



DOG DAYS ARE OVER

an Arrangement for Front Ensemble and Battery Percussion

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OVERVIEW — PERFORMANCE NOTES

This lot arrangement for front ensemble and battery percussion reimagines *Dog Days Are Over* by Florence + the Machine, featuring the unmistakable vocals of Florence Welch. Designed as a capstone to an ensemble's warmup sequence, the piece blends fundamental rudimental ideas with musical phrasing, providing players with both a technical challenge and an energetic, performance-ready groove. Its rhythmic language draws directly from the earlier exercise *The Daily Bugle*, linking familiar skill sets with fresh musical application.

This arrangement unfolds with a strong sense of structure and flow: opening with a layered rhythmic dialogue between clapping patterns and low drum hits, building momentum through dynamic swells in the battery, and locking into driving subdivisions that push the ensemble forward. The writing is intentionally rudimentary at its core, yet it evolves with color and contrast, allowing performers to experience both precision-based exercises and expressive phrasing in a real musical setting. The result is a piece that feels just as rewarding to rehearse as it does to perform.

Opening Pulse & Claps

Keep the handclaps and auxiliary percussion balanced with the rest of the ensemble, as the natural tendency will be to play louder as anticipation grows. These need to be steady and confident, since they establish the groove that the rest of the ensemble locks into. Encourage performers to treat this like a "click track" for the group.

Midpoint Build

The large climactic section in the middle of the arrangement layers claps, low drums, and aggressive rhythmic motion in the battery. Directors should focus on pacing the crescendo so the energy peaks without overshooting too early. The payoff comes from restraint and then release at the height of the phrase.

Front Ensemble Subdivisions

Marimbas and vibes should exaggerate subdivision clarity, especially in the opening double-time passages. Directors should remind players to prioritize even spacing over volume so the rhythmic grid stays intact. Use softer mallets where indicated to keep texture clear and warm. Double laterals are common vocabulary throughout, so players need to be familiar with this fundamental!

Battery Integration

The battery parts borrow excerpts from "*The Daily Bugle*", so players should lean into familiar sticking patterns. Precision between snares, tenors, and basses matters more than raw power — line up the rhythms first, then add the dynamic shape.

Vocal & Melodic Balance

When vocal lines or melodic percussion voices (piano, vibes, crotales) are present, the battery and all other unpitched percussion should pull back dynamically. The goal is to create contrast and lift/support the vocals rather than overpower them. Think of the battery as a supportive frame for the front ensemble's color.

Closing Drive

The final section demands endurance and focus, as it combines rudimental sticking patterns with broad ensemble impacts. Encourage performers to save energy for this moment so it feels fresh and powerful. The very last measures should have a sense of arrival — a collective exhale that seals the piece.

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INSTRUMENTATION

FRONT ENSEMBLE PERCUSSION

- 4 Marimbas (Two 4.6-Octave & Two 4-Octave)
Four soft and medium-hard mallets
- 1 Xylophone (3.5-Octave), Glockenspiel (2.5-Octave) & Crotales (2-Octave) Combo
Four rubber, medium-dark, and medium plastic mallets
- 3 Vibraphones (3-Octave)
Four soft and medium-hard mallets
- 1 Piano/Keys
via MainStage/live playback, or acoustic grand piano
- 1 Bass Guitar (Notation & Tablature)
Four-string, tuning: C-G-C-F
- 1 Drumset
Recommended: six-piece kit, or optional four/five-piece drum kit with three to four cymbals & hi-hat
- 1 Auxiliary Percussion
Wind chimes, triangle, suspended cymbal, concert bass drum, tam-tam/ gong, concert snare drum, zil-bell(s), shaker(s), concert tom(s), patio chimes, cowbell(s), splash cymbal(s)

BATTERY PERCUSSION

- 3-9 Marching Snare Drums
Two standard marching drum sticks
- 2-4 Marching Tenor Drums
Two standard marching drum sticks
- 5 Marching Bass Drums
Two standard marching mallets
- 2-3 Marching Cymbals
Recommended: three cymbal players to cover occasional split parts

A dedicated Sampler Trigger Cues part is included in this arrangement.
We recommend assigning this responsibility to the Piano/Keys player, the Auxiliary Percussion player, a standalone performer, or whichever individual is determined to be the most appropriate fit for the ensemble

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This musical score is a full orchestral arrangement of 'The Sound of Silence' by Simon & Garfunkel. It is written for a large ensemble, including four Maracas (Mar. #1-4), Xylophone (X.G.C.), Vibraphone (Vib. #1-3), Piano, Bass, Drums, Auxiliary Percussion (Aux. Perc.), Sampler, Snare, Tenors, and Basses. The score is divided into measures 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *f* (forte). The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and articulation marks. The vocal parts (Snare, Tenors, Basses) are written in a simplified notation, likely representing the lyrics or a simplified melody. The instrumental parts (Maracas, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Piano, Bass, Drums, Aux. Perc., Sampler) are written in standard musical notation. The score is a full orchestral arrangement, featuring a variety of instruments and complex musical notation.

[illegible]

34 35 36 37 38

Mar. #1

Mar. #2

Mar. #3

Mar. #4

X.G.C.

Vib. #1

Vib. #2

Vib. #3

Piano

Bass

Drums

Aux. Perc.

Shakers

Sampler

VOX06

Snare

Tenors

Basses

mf

edge to center

p

f

3

8

12

2

4

6

8

10

12

14

16

18

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840

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844

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866

43 44 45 46

Mar. #1

Mar. #2

Impact Drums

mf

Mar. #3

Impact Drums

mf

Mar. #4

X.G.C.

Crotales

mf

Vib. #1

Vib. #2

Vib. #3

Piano

Bass

Drums

Aux. Perc.

Concert Toms

mf

Sampler

VOX08

Snare

Tenors

Basses

51 52 53 54

Mar. #1

Mar. #2

Mar. #3

Mar. #4

X.G.C.

Vib. #1

Vib. #2

Vib. #3

Piano

Bass

Drums

Aux. Perc.

Sampler

Snare

Tenors

Basses

The musical score is organized into four measures, numbered 51 to 54. The percussion section consists of Maracas #1, #2, #3, and #4, each with a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. X.G.C. has a 2 in measure 51 and a 2 in measure 52. Vibraphones #1, #2, and #3 have rests in measure 51 and (4) in measure 52. The piano section includes Piano, Bass, and Snare. The piano part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The bass part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The snare part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The drums part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The aux. perc. part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The sampler part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The snare part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The tenors part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52. The basses part has a rest in measure 51 and a (4) in measure 52.

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74 75 76 China Cym. 77 78

Mar. #1 *f* *p*

Mar. #2 *f* *p* Sus. Cym.

Mar. #3 *f* *p* Sus. Cym.

Mar. #4 *f* *p* China Cym.

X.G.C. *f* *p* Glockenspiel *f* *mf*

Vib. #1 *f* *p* China Cym. *f*

Vib. #2 *f* *p* Sus. Cym. *f*

Vib. #3 *f* *p* China Cym. *f*

Piano *f*

Bass *f*

Drums *f*

Aux. Perc. *f* BD and Tam Tam *f*

Sampler VOX14

Snare *f*

Tenors *f*

Basses *f* RH: rim click LH: normal hit

85

Marimba

86

87

Marimba

Marimba

Marimba

Marimba

X.G.C.

Xylo

Sus. Cym.

China Cym.

Sus. Cym.

Vibes

Vibes

Vibes

Piano

Bass

Drums

Aux. Perc.

Cowbells

play loud and proud!

Sampler

RH: rim tap
LH: cross-stick

Snare

Tenors

play out!

Basses

R L R L L R L R L L R L

This musical score is for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel, arranged for a full orchestra and vocal ensemble. The score is written for a 12-measure segment, starting at measure 92 and ending at measure 96. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor), and the time signature is 4/4.

The orchestration includes the following parts:

- Mar. #1, #2, #3, #4:** Four Maracas, each playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.
- X.G.C.:** Xylophone and Glockenspiel, playing a melodic line with triplets.
- Vib. #1, #2, #3:** Three Vibraphones, playing a sustained chord.
- Piano:** Playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.
- Bass:** Playing a melodic line with eighth notes.
- Drums:** Playing a complex rhythmic pattern with various drumsticks.
- Aux. Perc.:** Auxiliary percussion, including Swish Knockers, Zil-Bells, and Splash Cymbals.
- Sampler:** A sampler track, likely for the vocal parts.
- Snare, Tenors, Basses:** Vocal parts, each with a specific melodic line and lyrics.

The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (e.g., *pp*, *f*, *ff*), articulation (e.g., accents, slurs), and performance instructions (e.g., "edge to center 5", "to edge", "to center 3").

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

Mar. #1

Mar. #2

Mar. #3

Mar. #4

X.G.C.

Vib. #1

Vib. #2

Vib. #3

Piano

Bass

Drums

Aux. Perc.

Sampler

Snare

Tenors

Basses

Marimba

mp

ppp

Marimba

mp

ppp

Glockenspiel

mf

pp

p

mp

ppp

pp

ff

ff

ff

8^{va}

p

ff

ff

pp

f

mf

pp

ff

ff

ff

ff



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