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Better Call SoSal

by Lalo Davila

Medium - 3:42 / 10 Players

Instrumentation

**Steel Pan, Xylophone, Vibes,
(2) Marimbas (one 4 1/3 octave),
Timbales with 2 Cowbells & Crash Cymbal,
Congas, Bass Guitar, Drumset**

Marimba players 1 & 3 share the 4 1/3 octave instrument.

Performance Notes

The title of this tune is a little more than a title. "SoSal" represents the style of the song as well. There are two musical styles in this work. The beginning part of the tune is in a Caribbean style known as "Soca" and it morphs in to a style known as "Salsa". The title ***Better Call SoSal*** = Better Call Soca/Salsa. It contains two keyboard solos. One on the vibraphone, and one for either lead steel pan or xylophone. Additionally, the timbales, congas, and drum set have short solos before transitioning back to the Soca style. As always, solos for all instruments can be extended and additional percussion parts may be added. If instrument availability is an issue, marimba parts can be played on one marimba by adjusting the ranges per performer.

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♩ = 116

claps

f

2 3 4

claps

f

claps

f

claps

f

claps

f

claps

f

two cowbells (high and low pitched)

f

(light slaps)

f

Bass Guitar

Drumset

f

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A

5 6 7 8 1st

Steel Pan
f

Xylophone
f

Vibes
f

Marimba 1
f

Marimba 2
f

Marimba 3
f

Timbales
mf

Congas
mf

Bass Guitar
f

Drumset
mf

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The musical score for 'B' is a 12-measure piece in 4/4 time, featuring a variety of Latin instruments. The score is divided into two systems of five staves each. The first system includes Steel Pan, Xylophone, Vibes, Marimba 1, and Marimba 2. The second system includes Marimba 3, Timbales, Congas, Bass Guitar, and Drumset. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins with a 2nd ending bracket over measures 9 and 10. The instruments play a variety of rhythms, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and sixteenth notes. The dynamics range from *f* (forte) to *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score ends with a double bar line at measure 12.

Instrument List:

- Steel Pan
- Xylophone
- Vibes
- Marimba 1
- Marimba 2
- Marimba 3
- Timbales
- Congas
- Bass Guitar
- Drumset

Measure Numbers: 9, 10, 11, 12

Dynamic Markings: *f*, *mf*

Section Markers: 2nd, B

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Steel Pan

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Timbales

Congas

Bass Guitar

Drumset

13 14 15 16

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