

Dynamic Solos for Mallets

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Countdown

Drummers are counted upon to supply solid, accurate rhythms. Mallet players must do the same, while also deciphering pitches. The tempo below is two beats per second. Count, look ahead, don't stop . . . and watch for dynamics!

♩ = 120

ff

f

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High Octane

Playing large intervals, such as octaves, can be tricky while reading music. Use your peripheral vision and utilize the gaps in the upper keyboard as additional reference points for locating notes on the lower keyboard. Keep your hands low to the playing surface to maximize your accuracy.

$\text{♩} = 116$

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f *ff*

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