. Safranek. A dozen editions have been made over the years.

² ibid





The Skaters



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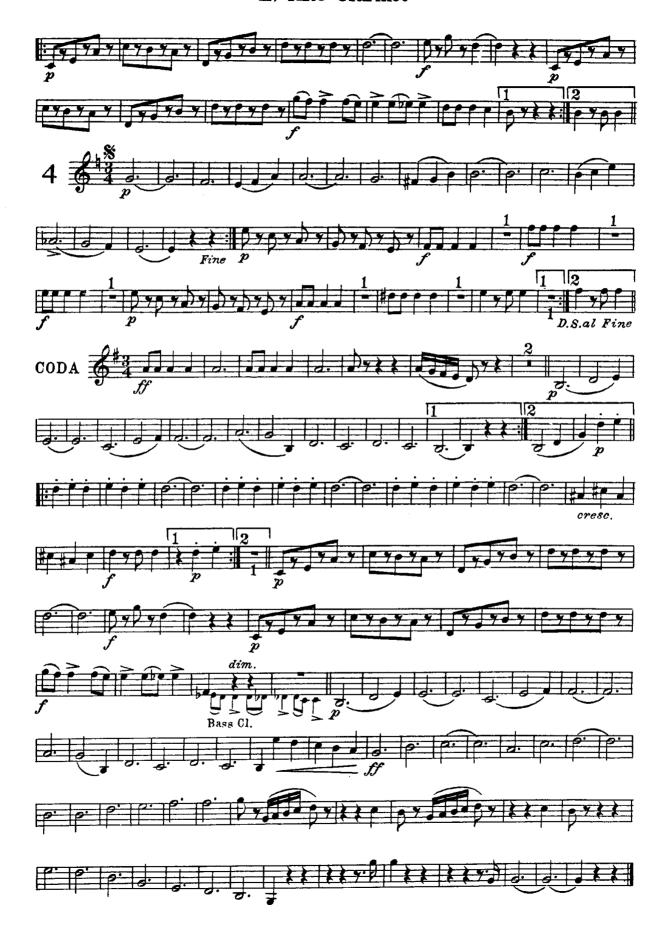




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