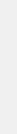




17 HANDS

for Piano & Intermediate Mallet Ensemble

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featuring the Original Music of:
ALFONSO PEDUTO

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OVERVIEW

Based on the original composition from Alfonso Peduto's "This Is Not a Piano, Vol. 2", this arrangement for piano and intermediate mallet percussion captures the hypnotic repetition and gradual transformation that define the original work. What begins as a simple, looping idea steadily expands—layer by layer—into a rich, interlocking texture of rhythmic and tonal motion.

The piece opens with soft, transparent sonorities and an unwavering pulse. Each phrase introduces new colors and rhythmic displacements, allowing the texture to evolve organically while maintaining a steady sense of forward momentum. As the music progresses, the mallets and piano intertwine to create an intricate balance between clarity and density.

Midway through, layers of 5-against-6 ostinati emerge, testing the ensemble's rhythmic precision and internal pulse. In the latter half, the texture becomes increasingly dense and rhythmically saturated, demanding heightened focus and communication among players. Maintaining ensemble-wide clarity—particularly during transitions between overlapping rhythmic figures—is key to preserving the piece's cohesion and sense of motion.

By the closing section, earlier motives reappear in new harmonic and textural contexts, eventually dissolving into overlapping rhythmic fragments that mirror the work's beginning. With its reliance on recurring figures and polymetric interplay, "17 Hands" challenges performers to balance patience with precision, yielding a result that is at once meditative and mechanical—a sonic exploration of repetition as momentum.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Ensemble Pulse & Alignment

Keep the tempo steady and collective—everyone should feel the same internal pulse. Focus on locking into the ensemble's groove rather than individual phrasing.

Dynamic Control & Transparency

Soft dynamics must stay full and resonant, not thin or hesitant. Let the texture breathe so early sections feel spacious and clear.

Clarity in Dense Textures

When the music thickens, prioritize blend and precision over sheer volume. Listen across the ensemble to maintain clarity through complex rhythms. Ideally begin to form one, single sound.

Interlocking Rhythms

Repeated figures must interlock, not compete. Think horizontally—align the composite rhythm instead of your own beat.

Shaping Repetition

Each recurrence should evolve slightly in tone or balance. Subtle dynamic and color shifts keep the music moving forward.

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INSTRUMENTATION

MALLET PERCUSSION

- **1 Solo Marimba (5-Octave)**
Four soft mallets
- **5 Marimbas (4.3-Octave)**
Two soft mallets
- **1 Xylophone (3.5-Octave)**
Two medium-dark mallets
- **5 Vibraphones (Three 3-Octave & Two 3.5-Octave)**
Two soft mallets (Vibraphone #5 w/ Three soft mallets)
- **1 Glockenspiel (2.5 to 3-Octave) & Crotales (2-Octave) Combo**
Two medium plastic mallets
- **1 Piano/Keys**
via MainStage/live playback, or acoustic grand piano

This musical score is for the percussion section of "The Great Wall" by John Adams. It includes parts for Snare Drum (Sl. Mar.), Maracas (Mar. III), Xylophone (Xylo.), Vibraphone (Vib. III), Glockenspiel and Crotales (Glock. & Crot.), and Piano.

The score is written in 2/4 time and features a variety of rhythmic patterns and dynamics. Key elements include:

- Snare Drum (Sl. Mar.):** Features a complex rhythmic pattern starting at measure 25, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *pp*.
- Maracas (Mar. III):** Plays a steady 8th-note pattern, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *mp*.
- Xylophone (Xylo.):** Features a complex rhythmic pattern starting at measure 25, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *p*.
- Vibraphone (Vib. III):** Features a complex rhythmic pattern starting at measure 25, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *p*.
- Glockenspiel and Crotales (Glock. & Crot.):** Features a complex rhythmic pattern starting at measure 25, with dynamics ranging from *pp* to *pp*.
- Piano:** Provides harmonic support with chords and single notes, with dynamics ranging from *p* to *pp*.

The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, and dynamic markings. It also includes a section for the Piano, which provides harmonic support for the percussion instruments.

This musical score is for the piece "The Fire of Love" by John Williams. It is a full orchestral score, likely for a film or stage production. The score is written for a variety of instruments, including a string ensemble (Sl. Mar., Mar. III, Xylo., Vib. III, Glock. & Crot.), a woodwind ensemble (Piano), and a percussion ensemble (Glock. & Crot.). The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 visible. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *f* (forte). The score also includes articulation marks such as accents and slurs. The score is written for a variety of instruments, including a string ensemble (Sl. Mar., Mar. III, Xylo., Vib. III, Glock. & Crot.), a woodwind ensemble (Piano), and a percussion ensemble (Glock. & Crot.). The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 visible. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *f* (forte). The score also includes articulation marks such as accents and slurs.

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68 69 71 72 73 75 76 77

P **Q** poco rall.

Sl. Mar.

I

II

Mar. III

IV

V

Xylo.

I

II

Vib. III

IV

V

Glock. & Crot.

P **Q** poco rall.

Piano



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