

The Composer

German-born **Jacques Offenbach** (1819-1880), son of a Jewish cantor, left his native Cologne and headed for Paris early in life. He attended the Conservatoire at the age of 14 years and left one year later when he realized that serious study could not hold his interest. His adeptness for composing light pieces and an uncanny flair for showmanship finally received an outlet for expression at a small theater in the Champs Elysées, where he later became manager in 1855. A succession of operettas brought him great popularity, leading to his entrance to the Opéra-Comique and eventually to the Paris Opéra.

Offenbach is the most representative musician of Paris during its most splendid period, the Second Empire of Napoleón III. He composed *Orpheus in the Underworld* and 90 other delightful, witty operettas during the 1850s, 60s, and 70s. He remains the best symbol of those glittering years when all of Europe's royalty was drawn to Paris and the Théâtre des Variétés or the Théâtre de la Gaîté where Offenbach was frequently featured.

The Composition

Orpheus in the Underworld, as interpreted by Offenbach, treats the legend of Orpheus and Eurydice with something less than classical respect. Orpheus and Eurydice are married, but Eurydice loves the shepherd Aristeus, who is really Pluto in disguise. Orpheus is attracted to Chloe the shepherdess. When Eurydice elopes to Hades with Aristeus, Orpheus is delighted, but convention dictates that he try to reclaim her. He calls upon Jupiter for help. Jupiter commands Pluto to surrender Eurydice to her husband, but Orpheus must personally go to Hades and lead her back home. During the journey out of Hades Orpheus must not look back at Eurydice until after he has passed the River Styx. As the couple is leaving Hades, Jupiter himself falls in love with Eurydice. Jupiter hurls a bolt of lightning at Orpheus that so frightens him that he turns to look at his wife. Jupiter thus gains another bacchante, and Orpheus happily returns to Chloe.

This opéra bouffe has some of the best known vocal excerpts in all opera, and the overture is a staple in the repertoires of orchestras. However, when it was introduced in 1858 it was not well received. Both the music and libretto seemed created to shock the opera-going populace with the sacrilegious treatment of the Olympian gods and the discordant and surprising combinations of musical satires. Fortunately for Offenbach, the scathing reviews stimulated so much curiosity that the opera was performed 228 times to capacity audiences, closing only because the cast needed to rest.

The **Overture** begins with a bristling fanfare, and is followed by a tender love song and then an "infernal" passage. The finale, after a fairly elaborate waltz, is the ever-popular and renowned can-can.

Instrumentation List

2 Piccolo / 4th Flute	1 E _b Baritone Saxophone	Cymbals
3 1st Flute	2 1st & 2nd F Horns	Bass Drum
3 2nd & 3rd Flutes	2 3rd & 4th F Horns	3 Percussion 2:
2 1st & 2nd Oboes	4 1st & 2nd B _b Cornets	Triangle
1 English Horn	4 3rd & 4th B _b Cornets	Temple Blocks
2 1st & 2nd Bassoons	2 1st & 2nd B _b Trumpets	Wood Block
1 E _b Clarinet	3 1st & 2nd Trombones	Tambourine
2 1st & 2nd Solo B _b Clarinets	3 3rd & 4th Trombones	Vibraphone
3 1st B _b Clarinet	3 Baritone B.C.	Bells
3 2nd B _b Clarinet	5 Tuba	1 Harp (optional)
3 3rd B _b Clarinet	1 Cello (optional)	1 Full Conductor Score
1 B _b Bass Clarinet	1 String Bass	
1 E _b Contra-Alto Clarinet	1 Timpani	
2 1st & 2nd E _b Alto Saxophones	2 Percussion 1:	
1 B _b Tenor Saxophone	Snare Drum	Additional Score: \$6.00

For Colonel Arnold D. Gabriel
OVERTURE TO ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

Full Conductor Score

Approx. Time—10:18

Jacques Offenbach
Arr. Lawrence Odom

Allegro con fuoco

Allegro con fuoco

* Only one player on each part.

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7 8 9 10 11 12

Picc.

Fls. 1 2 3

Obs. 1 2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1 2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1 2

Hns. 3 4

Cors. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2

Trbs. 3 4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Harp

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Picc. 13
 Fls. 14 *sf*
 Obs. 15 *a2*
 Eng. Hn. 16 *p*
 Bsns. 17 *p sub.*
 Eb Cl. 18 *f*
 Solo Cls. 1 Eng. Hn.
 Cls. 2 1
 Cls. 3 2
 B. Cl. 3
 C. A. Cl. 1
 A. Saxes. 2 1
 T. Sax. 2 2
 Bar. Sax. 2 3
 Hns. 17 1
 Cors. 2 3
 Tpts. 1 4
 Trbs. 1 2
 3 4
 Bar. 17 1
 Tuba 2
 St. Bass 3
 Cello & Basses 4
 Timp. 17 1
 Perc. 2 3
 Tamb. 4
 Cym. 1
 B.D. 2
 f to Vib. 3
 Harp 4

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2
3

Cls. 1
2
3

B.C. Cl.

C.A. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1
2

Cors. 1
2
3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3
4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello St. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

Harp

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25 26 27 28 29 30

Picc.
Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Obs. 1
Obs. 2
Eng. Hn.
Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2
Eb Cl.
Solo Cls. 1
Solo Cls. 2
Cls. 2
Cls. 3
B.Cl.
C.A.Cl.
A.Sax. 1
A.Sax. 2
T.Sax.
Bar.Sax.

Hns.
Cors.
Tpts.
Trbs.
Bar.
Tuba
Cello
St.Bass
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Harp

31 Picc. 32 Fls. 33 Obs. 34 Eng.Hn. 35

Bsns. 1 2 Bsns. 1 2 Bsns. 1 2

Eb Cl. Solo Cls. 1 2 Solo Cls. 1 2 Solo Cls. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 Cls. 1 2 Cls. 1 2

Cls. 3 3 Cls. 3 3 Cls. 3 3

B.Cl. B.Cl. B.Cl.

C.A.Cl. C.A.Cl. C.A.Cl.

A.Saxos. 1 2 A.Saxos. 1 2 A.Saxos. 1 2

T.Sax. T.Sax. T.Sax.

Bar.Sax. Bar.Sax. Bar.Sax.

Hns. 1 2 Hns. 1 2 Hns. 1 2

Hns. 3 4 Hns. 3 4 Hns. 3 4

Cors. 1 2 Cors. 1 2 Cors. 1 2

Cors. 3 4 Cors. 3 4 Cors. 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 Tpts. 1 2 Tpts. 1 2

Tpts. 3 4 Tpts. 3 4 Tpts. 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 Trbs. 1 2 Trbs. 1 2

Trbs. 3 4 Trbs. 3 4 Trbs. 3 4

Bar. Bar. Bar.

Tuba Tuba Tuba

Cello Cello Cello

pizz. pizz. pizz.

St.Bass St.Bass St.Bass

pizz. pizz. pizz.

pp pp pp

Timpani Timpani Timpani

pizz. pizz. pizz.

Perc. 1 2 Perc. 1 2 Perc. 1 2

pizz. pizz. pizz.

Harp Harp Harp

36

Picc.

Fls. 1
2
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

Cl. 1
2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

36

Hns. 1
2

Cors. 1
2
3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3
4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

Harp

47 Lento

1 Fls. 2 Fls. 3 Fls. 4 Fls.

Obs. 1 Eng. Hn. Bsns. 1 Bsns. 2

Solo Cls. 1 Cls. 2 Cls. 3 Cls. 4

B. Cl. C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 A. Saxes. 2 T. Sax. Bar. Sax.

47 Lento

Hns. 1 Hns. 2 Hns. 3 Hns. 4

Cors. 1 Cors. 2 Cors. 3 Cors. 4

Tpts. 1 Tpts. 2 Trbs. 1 Trbs. 2 Trbs. 3 Trbs. 4

Bar. 1 Bar. 2 Bar. 3 Bar. 4

Cello pizz. Solo arco

Tutti pizz. p. St. Bass p.

Timpani

Perc. 2 Vib. Motor on fast p.

Harp or Piano p.

53 54 55 56 57 58

Fls.

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns.

Cors.

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3

Bar.

Tuba

Solo

Cello

Tutti

St. Bass

Tim.

Vibs.

Perc. 2

Harp or Piano

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59

Fls.

Obs.

Eng. Hn.

Bsns.

E♭ Cl.

Solo Cls.

Cls.

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns.

Cors.

Tpts.

Trbs.

Bar.

Tuba

Solo

Cello

Tutti

St. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 2

Vib.

Harp or Piano

60

61

Solo

62

63

64

ppp

ppp

p

ppp

I Solo

ppp

Eng. Hn. cue

F

non ritard.

pizz.

p

p

non ritard.

p

p

l.v.

p

65 66 67 68 69 70 71

Fls.

Obs. 1 2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1 2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Cors. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2 3 4

Bar.

Tuba

Unison

Cello

St. Bass

Timp.

Perc.

Vibs.

Harp

Play

p

arco

arco

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79 Allegro vivace

80 81 82 83 84 85 86

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Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Fls. 3
Fls. 4
Obs. 1
Eng. Hn.
Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2
Eb Cl.
Solo Cls. 1
Solo Cls. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3
B. Cl.
C. A. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Cors. 1
Cors. 2
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Trbs. 1
Trbs. 2
Trbs. 3
Trbs. 4

Bar.
Tuba
Cello
St. Bass
Timp.
Perc. 2
Harp

[94] 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104

Fls. 1 p sub.
Fls. 2 p sub.
Fls. 3 p sub.
Fls. 4 p sub.

Obs. 1 p sub.
Obs. 2 p sub.

Eng. Hn. p sub.

Bsns. 1 p sub.
Bsns. 2 p sub.

Eb Cl. p sub.

Solo Cls. 1 p sub.
Solo Cls. 2 p sub.

Cls. 1 p
Cls. 2 p
Cls. 3 p sub.

B. Cl. p sub.

C. A. Cl. p sub.

A. Saxes. 1 pp
A. Saxes. 2 pp

T. Sax. pp

Bar. Sax. pp ff

Hns. 1 ff
Hns. 2 ff
Hns. 3 ff
Hns. 4 ff

Cors. 1 Only mf
Cors. 2 Only mf
Cors. 3 Only mf
Cors. 4 Only mf

Tpts. 1 Only mf
Tpts. 2 Only mf
Tpts. 3 Only mf
Tpts. 4 Only mf

Trbs. 1 Only mf
Trbs. 2 Only mf
Trbs. 3 Only mf

Bar. p sub. ff

Tuba p sub. ff

Cello p sub. ff

St. Bass p sub. ff

Tim. ff

Perc. 1 ff

Harp

105 Solo 106 107 108

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109 Allegretto

Solo 110 111 112 113 114 115 116

Fls. 1 *mf*
2 *mp*
3 *mp*
4 *mp*

Obs. 1
Eng. Hn.
Bsns. 1 2 *p*

Eb Cl
Solo Cls. 1 *PPP*
2 *p*

Cls. 1 2
Cl. 3
B. Cl. (Harp cue)
C. A. Cl. (Harp cue) Play
Play

A. Saxes. 1 2

109 Allegretto

Hns. 1 2 *pp*
3 4
Cors. 1 2
Tpts. 1 2
Trbs. 1 2
3 4

Bar. (Cello cue) *mp*
Tuba
Cello arco
St. Bass (Harp cue) (pizz.) *mp*

Tim. *mp*

Perc. 1 2

Harp *mp* Ab E \sharp Ab E \sharp

117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Fls. 3
Fls. 4
Obs. 1
Eng. Hn.
Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2 *p*
Eb Cl.
Solo Cls. 1
Solo Cls. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2 (Harp cue) *p*
B. Cl. (Harp cue) *p*
C. A. Cl. (Harp cue) *p*
A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Cors. 1
Cors. 2
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Trbs. 1
Trbs. 2
Trbs. 3
Trbs. 4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass Play pizz. arco

Tipp.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2

Harp

126 127 128 129 **Più mosso** 130 131 132

Fls. ritard. Fl.4 to Picc.

Obs. ritard.

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. ritard.

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. ritard.

Cls. 2

3 ritard.

B. Cl. Play ritard.

C. A. Cl. ritard.

A. Saxes. 1 ff

T. Sax. ff

Bar. Sax. ff

Hns. p p

Cors.

Tpts. f

Trbs. f

Bar. ritard. p St. Bass cue f Play

Tuba p f Play

Cello ritard. p ff

St. Bass ritard. p ff

Tim. ff

Perc. 1 ff

Harp ritard.

129 Più mosso

Hns. p p

Cors.

Tpts. f

Trbs. f

Bar. ritard. p St. Bass cue f Play

Tuba p f Play

Cello ritard. p ff

St. Bass ritard. p ff

Tim. ff

Perc. 1 ff

Harp ritard.

140 Picc. 141 Fls. 142 Obs. 143 Eng. Hn. 144 Bsns. 145 Eb Cl. 146

Fls. 2 3 p f

Obs. 1 2 p f

Eng. Hn. p f

Bsns. 1 2 f

Eb Cl. f

Solo Cls. 1 2 p f a2 ff

1 2 f ff

Cls. 2 3 f ff

3 f ff

B. Cl. f ff

C. A. Cl. f ff

A. Saxes. 1 2 f ff

T. Sax. f ff

Bar. Sax. f ff

Hns. 1 2 p f

3 4 p f Mute

Cors. 1 2 Mute p f

3 4 p f

Tpts. 1 2 mf a2 f

1 2 mf a2 f

Trbs. 3 4 mf f

Bar. mf Play f

Tuba mf f

Cello f ff

St. Bass f ff

Tim. f ff

Perc. 1 2 ff

Harp

162 163 164 165 Allegro 166 167 168 169

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1 2 (p)

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1 2

Cors. 1 2

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2

Trbs. 3 4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Tim.

Per. 1 2

Harp

165 Allegro

Hns. 3 4

Cors. 3 4

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2

Trbs. 3 4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Tim.

Per. 1 2

Harp

Trgl.

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170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178

Picc.

Fls. 1
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

1
2

Cls. 2
3
4

B.C. 1
2

C.A.Cl.

A.Saxes. 1
2

T.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Cors. 1
2
3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3
4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St.Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

Trgl.

Harp

179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188

Picc. 1 2 3
Fls. 1 2 3
Obs. 1 2
Eng.Hn. 1 2
Eb Cl.
Solo Cls. 1 2
Cl. 1 2 3
B.Cl.
C.A.Cl.
A.Sax. 1 2
T.Sax.
Bar.Sax.

Hns. 1 2 3 4
Cors. 1 2 3 4
Tpts. 1 2
Trbs. 1 2 3 4

Bar. Tuba Cello St.Bass
Temp. Perc. 2 3

189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198

Picc.

Fls. 1
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C.A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Cors. 1
2
3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3
4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Timp. 1

Perc. 2
3

Open a²

I^o

a²

a² f

f

a²

f

a⁴

ff

ff

S.D.

Cym.

B.D. f

f

2. 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208

Picc. f

Fls. 2 3 f

Obs. 1 2 f

Eng. Hn. f

Bsns. 1 2 f

Eb Cl. f

Solo Cls. 1 2 f

Cl. 1 2 f

3 3 f

B. Cl. f

C. A. Cl. f

A. Saxes. 1 2 f

T. Sax. f

Bar. Sax. f

Hns. 1 2 f

3 4 f

Cors. 1 2 mf — f

3 4 a2

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2 mf

3 4 a2

Bar.

Tuba

Cello f

St. Bass f

Tim. Trgl. f

Perc. 2 3

S.D. ppp mf f ff Cym. B.D. mf

Picc. 209
 Fls. 1 2 3
 Obs. 1 2
 Eng. Hn.
 Bsns. 1 2
 Eb Cl.
 Solo Cls. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2
 3
 B. Cl.
 C. A. Cl.
 A. Saxes. 1 2
 T. Sax.
 Bar. Sax.
 Hns. 1 2 3 4
 Cors. 1 2 3 4
 Tpts. 1 2
 Trbs. 1 2 3 4
 Bar.
 Tuba
 Cello
 St. Bass
 Timp. 1
 Perc. 1 2 3

219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228

Picc.

Fls. 1 2 3

Obs. 1 2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Solo Cls. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Cls. 3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1 2

Cors. 1 2

Tpts. 1 2

Trbs. 1 2

Trbs. 3 4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Timp. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 Non crescendo 237 238 239

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Eng. Hn.

Bsns.

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls.

Cls.

B.Cls.

C.A.Cls.

A.Sax.

T.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Hns.

Cors.

Tpts.

Trbs.

Bar.

St.Bass cue

Tuba

Cello

St.Bass

Tim.

Perc.

Picc. 240
 Fis. 241
 Obs. 242
 Eng. Hn. 243
 Bsns. 244
 Eb Cl. 245
 Solo Cls. 246
 Cls. 247
 B. Cl. 248
 C. A. Cl. 249
 A. Saxes. 250
 T. Sax.
 Bar. Sax.
 Hns.
 Cors.
 Tpts.
 Trbs.
 Bar.
 Tuba
 Cello
 St. Bass
 Timp.
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

Eng. Hn.

Bsns.

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls.

Cls.

B. Cl.

C.A.Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns.

Cors.

Tpts.

Trbs.

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Timp.

Perc.

Cym.

B.D.

262 2. 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271

Picc.

Fls. 1
2
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C. A. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Cors. 1
2
3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2
3
4

Bar.

Tuba

Cello

St. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1
2

272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280

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281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290

Picc.

Fls. 1
3

Obs. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Bsns. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Solo Cls. 1
2

1

Cls. 2

3

B.Cl.

C.A.Cl.

A.Saxes. 1
2

T.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Hns. 1
2

3
4

Cors. 1
2

3
4

Tpts. 1
2

Trbs. 1
2

3
4

Bar.

Tuba.

Cello.

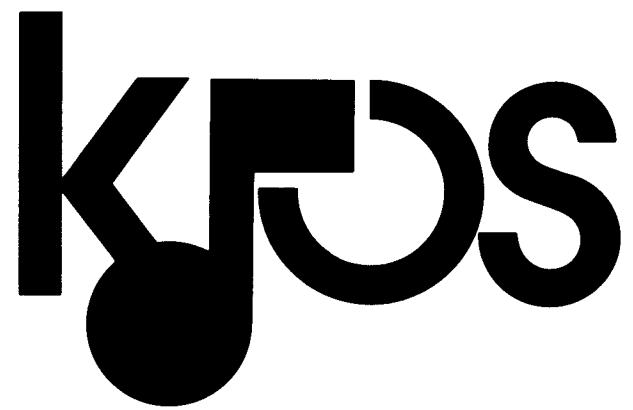
St. Bass.

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

f

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