

Aesthetics 1 wooden

7 Percussionists

Duration: ca. 6'11"

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<u>Player 1</u> - Concert Bass turned on its stand, so that the days had is parallel to the floor. *Muffle as desired...but not all the way muffle is Use it Bundlz (or Rutes) and butts of thin snare sticks (Pazz or IP-LP). Shall wooden shaker.

Player 2 - Concert Bass (shared with player & 2). Use felt tip sticks and butts of thin snare sticks. Slapstyk, Claves.

Player 3 con at Pass (shared) use Sundlez (or Rutes) and butts of thin snare sticks.

Castanets.

Player 4 - 4.3 octav m. rimba. Use medium hard mallets and soft mallets. Bendo haker (or any wooden nut shaker)

<u>Player 5</u> - 5 octave marimba. Use medium hards and softs.

Player 6 - Cajon, Rainstick, Ratchet.

<u>Player 7</u> - 5 Woodblocks, use soft xylo. mallets and mediums, Bamboo wind chimes, log drum (2 pitches) use felt mallets.

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Op. 21

Notes

Obviously, this piece is for wooden percussion instruments. However, there is one (to two) exception(s): the concert bass drum and the vibraslap. Even though more often than not, the bass drum has a wooden rim (or hoop), its drum head is usually made out of polyspun fiber and mylar. This instrument gives depth to the piece and more opportunities for the players to explore different playing surfaces. The vibraslap has petal parts and wooden parts, but today let's just say it's wooden due to its resonant, but enlowy.

This piece explores the sound quality of many instruments, although it is not a comprehensive list of all wooden percussion. As you listen and experience this liece, pay attention to the different sections. Some sections are remaindent of others and some even have a quirky and fun nature. Many groover are sea in place here as well, we see how you can connect with it as well as picking up of the lastic sound qualitie.

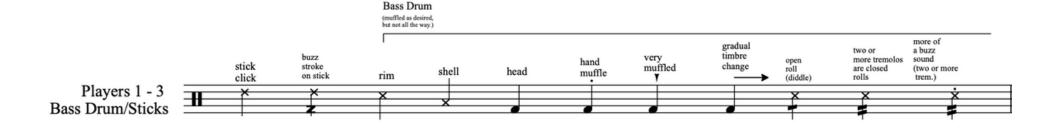
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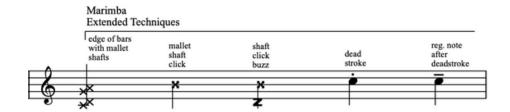
Players N2, and 2 will share the tilted bass drum. Even though these players aren't being taked to wail on the instrument, I suggest that you use an older instrument if available. In general, when there provers have accent patterns amongst unaccented notes, I suggest that the unaccented notes be played at a piano dynamic or less, and the dynamic marking will apply to the coems. If there is an accented, piano dynamic section, play those accents in between piano and mezzo piano, or play the unaccented notes at pianissimo.



Players 1-3 Legend

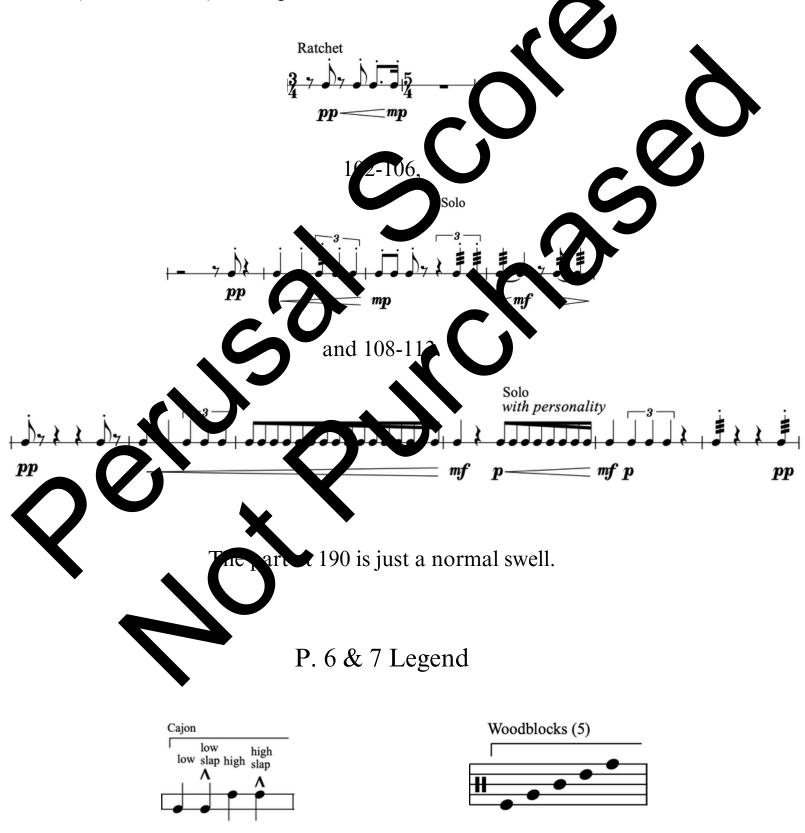


Players 4 & 5: Marimbas



Players 6 & 7

The ratchet part in percussion 6 is adding to the peculiarity to the section at 89. Even though soft dynamics are written at times, it's actually okay if there are accidental extra notes after initial turns! Moreover, this instrument functions mainly as a solo, it's okay if the "solo" rhythms aren't "clean" (but should still be in time). Feel free to put personality (within reason) in the performance of these. These occur at bar 98,





Score

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