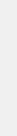




DOUBLE-FACED

for Solo Marimba & Metallic Sextet

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OVERVIEW

This simultaneous transcription and arrangement of Tigran Hamasyan's "Double-Faced" reimagines the piece through a strikingly uncommon instrumentation, centering the metallic timbres of steel pans alongside the familiar mallet instrumentation. By giving the spotlight to this less conventional instrumentation, it brings forward an entirely new palette while still preserving the essence of the original. The Armenian folk colors and rhythmic vitality characteristic of Tigran's writing are retained, yet they are refracted here through a lens of progressive rock and jazz-fusion textures.

A major goal of this project was clarity: the rhythmic complexity of Tigran's writing, especially his signature 5:4 patterns, can be notoriously difficult to read. To address this, the score primarily notates subdivisions in groupings of 5, 10, and 15, allowing performers to more intuitively grasp the natural pulse rather than being forced into constant mental shifts within strict 4/4. This choice not only aids readability but also helps performers internalize the asymmetric groove that defines the piece.

Musically, the score opens with soft, ethereal metallic sonorities, and performed with softer mallets, establishing a fragile atmosphere.

As the arrangement progresses, the marimba takes a central melodic role, weaving through dense rhythmic textures set against metallic punctuations. The overlapping macro-phrases are a defining feature—sections marked "4 against 5 (16ths)" and "9 against 5 (8ths)" demand constant ensemble awareness. Later passages build toward dense, layered metallic ostinatos with shifting accents, giving the work its signature energy. Dynamic contours are equally dramatic, with quick and drastic swells, sudden *molto ritardandi*, and cadential gestures that reset the momentum for each new section.

The arrangement's climax brings all six instruments into sharp rhythmic unison before dispersing again into fragmented textures, echoing the tension-and-release of the original while maintaining its own distinct identity. The notated mallet changes (from soft to medium-hard, rattans, and even hard plastic for glockenspiel/crotales) add another layer of orchestration, ensuring timbral contrast is as important a structural device as rhythm or harmony.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Rhythmic Groupings & Subdivisions

Players should internalize the 5-, 10-, and 15/16 groupings instead of forcing everything into 4/4. Thinking in these larger beat-cells will keep the groove consistent and natural.

Overlapping Macro-phrases and Polyrhythms

"4 against 5" and "9 against 5" passages should be rehearsed in context, isolating each part's phrase before layering them together. One player maintaining the ostinato pulse while others enter can help the ensemble lock-in.

Dynamic Swells and Transitions

Exaggerate swells and really lean into the *ritardando* markings that signal structural shifts. Treat the dynamics as part of the groove to keep momentum and energy alive.

Mallet and Timbre Choices

Follow mallet changes closely, as the timbral shifts define the character of each section. Soft mallets create transparency early on, while harder sticks later provide clarity and tension.

Ensemble Balance & Texture

Balance the metallic instruments so the steel pans can shine without overpowering the marimba. Directors may need to adjust staging or dynamics to maintain a clear texture.

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INSTRUMENTATION

MALLET PERCUSSION

- 1 Marimba (5-Octave)
Four soft mallets
- 2 Vibraphones (One 4-Octave & One 3.5-Octave)
Four soft, medium-hard, and hard mallets
- 1 Glockenspiel (2.5 to 3-Octave) & Crotales (1-Octave) Combo
Two medium plastic mallets
- 1 Chimes (2-Octave)
One hammer

STEEL PERCUSSION

- 2 Steel Pans (One Tenor Lead & One Double 2nd)
Two rubber-tip pan sticks/mallets

Full Score
with original words and music by:
Tigran Hamasyan, Evan Marien & Arthur Hnatek

from Tigran Hamasyan's "Mockroot"

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Tigran Hamasyan
arr. Hunter Davis

Allegro (♩ = 122) 2 3 4 5 *poco rit.* 6 7 **A tempo** 8 9

Solo Marimba

w/ soft mallets

pp *ppp* *mf*

Vibraphone

w/ soft mallets

mp *p*

Glockenspiel & Crotales

w/ medium plastic mallets

mp *tr* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Chimes

mp *p*

Steel Pan (Tenor Lead)

mf

Steel Pan (Double 2nd)

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Sl. Mar.

22 23 24 25

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Vibes

I *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

II *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

Glock. & Crot.

mp *p* *mp*

Chim.

mp

St. Pn. (Lead)

mp *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

mp *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

w/ medium-hard mallets

31 32 33 34 35

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

Detailed description: This musical score page covers measures 31 through 35. The top staff, Sl. Mar., is in 2/4 time and features a complex rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamics alternating between *mp* and *mf*. The Vibes section consists of two staves: Staff I has long, sustained notes with ties, while Staff II plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Glock. & Crot. and Chim. staves have sparse, rhythmic patterns. The St. Pn. section has two staves: the Lead staff plays sustained chords with a melodic line, and the Dbl. 2nd staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment. Dynamics for the piano parts range from *p* to *mp*.

41 42 43 44 45

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

mf *f* *mp* *f* *mf*

51 52 53 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ 54

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

59 60 61 62

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

Detailed description: This musical score page contains measures 59 through 62. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The percussion parts include a Snare Drum (Sl. Mar.) with a continuous eighth-note pattern, Vibraphone (Vibes) with sustained chords, Glockenspiel and Cymbal (Glock. & Crot.) with chords, Chimes (Chim.) with single notes, and two Stages of Piano (St. Pn.) with chords. The St. Pn. (Lead) part includes accents in measures 61 and 62. Dynamic markings (mp, mf) are used throughout. Measure numbers 59, 60, 61, and 62 are indicated at the top.

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91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

pp *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

w/ hard mallets

Glockenspiel

This musical score is for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. It is arranged for a percussion ensemble and includes the following parts:

- St. Mar. (Soprano Maracas):** Plays a rhythmic pattern in 5/4 time, marked *f* (forte). The pattern consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing triplets.
- Vibes (Vibraphone):** Two staves (I and II) play a harmonic accompaniment. The notes are marked *f* and include a "w/ rattans" (with rattan) instruction. The Vibes play sustained chords that change every four measures.
- Glock. & Crot. (Glockenspiel & Crotales):** The Glockenspiel plays a rhythmic pattern in 5/4 time, marked *f*. The Crotales play a sustained harmonic accompaniment, marked *f*.
- Chim. (Chimes):** Play a rhythmic pattern in 5/4 time, marked *f*.
- St. Pn. (Lead) (Steel Drums):** Play a rhythmic pattern in 5/4 time, marked *f*. The pattern consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing triplets.
- St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd) (Steel Drums):** Play a rhythmic pattern in 5/4 time, marked *f*. The pattern consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing triplets.

The score is written in 5/4 time and includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked "Moderato". The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 107, 108, 109, and 110 indicated. The score ends with a double bar line.

118 Andante (♩ = 96)

rit. 123

Sl. Mar.

Vibes

Glock. & Crot.

Chim.

St. Pn. (Lead)

St. Pn. (Dbl. 2nd)

Bowed Vibes

Bowed Vibes

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

mp

mp

mp

mf

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp



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