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Dear Student:

Welcome to the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FIRST PERFORMANCE, a collection of thirteen songs written for beginning or young band. These selections represent a variety of musical styles such as rock, blues, marches, traditional folk songs, and transcriptions from classical music.

Each piece was composed or arranged especially for the first year band student and contains a limited range of musical notes as well as simple rhythms designed to provide beginning instrumentalists a repertoire of varied fun and exciting concert music.

Good luck with your First Performance!

Best wishes,

Bruce Pearson

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"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"

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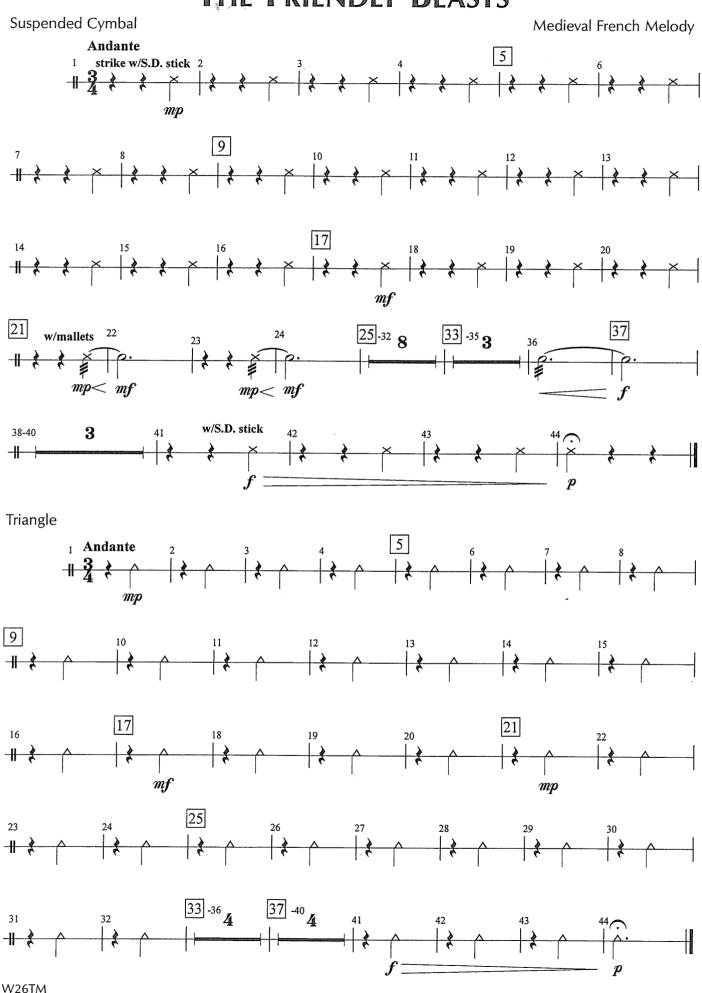
"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"





O Come, Little Children was composed by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (b.1747 - d.1800). Schulz was the court composer at Rheinsberg, Germany and a choir director for the Royal Court Theater in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was best known for setting poems to simple, folk-like music. The German poet, Christoph von Schmid, wrote the words to this song.

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS



THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Timpani

Medieval French Melody

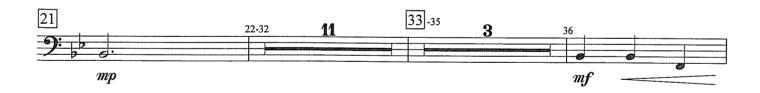


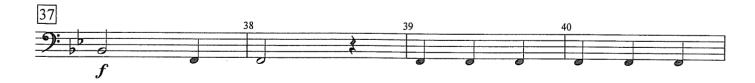














The melody for **The Friendly Beasts** dates back to 12th century medieval France while the words were written at a later date. **The Friendly Beasts** is usually thought of as an old English carol.

RIO BRAVO

Maracas/Claves



RIO BRAVO



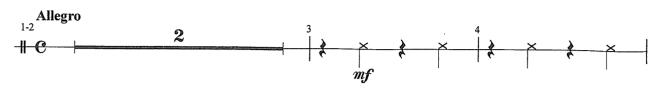
Latin America is made up of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies. The music of this region is a combination of Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian traditions and has been influenced by the cultures of the native Indians like the Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. It features catchy melodies, infectious rhythms, and a wide use of percussion instruments.

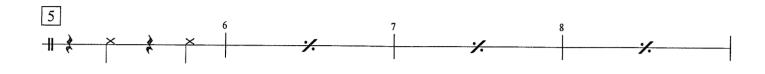
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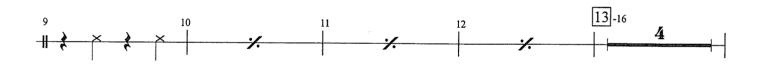
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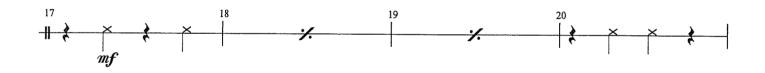
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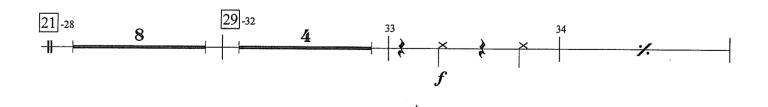
Traditional American Folk

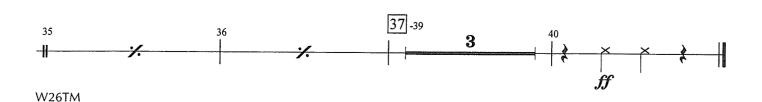












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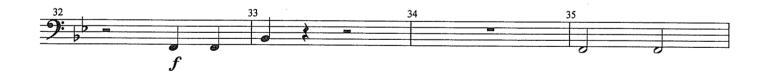
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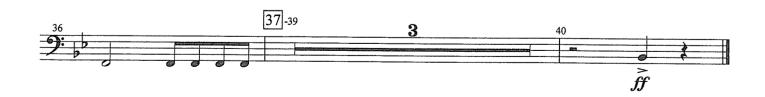
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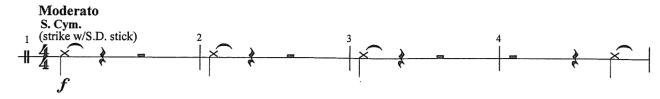


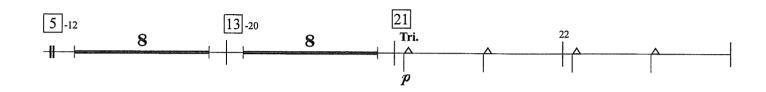


Folk songs are passed down from generation to generation through singing and listening. The common folk sing the songs to their children instead of writing them down. The original composers were forgotten as time passed and the words and places changed. These changes left many versions of the same song. **Big Rock Candy Mountain** originated in the late 1800's and was attributed to Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. The ballad tells of a hobo's life, riding the trains and traveling the country, in search of the perfect place for a "burly bum" to live.

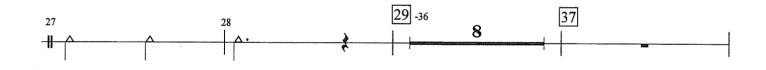
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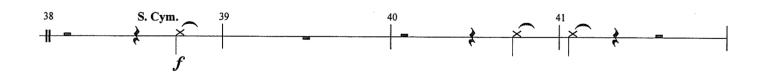
Suspended Cymbal/Triangle















ROYAL CROWN MARCH

Timpani



The history of the march has its beginnings in the military. Marches have a steady beat that is strongly accented. This beat was helpful for soldiers to stay in step. Many marches were written to commemorate a regal occasion such as the crowning of a king. It was with this in mind that **Royal Crown March** was composed.

BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE

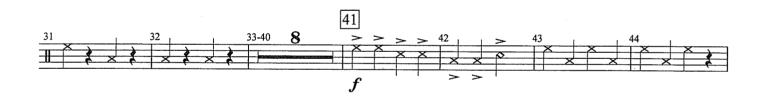
Temple Blocks

Ron Cowherd Traditional American Folk













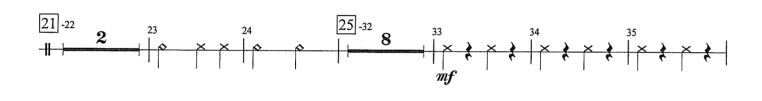
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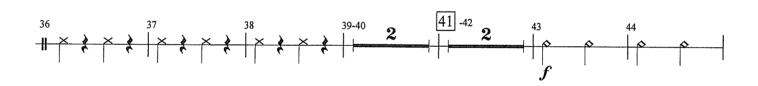
Cowbell

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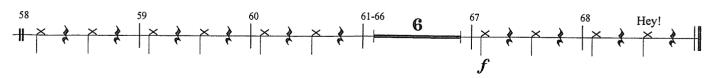








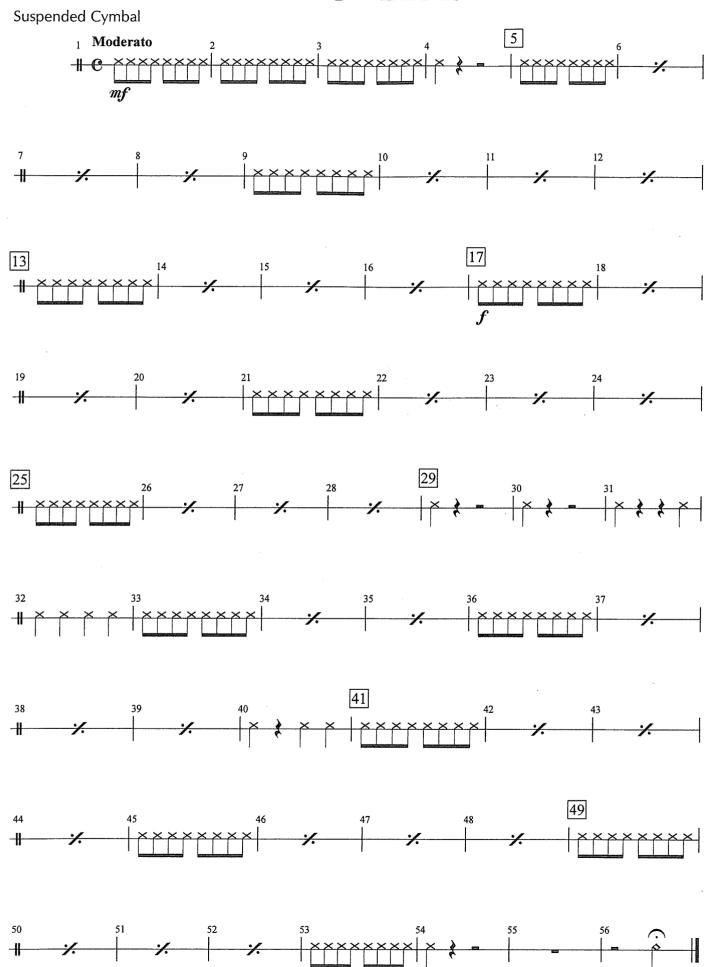




A significant part of a country's heritage and culture is found in its folk music. Using the language of the common folk, folk songs describe the lives and times of its people. This piece uses the folk song, **Ol' Joe Clark.** Joe Clark was a veteran from the war of 1812 who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. The numerous verses were made up from incidents in his life and expanded as time passed to include over 90 different verses.

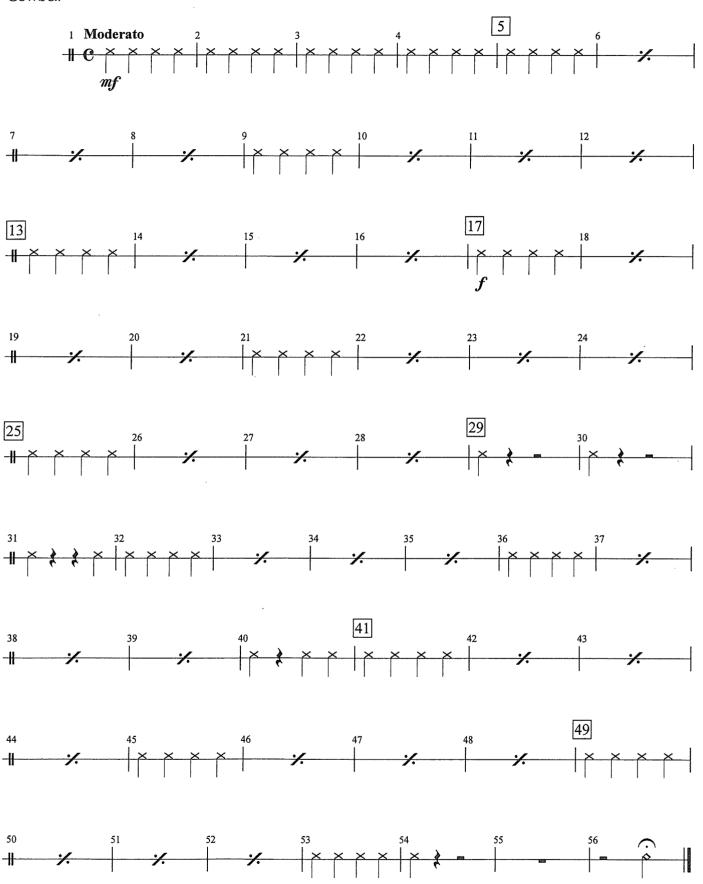
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BAG O' BLUES



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Cowbell



The blues is a style of music developed from the African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals of the late 1800's to early 1900's. It is played at a slow to moderate tempo and usually written in 4/4 time. The third, fifth, and seventh notes of the scale in which the piece is written are lowered one half-step.

A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN

Maracas/Claves



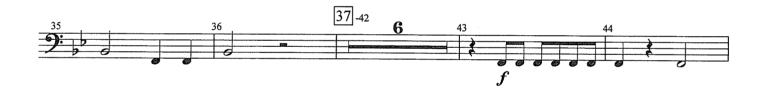
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Timpani











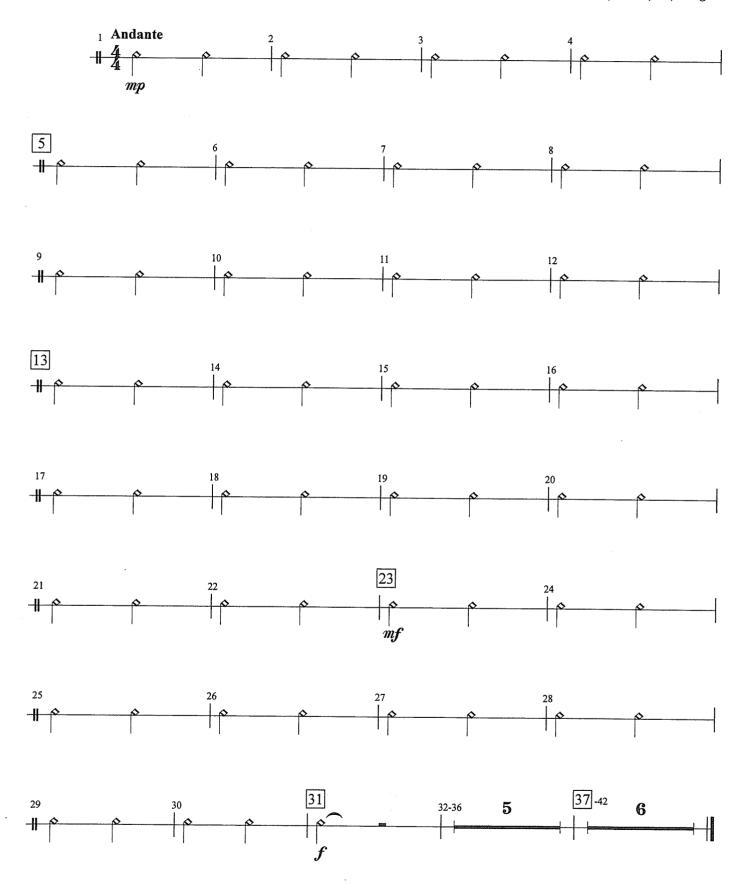


The music of Latin America, influenced by the many cultures and traditions of its people, uses lively rhythms for dances like the habanera, rumba, cha-cha, and tango. The music uses many percussion instruments such as the claves, maracas, and cowbell to keep the rhythm.

A CLASSICAL CANON

Finger Cymbals

Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill

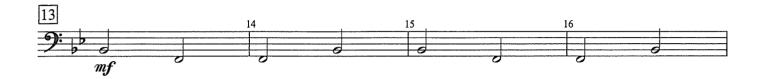


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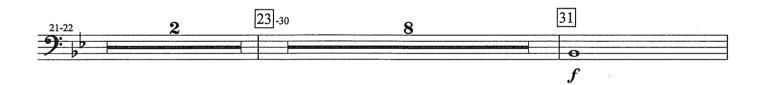
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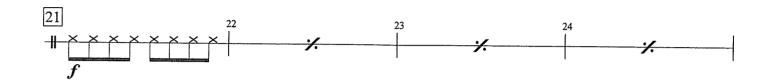


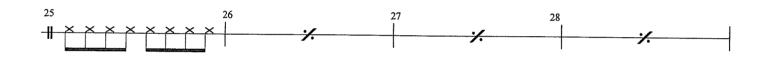


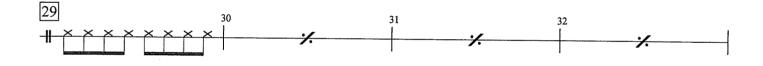
Franz Joseph Haydn (b.1732 - d.1809) was an Austrian composer who worked as the court composer for the royal Esterhazy family for over thirty years. "Papa Haydn," best known for his numerous symphonies and string quartets, also trained and conducted the other court musicians. A Classical Canon was originally called the *Nightingale Canon*. Words were added later describing children's anticipation to stay up on Christmas Eve while the parent sang for the children to go to bed. The title then became commonly known as the *Christmas Eve Canon*.

DR. ROCK

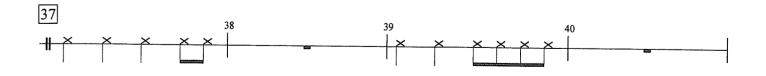
Suspended Cymbal Chuck Elledge Allegro moderato 13 -20

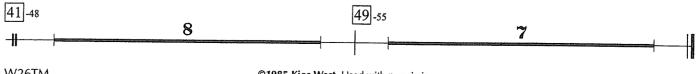








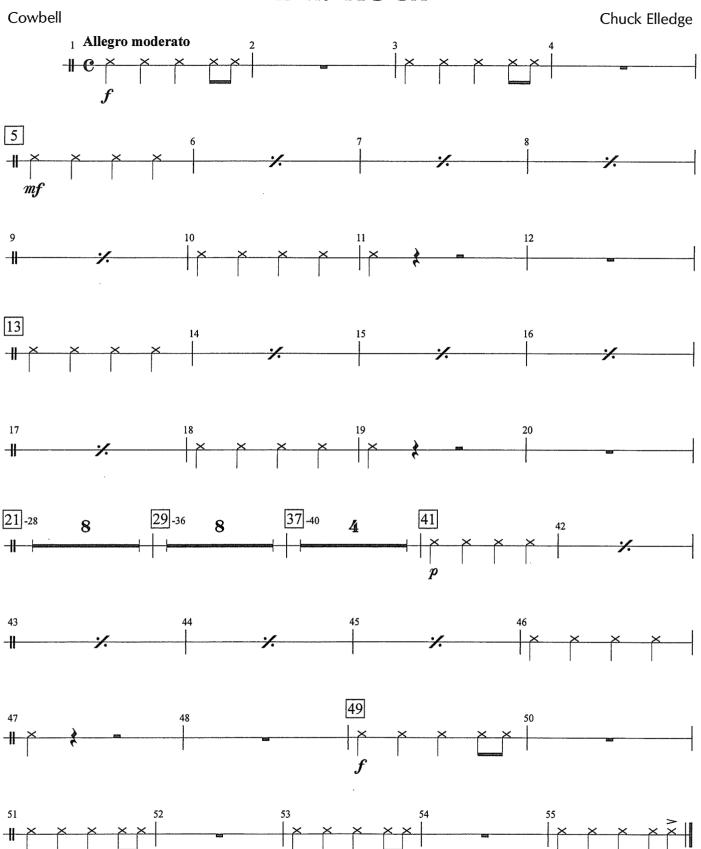




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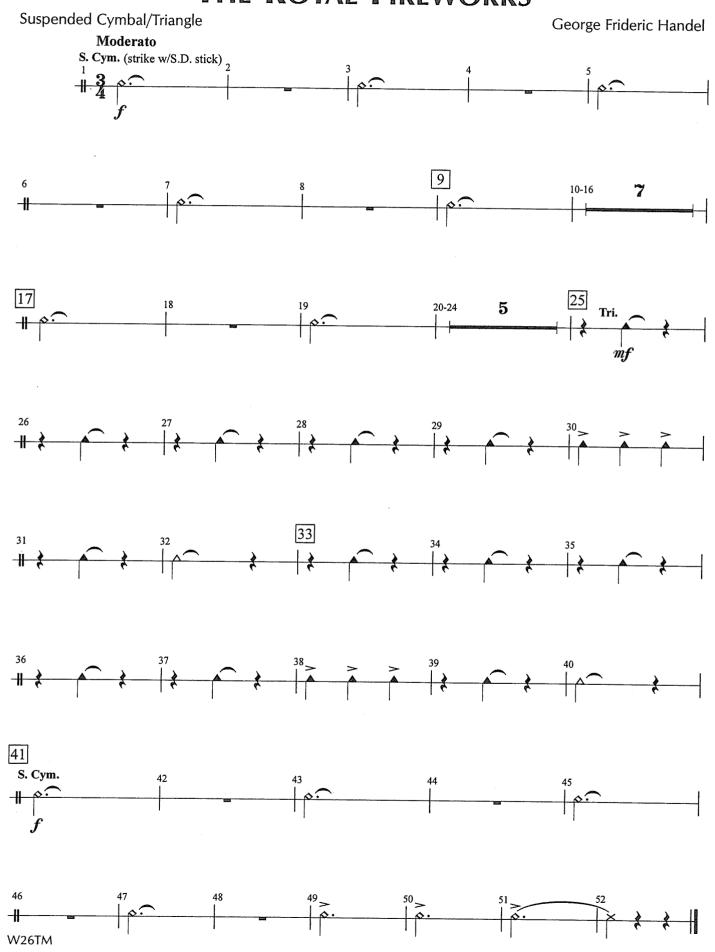
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Dr. Rock



Rock music evolved into a distinctive style of music with songs like *Rock Around the Clock* and *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog.* During the 1960's, a British band called the Beatles became very popular. In the 1970's and 1980's, electronic instruments and advanced recording techniques were developed to enhance the music.

FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"



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George Frideric Handel Timpani Moderato B & F 17

George Frideric Handel (b.1685 - d.1759) was a popular German composer who traveled widely throughout his life and settled in England. The English royalty paid him well for his many compositions. The **Music for the Royal Fireworks**, written in 1749, originally called for a huge ensemble of brass, woodwinds, timpani, and a cannon. Handel wrote the piece to accompany a fireworks celebration for the King of England. Just as the music began, the fireworks exploded accidentally. In spite of the accident, Handel's piece was a great success.

BOOGIE BLUES

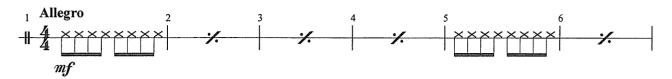
Suspended Cymbal/High Hat



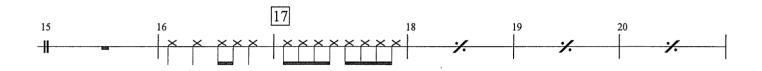
Blues music evolved throughout the early 20th century. "Boogie-woogie," a popular style developed during this time, was normally played at a fast tempo, had a repeated melodic pattern in the bass (called a "walking bass"), swinging eighth notes, and a series of improvised variations in the upper melody.

MINOR ROCK

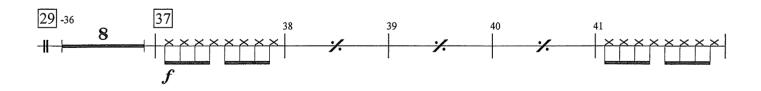
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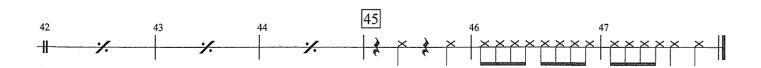








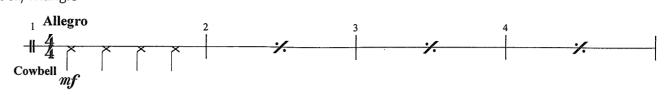


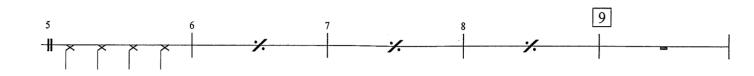


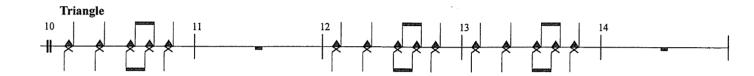
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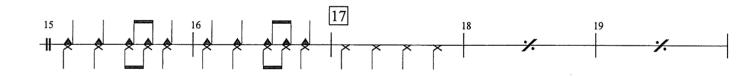
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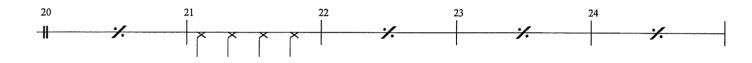
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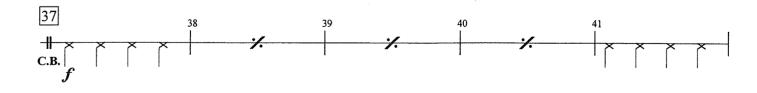


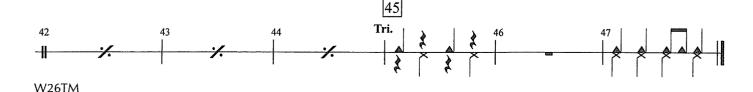








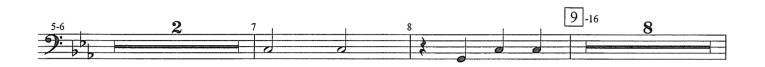




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GLOSSARY

Accent >		Mezzo Piano mp	medium soft
Accidentals #, b, \cdot	louder	Moderato	
Allegro		Natural \(\tau \cdots	·
Andante	•	One-Measure Repeat ×	
Articulation	type of attack used to play a note or group of notes	Percussion Clef	indicates that the lines and spaces on the staff do not designate specific pitches; also
Bar Line	measures		called neutral clef or no-pitch clef; read by snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and most other
Bass Clef =	F Clef, read by bassoon, trombone, baritone, tuba,	Phrase	auxiliary percussion instruments
Blues	timpani, and electric bass	Piano $p \dots$	•
blues	American genre of popular vocal music, developed from African- American field hollers, work	Pick-Up Note(s)	
	songs, and spirituals; characterized by a harmonic structure that is	Popular Music	music of everyday life, it has played a role in each historical period
Breath Mark ,	made up of a 12-measure phrase	Repeat Sign	repeat from beginning or repeat
	a style of contrapuntal music,		the section of music between repeat signs
Carol	similar to a round song usually associated with Christmas	Rhythm and Blues	American style of popular music often described as an urban style of blues; instrumentation included
Common Time C			drums, piano, electric guitar and
Crescendo —	•		bass, saxophone, brass, and vocalists
Decrescendo -		Rock	style of American popular music
Double Bar		NOCK	that developed in the 1960's
Dynamics	loudness or softness of music		from rock and roll, with more amplification and distortion of
Fermata 🔿	usual value		sound and more room for improvisation
Flat	half step	Rock and Roll	style of American popular music that developed from rhythm and
Forte <i>f</i>			blues in the 1950's and was especially popular among young
Fortissimo ff	•		people
Harmony	notes played or sung at the same time	Sharp #	curved line connecting two or
Improvise	to create music as it is being performed	Solo/Soli	more notes of <u>different</u> pitches one person plays/whole section
Jazz	style of American popular music that emerged at the turn of the	Staccato J	plays dot placed above or below a
	20th century and continued to evolve throughout the 20th century	Staff	note meaning to play short and detached
Key Signature	sharps or flats stated right after the clef; key signatures change		lines and spaces on which music is written
_	certain notes throughout a piece of music	Swing	style of American popular music that was played by the "big bands" of the 1930's and 1940's
Ledger Lines	short lines added above or below the staff used to extend the staff	Tempo	speed of music
	to notate pitches that are beyond the range of the staff	_	line placed above or below a note meaning to sustain for full value
Long Rest ⊢4	rest the number of measures indicated	Tie	notes on the <u>same</u> line or space
Maestoso		Time Signature 4 4 4 4	top number tells the number of
	also known as a "bar"	٨	counts in each measure; bottom number tells the type of note that receives one count
	(also known as Middle Ages, 400-1400AD) a time in European history of warfare, religious devotion, and royal pageantry	2	G Clef; read by flute, oboe, clarinets, saxophones, trumpet, French horn, and mallet percussion
Melody		Two-Measure Repeat	repeat the two previous measures
Mezzo Forte mf	-		