Artistic King and Pawns Tourney:
2nd ChessProblem.net Composing Tournament

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The original announcement can be found here:
http://chessproblem.net/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=962

ChessProblem.net announces its second tourney. All future announcements will be posted to this topic.

Theme: Artistic King and Pawns Endgame Studies. Studies with a primary focus on promotions are unthematic. Promotions are allowed if the promoted pieces are exchanged quickly or at the end of the study. If an introduction is added where pieces other than kings and pawns are on the board, it will not be considered thematic for the tourney. Although all examples below feature thematic wrong tries (TWT), these are not necessary for the theme. There is only one section for win and draw studies; there is no separate judging. The final decision about whether an entry is thematic will rest with the judge.

Deadline: December 1, 2016.

Procedure: Participants should register at ChessProblem.net and submit original studies either via PM or via e-mail (housekeeper@chessproblem.net). Studies should be accompanied by a full solution. Limit of three entries per composer. The judge will received anonymized entries shortly after the deadline. The preliminary award should be made by March 1, 2017. (The usual period for claims will be three months following the award; if no claims are received in that period, the award will be considered final.)

Judge: Geir Sune Tallaksen Østmoe.

Prize: The winner will receive a specially designed prize mug, to be shipped after the awards become final.
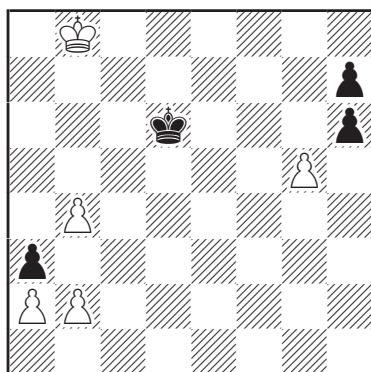
Examples:

**Sergiy Didukh
& Siegfried Hornecker**
Olympia Dünyasi 2010
1st honorable mention
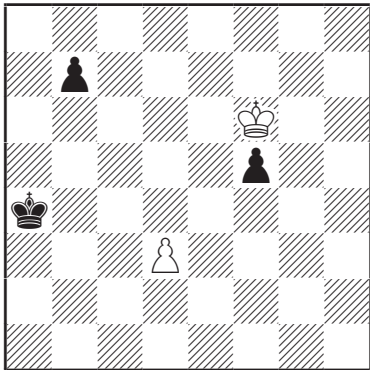

Draw   (5+4)

TWT: 1.b×a3? h×g5 2.a4 g4 3.a5 g3 4.a6 g2 5.a7 g1=♕ 6.a8=♕ ♕g8+ 7.♔b7! ♕×a8+ 8.♔×a8 ♔c6 9.♔a7 ♚b5 10.a4+! ♚×a4 11.♔b6 ♚×b4 12.♔c6 ♚c4 13.♔d6 ♚d4 14.♔e6 ♚e4 15.♔f6 ♚f4 16.♔g7 h5 and Black wins

Solution: 1.g6! h×g6 2.b×a3 g5 3.a4 g4 4.a5 g3 5.a6 g2 6.a7 g1=♕ 7.a8=♕ ♕g8+ 8.♔b7! ♕×a8+ 9.♔×a8 ♔c6 10.♔a7 ♚b5 11.a4+! ♚×a4 12.♔b6 ♚×b4 13.♔c6 ♚c4 14.♔d6 ♚d4 15.♔e6 ♚e4 16.♔f6 ♚f4 17.♔g6 draws

Thematic example, as the focus is on the pawn endgame and the queens are exchanged quickly.
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Oleg Pervakov
64 Shakhmatnoye
Obozrenye 2000
1st prize

Draw   (2+3)

TWT 1: 1.♔e5? b5 2.d4 b4 3.d5 b3 4.d6 b2 5.d7 b1=♕ 6.d8=♕ ♕e4+ 7.♔f6 ♕h4+ 8.♔×f5 ♕×d8 and Black wins

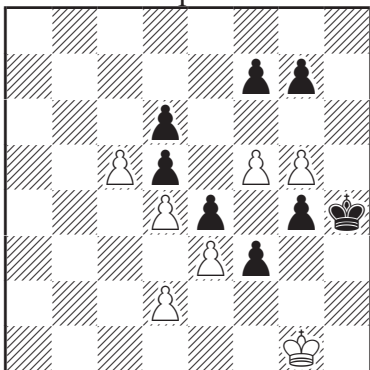TWT 2: 1.♔×f5? b5 2.d4 b4 3.d5 b3 4.d6 b2 5.d7 b1=♕+ and Black wins

Solution: 1.♔g5! ♔b3 2.♔×f5 ♔c3 3.♔e5! ♔×d3 4.♔d5 ♔c3 5.♔c5 draws,
or 1... b5 2.d4 b4 3.d5 ♔b5! 4.d6! ♔c6 5.♔×f5 ♔×d6 6.♔e4 ♔c5 7.♔d3 ♔b5 8.♔c2 ♔a4 9.♔b2 draws, or here 5... b3 6.♔e6 b2 7.d7 draws.

Thematic example, as it is a pure pawn endgame in the solution, and the queens part in the try is at the end and a tied extension of the pawn endgame.

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No example:

Siegfried Hornecker
Problem-Forum 2009
1st prize

White wins   (7+8)

Solution: 1.f6! g6 2.c6 ♔g3 3.c7 f2+ 4.♔f1 ♔f3, and:

Try: 5.c8=♕? g3 6.♕h3 stalemate

Solution: 5.c8=♗! g3! 6.♗h3 g2+ 7.♗×g2+ ♔g3, and:

TWT: 8.d3? e×d3 9.♗×d5 d2 10.♗b3 ♔f3 11.e4 ♔×e4 12.♔×f2 ♔d3!! 13.d5 ♔e4!! 14.♔e2 ♔f5, etc., and Black draws

Solution: 8.♗h1! ♔h2 9.♗f3! e×f3 10.♔×f2 ♔h3 11.♔×f3 ♔h4 12.♔f4 ♔h5 13.d3 ♔h4 14.e4 ♔h5 15.e5 d×e5+ 16.d×e5 wins

Not thematic because the main focus lies on the underpromotion and the lines where the underpromoted piece is kept alive (the TWT).

(■ The Housekeeper ChessProblem.net, 10 April 2016)

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