PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Played-A-Live
(The Bongo Song) Safri Duo

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Description

This dynamic arrangement of Safri Duo’s Played-A-Live offers an exciting feature piece for large percussion ensemble.

The well-known bongo rhythm from the original becomes the starting point for an ongoing dialogue between the solo bongo and the drumline-style tom toms. The characteristic highly-syncopated xylophone melody is the main feature of the riff-based mallet section. Mallets and drums eventually unite to create one mighty groove!

Performance Directions

The dialogue between the bongos and the tom toms is enhanced if they are geographically separated on opposite sides of the stage or space.

Drumkit is best placed centrally as its on-beat rhythm acts as an anchor for the other highly syncopated parts. All players should listen to and lock in with the drumkit at all times.

Marimba bass line could be doubled by bass guitar.

This arrangement was commissioned by SCEGGS Darlinghurst and premiered by their combined percussion ensembles at SCEGGS Speech Night 2010 at the Sydney Convention Centre.
Instrument/Parts list

This piece can be played by 9-13 players.

Two players are preferred for each of the tom parts. In a smaller ensemble, use one player for each tom part and omit the vibraphone and marimba 1 parts.

1. Bongos

2. Tom Toms, high-med high
   - 2 players with 3 drums each (see diagram on next page)

3. Tom Toms, med low-low
   - 2 players with 3 drums each (see diagram on next page)

4. Auxiliary Percussion 1
   - 8” or 10” Splash cym, suspended 16” (crash) cymbal

5. Auxiliary Percussion 2
   - Tambourine, triangle

6. Auxiliary Percussion 3
   - Hi hat, Pedal bass drum

7. Glockenspiel

8. Xylophone

9. Vibraphone

10. Marimba 1

11. Marimba 2

{ can be played on one 4-1/2 octave instrument

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Suggested Setup

Playing Instructions For Toms

Each toms player is required to play three drums.

1. Using toms only

Tune all drums so they are graduated in pitch from high to low. *Floor toms should be raised to make all drums level.

2. Using a mixture of different drums

Tune all drums so they are graduated in pitch from high to low. *Floor toms should be raised to make all drums level.