

Texas State University

Bobcat Marching Band



Drumline

Battery & Front Ensemble

Battery Fundamentals

BVB Drumline 2025

Eight-Eight-Sixteen

Drum notation for the Eight-Eight-Sixteen drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R R R R R R R, the second is L L L L L L L L, the third is R R R R R R R R, and the fourth is R R R R R R R R. The fifth measure is a single R note followed by a quarter rest. The sixth measure is a quarter rest.

Displaced Eights

Drum notation for the Displaced Eights drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R R R R R R R, the second is R L L L L L L L, the third is R R R R R R R R, and the fourth is R L L L L L L L. The fifth measure is a single R note followed by a quarter rest. The sixth measure is a quarter rest.

Count-Down

Drum notation for the Count-Down drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R R R R R R R, the second is L L L L L L L L, the third is R R R R R R R R, and the fourth is L L L L L L L L. The fifth measure is a single R note followed by a quarter rest. The sixth measure is a quarter rest.

Drum notation for the Count-Down drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R R R R, the second is L L L L L, the third is R R R R L L L L, the fourth is R R R L L L, the fifth is R R L L, the sixth is R L, and the seventh is a quarter rest.

Drum notation for the Count-Down drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R L L, the second is R R R L L L, the third is R R R R L L L L, the fourth is R R R R R, the fifth is L L L L L, and the sixth is R R R R R.

Drum notation for the Count-Down drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is L L L L L L, the second is R R R R R R R R, the third is L L L L L L L L, the fourth is R R R R R R R R, the fifth is L L L L L L L L, and the sixth is a single R note followed by a quarter rest.

Gallop

Drum notation for the Gallop drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R L R R L R R L R R L, the second is R L L R L L R L L R L L, the third is R R L R R L R R L R R L, and the fourth is R L L R L L.

Drum notation for the Gallop drill in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures of eighth notes, each with an accent mark. The first measure is R R L R L L R R L R L L, the second is R R L L R R L L R R L L, the third is R R L L R R L L R R L L, and the fourth is a single R note followed by a quarter rest.

12
8

R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L L L L L R L

The first staff of music is in 4/4 time and begins with a treble clef. It contains four measures of music. The first measure has a repeat sign and contains four eighth notes (G4, A4, B4, C5) with accents. The second measure contains four eighth notes (D5, C5, B4, A4) with accents. The third measure contains four eighth notes (G4, F4, E4, D4) with accents. The fourth measure contains four eighth notes (C4, B3, A3, G3) with accents. Below the staff, the notes are labeled with letters: R R R R R R R L R L L L L L L L L R L L R R R L R L L R R L L R R L L.

The first staff of music is in 2/4 time and begins with a treble clef. It contains a sequence of eighth notes, many of which are beamed in groups of four and marked with a '3' above them, indicating triplets. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, A32, B32, C33, D33, E33, F33, G33, A33, B33, C34, D34, E34, F34, G34, A34, B34, C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, A35, B35, C36, D36, E36, F36, G36, A36, B36, C37, D37, E37, F37, G37, A37, B37, C38, D38, E38, F38, G38, A38, B38, C39, D39, E39, F39, G39, A39, B39, C40, D40, E40, F40, G40, A40, B40, C41, D41, E41, F41, G41, A41, B41, C42, D42, E42, F42, G42, A42, B42, C43, D43, E43, F43, G43, A43, B43, C44, D44, E44, F44, G44, A44, B44, C45, D45, E45, F45, G45, A45, B45, C46, D46, E46, F46, G46, A46, B46, C47, D47, E47, F47, G47, A47, B47, C48, D48, E48, F48, G48, A48, B48, C49, D49, E49, F49, G49, A49, B49, C50, D50, E50, F50, G50, A50, B50, C51, D51, E51, F51, G51, A51, B51, C52, D52, E52, F52, G52, A52, B52, C53, D53, E53, F53, G53, A53, B53, C54, D54, E54, F54, G54, A54, B54, C55, D55, E55, F55, G55, A55, B55, C56, D56, E56, F56, G56, A56, B56, C57, D57, E57, F57, G57, A57, B57, C58, D58, E58, F58, G58, A58, B58, C59, D59, E59, F59, G59, A59, B59, C60, D60, E60, F60, G60, A60, B60, C61, D61, E61, F61, G61, A61, B61, C62, D62, E62, F62, G62, A62, B62, C63, D63, E63, F63, G63, A63, B63, C64, D64, E64, F64, G64, A64, B64, C65, D65, E65, F65, G65, A65, B65, C66, D66, E66, F66, G66, A66, B66, C67, D67, E67, F67, G67, A67, B67, C68, D68, E68, F68, G68, A68, B68, C69, D69, E69, F69, G69, A69, B69, C70, D70, E70, F70, G70, A70, B70, C71, D71, E71, F71, G71, A71, B71, C72, D72, E72, F72, G72, A72, B72, C73, D73, E73, F73, G73, A73, B73, C74, D74, E74, F74, G74, A74, B74, C75, D75, E75, F75, G75, A75, B75, C76, D76, E76, F76, G76, A76, B76, C77, D77, E77, F77, G77, A77, B77, C78, D78, E78, F78, G78, A78, B78, C79, D79, E79, F79, G79, A79, B79, C80, D80, E80, F80, G80, A80, B80, C81, D81, E81, F81, G81, A81, B81, C82, D82, E82, F82, G82, A82, B82, C83, D83, E83, F83, G83, A83, B83, C84, D84, E84, F84, G84, A84, B84, C85, D85, E85, F85, G85, A85, B85, C86, D86, E86, F86, G86, A86, B86, C87, D87, E87, F87, G87, A87, B87, C88, D88, E88, F88, G88, A88, B88, C89, D89, E89, F89, G89, A89, B89, C90, D90, E90, F90, G90, A90, B90, C91, D91, E91, F91, G91, A91, B91, C92, D92, E92, F92, G92, A92, B92, C93, D93, E93, F93, G93, A93, B93, C94, D94, E94, F94, G94, A94, B94, C95, D95, E95, F95, G95, A95, B95, C96, D96, E96, F96, G96, A96, B96, C97, D97, E97, F97, G97, A97, B97, C98, D98, E98, F98, G98, A98, B98, C99, D99, E99, F99, G99, A99, B99, C100, D100, E100, F100, G100, A100, B100, C101, D101, E101, F101, G101, A101, B101, C102, D102, E102, F102, G102, A102, B102, C103, D103, E103, F103, G103, A103, B103, C104, D104, E104, F104, G104, A104, B104, C105, D105, E105, F105, G105, A105, B105, C106, D106, E106, F106, G106, A106, B106, C107, D107, E107, F107, G107, A107, B107, C108, D108, E108, F108, G108, A108, B108, C109, D109, E109, F109, G109, A109, B109, C110, D110, E110, F110, G110, A110, B110, C111, D111, E111, F111, G111, A111, B111, C112, D112, E112, F112, G112, A112, B112, C113, D113, E113, F113, G113, A113, B113, C114, D114, E114, F114, G114, A114, B114, C115, D115, E115, F115, G115, A115, B115, C116, D116, E116, F116, G116, A116, B116, C117, D117, E117, F117, G117, A117, B117, C118, D118, E118, F118, G118, A118, B118, C119, D119, E119, F119, G119, A119, B119, C120, D120, E120, F120, G120, A120, B120, C121, D121, E121, F121, G121, A121, B121, C122, D122, E122, F122, G122, A122, B122, C123, D123, E123, F123, G123, A123, B123, C124, D124, E124, F124, G124, A124, B124, C125, D125, E125, F125, G125, A125, B125, C126, D126, E126, F126, G126, A126, B126, C127, D127, E127, F127, G127, A127, B127, C128, D128, E128, F128, G128, A128, B128, C129, D129, E129, F129, G129, A129, B129, C130, D130, E130, F130, G130, A130, B130, C131, D131, E131, F131, G131, A131, B131, C132, D132, E132, F132, G132, A132, B132, C133, D133, E133, F133, G133, A133, B133, C134, D134, E134, F134, G134, A134, B134, C135, D135, E135, F135, G135, A135, B135, C136, D136, E136, F136, G136, A136, B136, C137, D137, E137, F137, G137, A137, B137, C138, D138, E138, F138, G138, A138, B138, C139, D139, E139, F1

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 12/8. The melody is written on a single staff, with notes beamed in groups of four and six. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto'.

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Musical notation for the 'R L R L' exercise, showing a sequence of eighth notes on a single staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The notation includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a final double bar line with a repeat sign. The exercise is divided into two measures, each containing four eighth notes.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Merry-Go-Round' is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 2/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes, grouped into pairs of beamed eighth notes. There are four measures in the first part, followed by a repeat sign, and then another four measures. The final measure of the system is a quarter rest.

Battery Fundamentals

Triplet Grid

R L R L R L R . .

Outlet Spree 2025

BMB Drumline Snares and Quads

♩. = 132

Cheese

RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL

f

Flam Drag

RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL

Flam Five

RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL

Flam Tap

RLR LRL RLR LRL RR LL RR LL RR LL RR LL RR LL RR LL RR LL

Invert

RLR LRL RLR LRL RL LR RL LR RL LR RL LR RL LR RL LR RL LR

Swisses

RLR LRL RLR LRL RRL RRL RRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL RLR LRL

Choo-Choo

RLR LRL RLR LRL RL RRLR LLRL RR LRL RLR LRL RLR LR LLRL RRLR LL

Diddle Choo-Choo

RLR LRL RLR LRL RL RRLR LLRL RR LRL RLR LRL RLR LR LLRL RRLR LL

Book Report

RLR LRL RLR LRL RL RRLR LLRL RR LRL RLR LRL RLR LR LLRL RRLR LL

Egg Beater

RLR LRL RLR LRL RRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLLRRLL

Tenor Around Patterns

Seven



Nine



Thirteen



Fifteen



Play groupings one at a time, on a loop.

Try different excercises over these patterns. e.g eights, sixteenth note grids, triplet grids, bowl rolls, etc

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LeGatos

Frank De Leon

♩ = 120

Snare Drum

Marching Tenor Drums

Marching Bass Drum

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

1x: all unison, play snare part
2x: tenor arounds, bass splits

Variations:

- Crescendo each hand
- Diminuendo each hand
- Accent Tap

Aquarena Spring

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♩ = 164

Snare Drum

Marching Tenor Drums

Marching Bass Drum

f

f

f

1x All players play snare part
2x Tenor arounds, Bass splits

5

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

9

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

11

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

Bowl Rolls

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The image shows a page of a musical score for a drum corps, featuring parts for Snare Drum, Marching Tenor Drums, Marching Bass Drum, and a large section for S.D. (Snare Drum), T.D. (Tenor Drum), and B.D. (Bass Drum). The score includes various musical notations, dynamics (mp, f, ff, fff), and performance instructions.

Top Section (Measures 1-12):

- Snare Drum:** Part 1, measures 1-12. Dynamics: *mp*. Includes a box: "1x play on drum 2, 2x play as written".
- Marching Tenor Drums:** Part 1, measures 1-12. Dynamics: *mp*.
- Marching Bass Drum:** Part 1, measures 1-12. Dynamics: *f*. Includes a box: "1 - 4 bass drums play snare part, 5 - 8 bass drums play as written".

Middle Section (Measures 13-20):

- S.D. (Snare Drum):** Part 2, measures 13-20. Dynamics: *f*.
- T.D. (Tenor Drum):** Part 2, measures 13-20. Dynamics: *f*.
- B.D. (Bass Drum):** Part 2, measures 13-20. Dynamics: *f*. Includes a box: "All bass drums play as written, LH on rim, RH play unison".

Bottom Section (Measures 21-24):

- S.D. (Snare Drum):** Part 3, measures 21-24. Dynamics: *ff*.
- T.D. (Tenor Drum):** Part 3, measures 21-24. Dynamics: *ff*.
- B.D. (Bass Drum):** Part 3, measures 21-24. Dynamics: *fff*.

Thirteen

Murray Gusseck

♩ = 84

Snare Drum

Marching Tenor Drums

Marching Bass Drum

f

f

f

R r r R r r . . .

R r r R r r . . .

R r l R r l r L r L R . . .

5

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

L L L L L L . . .

L L L L L L . . .

9

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

A

R r R r r R . . .

R r R r r R . . .

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R

13

S. D.

T. D.

B. D.

B

L L L L L L . . .

L L L L L L . . .

R R R R R R . . .

R r R r r R L L R r R r R r L L R r R r R L L r L L r L R L R L R

R R R

17 C

S. D.
 L I L I L I

T. D.
 L

B. D.
 R R R R R R R R

r r R r r R

r r R r r R

R I R I L r I r L R I R I L r I R L

21

S. D.
 I I L I I L

T. D.
 I I L I I L

B. D.
 R I R I L r I r L R I R I L r I R R R I r R I r L r I R R R I r

25 D

S. D.
 r r R r I r R r I r R r r r

T. D.
 R r r r I r R r I r R r r r

B. D.
 R I r L R R R R I r I r L R R R R I R R R

R r r R r r R R r I I L I I L L I

R r r L I I R r r L I I R r L I R

L L R

Bass drums play singled fours

29

S. D.
 r r R r r R R r I I L I I L L I

T. D.
 R r r R r r R r L I I L I I L I

B. D.
 L L R

Snares

Sweet - N - Low

Matt Holmes

$\text{♩} = 115$

f R L L R L L $\text{R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L}$ R L R L **B**

5 **A** stick clicks *halfway* **mp** $\text{R L R R L R L R R L}$ $\text{R R R L R R R L R R R}$

11 *to center*

15 **B** center backstick *L over R* backstick **ff** R L L R L L R L R R R L R R L R R R L L R

19 $\text{R L R L R L R L R L R L L R L L R L}$ $\text{R L R R L R L L R L R L R L}$ $\text{R L L R L L R R L R L L}$ **R**

23 **C** *halfway* **mp**

27 *to center* *center* **ff** R L R L

31 **D** pings B L R L R L R R L R L R L $\text{R L R L L L R L R L L L R L R R L}$

34 **E** R R L R **R** $\text{R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L}$

36 1. $\text{R L R L L R L L R L R L}$ 2. $\text{R L R L L R L L R L R L}$ **B B**

Tenors

Sweet - N - Low

Matt Holmes

♩ = 115

f

A

B skanks **ff**

C **mp**

D

E

1. 2.

Sweet - N - Low

Matt Holmes

♩ = 115

♩ = 115

6

3

f

L R L R R L L R L R L L

4

A

R L L L R R R L L R R L

9

mp

14

B

ff

L L L R L R L R L L

18

6

R L R L L R L R L R L

22

C

mp

L R L R L R R R

26

ff

29

31

D

muffle w/ L

R L L R R R R R R L L L R L L R L R L L R L R

34

E

6 3 3 6 6 6

R L L R L R L R L R L

37

1. 3

2. 3

R L R L R L R L L R R L R L R L R L R

Cymbals

Sweet - N - Low

Matt Holmes

♩ = 115

crash choke sizzle tongs crash

A B U

f

5 [A] fusion hat

12 [B] power crash

mp *ff*

19 [C] flat crash

mp

25 zing tap ting butterflies

ff

31 [D] crash choke [E]

36 1. 2.

Snares B-Cat

B-Cat

written by Alex Gilbert
& Kossivi Tossou

♩ = 128

4

R1 R1 R R1 R R1 R R1 R1 R R L r L r L L r L L r L r L

7

L R R R R R B B B L L L L R L l l r l

A

10

R l r l r L r l R r L l R l r L | r l r L r l R r L l R r L r l R

12

L r l r l R l r L l R r L r l R | L r l R r L l R r L l R r l R l

[illegible]

2

21

21

l r L r L r r

23

II	%	%	%
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26

26 

C

28

28 Musical notation for measures 28-31. Measure 28: R 1 R 1 r L r 1 r r L r r L R 1 r L. Measure 29: r 1 R r r L 1 l R r r l l R r r l l R 1. Measure 30: R 1 R 1 r L r 1 r r L r r L R 1 r L. Measure 31: r 1 R r r L 1 l R r r l l R r r l l R 1. Dynamics: *f*. Fingerings: 6, 5, 5.

30

30 

34

front edge ---> center

34 *front edge ---> center*

r l r l r l R r l R R r l r l r r l r r l R l R L R r L l

p *fp* *f*

D

37

37 
R l r L r l R r L l r l R r L l R r L l R r L l R r

39

39 
L 1 R 1 1 R 1 1 R 1 R L R L R L R L R L R L

41

41  Musical notation for measures 41-45. Measure 41: R L R. Measure 42: L R L R B. Measure 43: L R L. Measure 44: R B R L. Measure 45: B B B.

Tenors

B-Cat

written by Alex Gilbert
& Kossivi Tossou

♩ = 128

Solo *3* *All*

L

4

R l R l R R l R R l R R l R l R R L r L r L L r L L r L L r L r L

7

L R R R R B B B B L L L L r l R

A 10

R L r l R r L l R l r L r l r L r l R r L l R r L r l R

12

L l R l r L l R r L r l R L r l R r L l R r L l R R l R

14

p *f* *5*

r l r r l r r l R l l R l l R l l R L R L R L R L r L R L R L r r l r l r l

B 17

On Shells

ff *ff* *mp*

R B B B B B B B B L R

20

R

23 + = neighbor drum

f

25

f *p*

C

28

mf *f*

32

p *f*

34

p *fp*

D

36

f

38

40

Basses

B-Cat

written by Alex Gilbert
& Kossivi Tossou

♩ = 128

The bass line notation for B-Cat consists of several staves of music. The first staff starts with a 4/4 time signature and a tempo of 128. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The second staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures. The third staff begins with a measure rest for 7 measures. The fourth staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and begins with a measure rest for 10 measures. The fifth staff begins with a measure rest for 13 measures. The sixth staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and begins with a measure rest for 16 measures. The seventh staff begins with a measure rest for 19 measures. The eighth staff begins with a measure rest for 21 measures. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The notation also includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *ff*, and *f*. The notation also includes articulation markings such as accents and slurs. The notation also includes fingerings such as 3 and 3. The notation also includes bowings such as *b* and *b*. The notation also includes bowings such as *r* and *l*. The notation also includes bowings such as *r l r l* and *r l r l*.

4

7

A

10

13

B

16

19

21

mp

p

ff

f

3

3

b

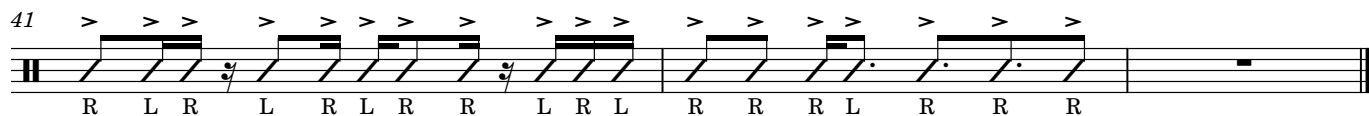
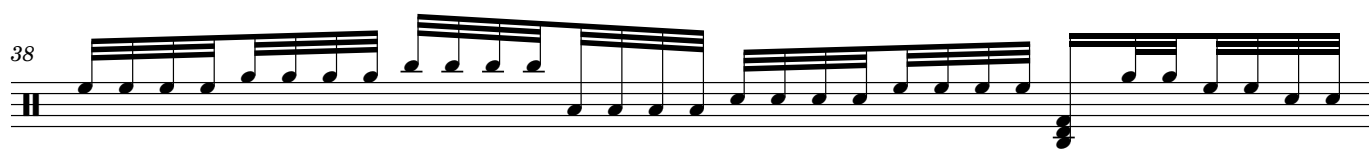
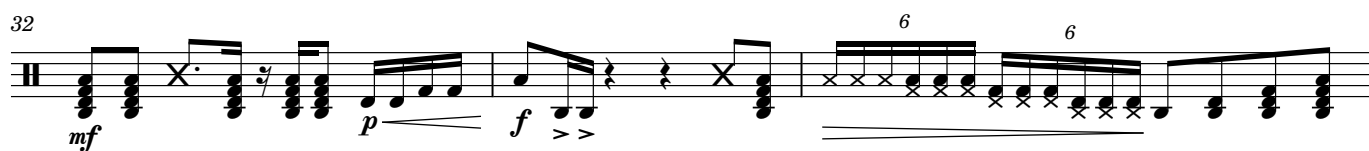
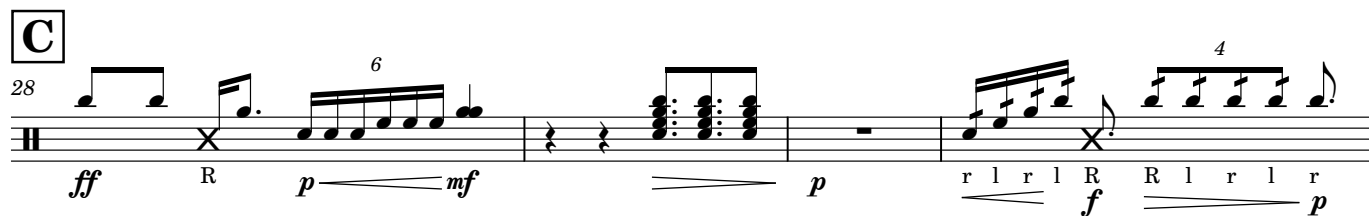
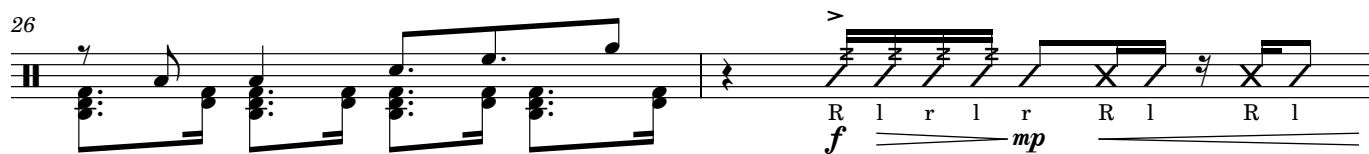
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r l r l

r l r l



Cymbals

B-Cat

Composer

A *Composer*

$\text{♩} = 128$

sizz.

B *(dings)*

C *p*

D *f*

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Bobcat Marching Band

Front Ensemble Technique Manual



Stance First and foremost, the stance should be comfortable. The player should stand with feet shoulder-width apart, relaxed shoulders with approximately 5 inches from the keyboard. This distance should be flexible as the player will have to move forward and back depending on musical demand.

Grip(s)

2-mallet technique: When playing with two mallets. The mallet should rest in the hand with all of the fingers loosely wrapped around the mallet. A ‘middle-fulcrum’ should be used as the mallet moves in the hand. The hand/fingers should be allowed to “breathe” or move loosely with the stroke. The palm of the hand should face down toward the keyboard creating something similar to a “German grip”.

4-mallet technique: The player will have the option to play Stevens, Burton or traditional technique/grip.

Stevens technique: We will only be using the Stevens form of holding the mallets in the hand. The Stevens technique is a very specific technique. While we *will* be using some elements of the Stevens technique, it will only be specific to musical demands and will be explained in detail as we define musical passages.

Burton grip/technique: The player will have the option to play with this technique whether they are playing marimba or vibraphone. Passages to be played with two mallets will likely employ mallets #2 and #4 using the Burton grip respectively.

The player is also welcomed to utilize the traditional cross grip. Again, each musical phrase will be considered and technique will be adjusted accordingly, regardless of grip.

Stroke The anatomy of the stroke consists of the prep (or preparation), the attack and the release.

Prep: The prep, or preparation, is the description of lifting the mallet before striking the bar. This is done in the most natural motion of lifting the mallet. This will be done in accordance with the timing of the phrase. The lift (or prep) may be an 8th note, or it may be a quarter-note. Again, the prep will depend on the tempo of the music.

Attack: The attack is the point at which the mallet head makes contact with the bar.

Release: The release is the point at which the mallet comes off (or rebounds off) of the bar. Because of the nature of the actual rebound, this motion will be mostly contrived. There is a visual element of this release that will match the musical phrase or musical intent of the passage.

Sound production/sound quality

Sound production and sound quality are paramount. These are the primary focus of the implemented technique. Most of the sound production will come from the weight of the mallet head while employing some velocity on the downward motion of the stroke.

Default stroke

The default stroke will be characterized as a ‘legato’ stroke. It should be a relaxed stroke using the weight of the mallet (head) to produce the stroke. While the ensemble will employ many different strokes, depending on the musical demand. The default stroke will be this described ‘legato’ stroke.

Comfort/Endurance

The key to building “chops”(endurance, speed, agility, height) is being able to play with the most unrestricted, comfortable technique. Our technique will focus on this relaxed, unrestricted form.

Different strokes for different sounds

While we WILL mainly focus on our ‘legato’ technique, there will be many times that we will employ other approaches to the stroke; sharp attacks, quicker velocity, starting/ending in the “up” position, playing “through” the keyboard in a more downward motion. All of these will be defined as we learn our music.

Instrumental Kinesthetics

Stance: As described above – The player should stand with feet shoulder-width apart, relaxed shoulders with approximately 5 inches from the keyboard. This distance should be flexible as the player will have to move forward and back depending on musical demand.

Position: Starting position will be

- Feet shoulder-width apart
- Arms to the side (with mallets in hand)
- Playing position; mallets 1” above the bar, just above resonator center

Visual Connection: The visual connection is paramount. Each player must be mindful of the center player, as well as the players to the left and to the right. Making a visual connection with each section member will allow for everyone to be on the same page visually.

Ensemble Approach: You will hear about this element often in rehearsals. Your approach will dictate your success.

Are you:???

- Prepared
- Listening to instruction
- Listening to the players surrounding you
- Listening to the battery
- Listening to the band
- Ready to play
- Ready to learn
- TEACHABLE

Think

Think about:

- Your preparation
- Your materials
- Your focus
- Your sound
- Your technique
- Your APPROACH

Awareness

Be aware of your surroundings. Be aware of your contribution to the ensemble. Be aware of the logistics. Be aware of when you start. Be aware of when your section is ready. Be aware of when the ensemble is ready. Be aware of your approach!

Listen

Listen to YOUR sound. Listen to your neighbor's sound. Listen to the ensemble. Listen to the section. Listen to your section leader...musically AND logistically!

Look

Look around and find out what you need to do. Make sure you are proactive about where you need to be and what you need to do.

Exercises

Procured to target various elements

Unify technique (visually)

Unify sound quality

Develop ensemble awareness "ears"

Develop music theory knowledge

Bailey's

Doublestops

The main section of the piece, titled 'Doublestops', consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The notation features a series of double stops, which are pairs of notes played simultaneously. The intervals between the notes in the double stops vary, creating a rich harmonic texture. The piece concludes with a final double stop on the fifth staff.

Variation 1 (split hands-16ths)

Variation 1, titled 'split hands-16ths', is a single staff of music. It features a continuous sequence of sixteenth-note patterns. The notes are split between the two hands, creating a rapid, flowing texture. The key signature remains one flat, and the time signature is common time.

Variation 2 (split hands-triplets)

Variation 2, titled 'split hands-triplets', consists of two staves of music. Both staves feature triplet patterns, where groups of three notes are played in the time of two. The notes are split between the two hands, creating a complex, rhythmic texture. The key signature remains one flat, and the time signature is common time.

Buster Scales



Variations:

- Play in octaves
- Play in split octave 16th notes RLRL
- Play with and without Natural Shaping/Reverse Natural Shaping

Burton Octaves

A



B



Speed

The musical score consists of seven staves, each containing a different rhythmic exercise. The exercises are written in treble clef and include various time signatures and complex rhythmic patterns.

- Staff 1:** Starts in common time (C), then changes to 3/4. It features a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings 'r 1 r 1 r 1 r 1' and a triplet of eighth notes.
- Staff 2:** Starts in 2/4, then changes to common time (C). It includes two triplet markings over eighth notes.
- Staff 3:** Starts in common time (C), then changes to 3/4. It features a sextuplet of eighth notes and another sextuplet of eighth notes.
- Staff 4:** Starts in common time (C), then changes to 3/4. It includes a triplet of eighth notes and another triplet of eighth notes.
- Staff 5:** Starts in common time (C), then changes to 3/4. It includes a triplet of eighth notes and another triplet of eighth notes.
- Staff 6:** Starts in common time (C), then changes to 3/4. It includes a triplet of eighth notes and another triplet of eighth notes.
- Staff 7:** Starts in 2/4, then changes to 3/4. It includes a sextuplet of eighth notes and another sextuplet of eighth notes.

LockJaw

1

5

Play in All Major/Minor Keys.

Green

1 ♩ = 90-100

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a tempo marking '1 ♩ = 90-100'. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some beamed sixteenth notes. The staff ends with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics 'R L R L -' are written.

R L R L -

Mollins Easy Ltd

Play in All Major Music Shops...

Purple

6 ♩ = 90-180

11

RI RL

Makes Story Light

Play in All Major/Minor Keys...

Timing

1 ♩ = 90-180

R R R R R R R R R L R R L R _ R R R R R R R R R R L R L _

5
R R R R R R R R R L R R L R _ R R R R R R R R R L B L L R L L R L _

9
SM.

13
Marius Sily, Uof

4-3-2-1 Blocks



The Jig



Green Scales

Keyboard

Timpani

Key.

Timp.

The musical score for 'Green Scales' consists of four staves. The first two staves are for Keyboard and Timpani, and the next two are for Key and Timp. The Keyboard part features a continuous eighth-note scale in the right hand, while the Timpani part provides a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Key and Timp parts follow a similar pattern, with the Key part playing a scale and the Timp part providing a steady accompaniment.

Green+ Scales

Key.

Timp.

Key.

Timp.

The musical score for 'Green+ Scales' consists of four staves. The first two staves are for Key and Timp, and the next two are for Key and Timp. The Key part features a continuous eighth-note scale in the right hand, while the Timp part provides a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Key and Timp parts follow a similar pattern, with the Key part playing a scale and the Timp part providing a steady accompaniment.

Variations:

- 2 Mallet Alternating RLRL...and LRLR...
- 4 Mallet Alternating 3232...and 2323...
- Transpose through all Major keys via Circle of 4ths (starting w/C Major)
- Transpose through all minor keys via Circle of 4ths (starting w/a minor)
- Transpose through all harmonic minor keys via Circle of 4ths (starting w/a minor)
- Transpose through all melodic minor keys via Circle of 4ths (starting w/a minor)
- Play with and without Natural Shaping/Reverse Natural Shaping