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PERFORMANCE NOTES

The solos in this collection were inspired by the nicknames of six of the greatest baseball players of all time - all of which are inductees in the Baseball Hall Of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The solos may be performed individually on as a suite, and are suitable for recital, contest, jury, and auditions. I am indepted to Don Larsen (not the former New York Yankee blicher), my friend and a fine timpanist, for his helpful suggestions.

All tunings are clearly marked. Where accurate tuning gauges are not available, it is suggested that the player tune each of the four timpani to its fundamental pitch (e.g. - Eb, F, Bb, and D, low to high drum respectively)) Use these fundamentals as reference points for tuning changes. The performer should work out his/her own stickings - some suggestions are indicated.

The two pitch change indications on a drum are performed as follows:

This is a glissando. Strike the pitch preceding the glissando do not strike the pitch following it.

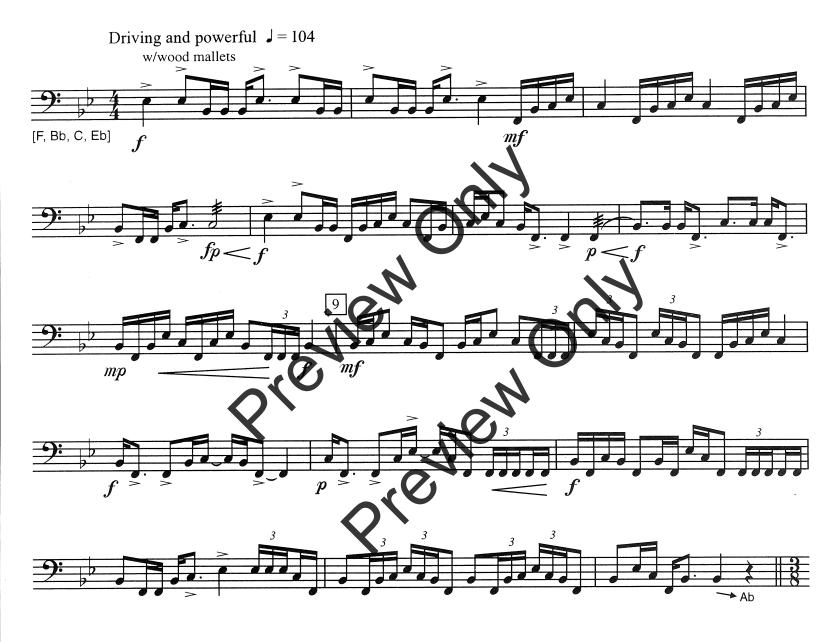
Strike both pitches - preceding and following the indication.

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1. Hammerin' Hank

Grade 5 duration 2:12

Hammerin' Hank - Henry Louis (Hank) Aaron (born February 5, 1934) played for the Milwaukee and the Atlanta Braves. He earned his nickname by hitting 755 home runs, the most of any player to the present day. In his 23 year career he gained recognition as an excellent outfielder, won 3 Gold Glove Awards and appeared in 24 All-Star Games. In 1957 Hank was the National League's Most Valuable Player.



















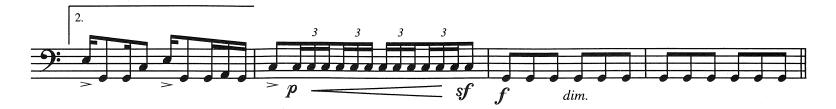


2. Joltin' Joe

Grade 5 duration 2:15

Joltin' Joe - Joseph Paul (Joe) Dimaggio (November 25, 1914 - March 8, 1999) played for the New York Yankees and is remembered as one of the games most graceful athletes. His hitting safely in 56 consecutive games is often considered baseball's greatest feat. A consummate centerfielder, Joe won 2 batting championships and 3 Most Valuable Player Awards. He was named the game's greatest living player at baseball's 1969 Centennial Celebration.

















3. The Georgia Peach

Grade 5+ duration 1:45

The Georgia Peach - Tyrus Raymond (Ty) Cobb (December 18, 1886 - July 17, 1961) played for the Detroit Tigers and the Philadelphia Athletics. He was a fierce and feared competitor who sharpened his spiked shoes to intimidate the opposition on the basepaths. In his 24 year career he

stole 892 bases, had 4191 hits, won 12 batting titles (9 in a row), and compiled a lifetime batting average of .367.

Drum numeration (last 2 measures)





4. Say Hey Kid

Say Hey Kid - Willie Howard Mays (born May 6, 1931) played for the New York and San Francisco Giants and the New York Mets. He was National League Rookie of the Year in 1951 and won 2 MVP Awards. He participated in 4 World Series, won 12 Gold Gloves and played in 24 All-Star Games. Willie was one of the game's most exciting players who excelled in all phases of baseball - batting, fielding, throwing and base running.







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Grade 6 duration 2:10

5. Stan The Man

Stan The Man - Stanley Frank (Stan) Musial (born November 21, 1920) played his 22 year career as a St. Louis Cardinal. He was an outfielder who topped the .300 mark in batting average 17 times and won 7 National League batting titles. A 3 time MVP, he played in 24 All-Star Games and was noted for his corkscrew batting stance and ringing line drives. He is also renowned for his harmonica playing.





6. The Splendid Splinter

Grade 6 duration 2:00

The Splendid Splinter - Theodore Samuel (Ted) Williams (August 30, 1918 - July 5, 2002) was one of baseball's greatest hitters and a true American hero. He set numerous batting records despite missing nearly 5 seasons due to military sevice and two major injuries. Ted was baseball's last .400 hitter (.406 in 1941) who made a studied science out of the art of hitting a ball. He played in 17 All-Star games, won 2 Triple Crowns, won 2 MVP awards, 6 American League batting titles and had a lifetime average of .344. Ted played for the Boston Red Socks.











