

Duo for Vibraphone & Computer

(adapted from *Duo for Tenor Steel Pan and Computer*, 2011)

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Performance Notes

Tempo

There are no *accelerandi* or *ritardandi* markings in the score. Performers may speed up and slow down phrases *ad libitum*, as a function of their expressive interpretation of the score, but any changes in tempo should not cause excessive de-synchronization between the performer and the computer. (Particularly, if the performer is using the auto-advance function in the software.) Computer events move along at a regular rate of every 20 seconds (one event per every 10 measures). Synchronization between the performer and the computer is necessary, but the performer can be a beat or two ahead of or behind the event markers in the score since precise synchronization is not always absolutely necessary.



(event marker)

Tremolo

The 3-lined tremolo sign found over notes is an *ad libitum interpretive* sign. A performer may choose to *either play or not play* a tremolo where the sign is found. If the performer decides to play a tremolo, the *duration* of the tremolo is *ad libitum* during the duration of the note and the rest(s) that follow the note. (So the performer is invited to continue the tremolo through the rests if desired.) In addition, the player may (1) alter dynamics (*crescendi* and *decrescendi*) *ad libitum* during the tremolo, (2) stop and start the tremolo, (3) strike the note, let it sustain, and start the tremolo later, (4) depress the damper pedal during any or all of the tremolo, or (5) any combination of the above. Finally, if the tremolo sign is found over a dyad, the performer can choose to play a tremolo between the two notes of the dyad, or play a tremolo using only one of the notes of the dyad. Whether or not the performer chooses to play a tremolo, the *total time* of the note duration plus the following rest(s) duration should be respected.



(tremolo sign)

Accidentals

There are no natural signs in this score (excepting a few courtesy natural signs). Every accidental refers *only to the note it precedes* and any note tied to that note. Accidentals *do not carry through the measure*, nor do they carry through what appear to be repeated notes (unless, of course, the repeated notes have the same accidental marking as the initial appearance of the note).

Dynamics

There are very few *crescendi* and *decrescendi* in the score. Dynamics range from *ppp* to *fff*. Notes with the dynamic of *fff* should be played as accented notes and are identical to notes with the sign >. In some fast passages, the dynamics change for almost every note, which may appear somewhat impractical. Nevertheless, an effort should be made to, at least, *approximate* the notated dynamics in these passages. In general, dynamics change abruptly and should be viewed as a kind of non-rhythmic “syncopation”

Ad Libitum Playing

Starting during Event 21 (measure 207), *ad libitum* performance indications are introduced. The *ad libitum* directions are clearly indicated in the score. Briefly explained, a group of pitches is presented in a box to be played in the spirit of a short, bracketed example containing groups of grace notes. The energy and speed of playing should be high. While the rhythms are relatively regular, and the pitch groups are relatively small, every effort should be made to avoid too much repetitiveness in the phrases. (Unexpected dynamic changes should be the norm.) In addition to the boxed pitches, there are also circled pitches, with directions to begin avoiding the indicated pitches gradually over time.

Pedal Usage

Pedal indications in the score should be used as a general guide. The player is encouraged to use his/her own discretion as to pedal details based on the pedal indications in the score, duration of notes, and her/his own decisions about phrasing, etc.

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1 Allegro $\text{♩} = 120$

(Db-Eb)
tr

Ped fff

4 tr rallentando poco a poco trill smoothly to ----- > ♩

7 fff poco a poco meno Ped

9 ff

2 poco Ped mf ff

13 > ff ff > ff ff > ff ff > ff ff

15 ff mf fff mf ff mf

2

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21 ↓

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4

31 - *piu Ped* *mf*

34 *mf* *mf* *pp* *mf*

36 *fff* *pp* *fff* *pp* *mf* *mf* *pp* *pp*

39 *mf* *pp* *mf* *mf* *pp* *mf* *mf* *pp* *pp*

42 *pp* *f* *mf* *mf* *pp* *mf* *mf* *pp* *pp* *mf*

45 *pp* *mf* *mf* *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *f* *f*

47 *mf* *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *mf* *f* *pp*

The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The dynamics and performance instructions are as follows:

- Staff 1 (Measures 49-50):** Dynamics: *pp*, *f*, *mf*, *f*, *pp*. A black arrow labeled "6" points to the beginning of Staff 2.
- Staff 2 (Measures 52-53):** Dynamics: *f*, *mf*, *f*, *pp*, *f pp*, *f pp*, *mf pp f*, *pp*.
- Staff 3 (Measures 56-57):** Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *pp*.
- Staff 4 (Measures 59-60):** Dynamics: *f*, *mf*, *f*, *mf*.
- Staff 5 (Measures 63-64):** Dynamics: *f*, *fff*, *mf fff*, *f*.
- Staff 6 (Measures 66-67):** Dynamics: *fff*, *mf*.
- Staff 7 (Measures 69-70):** Dynamics: *pp*, *f*, *fff*.
- Staff 8 (Measures 72-73):** Dynamics: *mf*, *f*.

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79

82

86

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103

106

110

114

117

120

(four mallets)

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125

129

133

136

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142

145

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15

meno Ped

poco a poco molto Ped

148

150

153

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165

ff *mf* *ff* *mf* *f* *mf*

167

mp *f* *mf* *ff* *mp* *ff*

169

ff *mp* *mp* *ff*

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171

poco a poco meno Ped

ff *mf* *mp* *ff* *f*

173

ff *mf* *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp*

175

mp *ff* *mp* *ff* *f* *mp* *mp* *ff* *mp* *mf* *mf*

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mp *mf*

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molto meno Ped

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(ad libitum using boxed pitches in the spirit of example in brackets, and in the spirit of the preceding music of event 21)

207

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(ad libitum still using boxed pitches above, but rhythmically faster, in the spirit of the example in brackets)

209

f mf f mf f mf

(ad libitum using boxed pitches in the spirit of the example in brackets)

22

211

> f > mf mf f

(sempre ad libitum)

213

(little by little, rests between fast passages can become more frequent--but not longer)

(sempre ad libitum)

215

mf

(begin using circled pitches less and less until the end of event 22)

(sempre ad libitum)

217

mf

(sempre ad libitum)

219

mf

(ad libitum using boxed pitches in the spirit of the example in brackets)

(little by little, begin adding sustained notes and chords in place of rests while continuing short fast passages)

221

f mf f mf f

223

(sempre ad libitum)

225

(sempre ad libitum)

227

(sempre ad libitum)

229

(sempre ad libitum)

24

(little by little, fast passages become shorter, and rests are replaced by sustained notes and chords)

231

(sempre ad libitum)

233

(sempre ad libitum)

235

(sempre ad libitum)

237 (two mallets) (sempre ad libitum)

239 (sempre ad libitum)

25 (little by little sustained notes and chords are replaced by rests while keeping fast passage short, while adding more and more repeated notes)

241 (sempre ad libitum) meno Ped

243 (sempre ad libitum)

245 (sempre ad libitum)

247 (sempre ad libitum)

249 (sempre ad libitum)

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