

BLAST-OFF

FROM ROW-LOFF

A PERCUSSION SERIES FOR GRADES 1 & 2

Trio Mania

by Ed Argenziano

A collection of 3 trios for mallets & percussion.

Grade 2 / 3 parts

Andiamo! - 1:50

Instrumentation: Snare Drum, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Bongos, Concert Bass Drum, Wood Block, (3) Cowbells (graduated pitches)

Bella Aqua - 2:37

Instrumentation: Vibes (Bells), Marimba (Xylophone), (2) Timpani

Scenes from the Traps Drawer - 2:19

Instrumentation: Triangle, Wood Block, Maracas, Vibra Slap, Claves, Tambourine, (2) Cowbells, Ratchet, Gourd (Guiro), Shaker, Flexitone

Trio Mania Performance Notes

Andiamo!, “Let’s Go,” is the perfect ensemble for elementary and young middle school percussionists. With a quick, 3/4 meter, this grade 2 percussion trio uses a variety of fun timbres as the expressive marking adds a wide range of emotion. Keep in mind that the bongo part should be played with light drum sticks and be sure to have fun with this fast-paced piece.

Bella Aqua, “Beautiful Water,” is designed to flow like a stream. The piece uses repetition and simple rhythms, making it an excellent tool to introduce young players to percussion performance as an ensemble. This grade 2 percussion piece could either be a duet for bells and xylophone or a trio when using the optional timpani part.

Scenes from the Traps Drawer gives you the opportunity you’ve been waiting for to finally explore your percussive accessories, giving these misunderstood percussion instruments a time to shine in the spotlight. This whimsical grade 2 percussion trio will mesmerize your audience through the use of the strange and exciting sounds that rarely leave the traps drawer.

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♩ = 116 - 126

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

mp

triangle

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

mp

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

mp

bass drum

wood block

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

pp

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

p

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

pp

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

ff

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

ff

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

ff

Andiamo!

pg. 2

A *crash cymbal*

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

mf

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

to bongos (with sticks)

bongos

mf

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

mf

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

ff

ff

ff

B *small cowbell*

Player 1
Snare Drum
Sus. Cym.
Cowbell

mp

medium cowbell

Player 2
Triangle
Bongos
Cowbell

mp

large cowbell

Player 3
Bass Drum
Wood Block
Cowbell

mp

f

f

f

Bella Aqua

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Allegretto ♩ = 110

Musical score for the first system (measures 1-4). The score is for three instruments: Bells (Vibes), Xylophone (Marimba), and Timpani (Bb, F). The key signature has two flats (Bb, F) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked *Allegretto* with a quarter note equal to 110 beats per minute. The dynamic marking is *mf* (mezzo-forte).

Musical score for the second system (measures 5-8). The score is for three instruments: Bells (Vibes), Xylophone (Marimba), and Timpani (Bb, F). The key signature has two flats (Bb, F) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is *f* (forte) starting at measure 7.

Musical score for the third system (measures 10-12), marked with a box 'A'. The score is for three instruments: Bells (Vibes), Xylophone (Marimba), and Timpani (Bb, F). The key signature has two flats (Bb, F) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is *p* (piano) for measures 10-11, and *f* (forte) for measure 12.

Bella Aqua

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Bells (Vibes)

Xylophone (Marimba)

Timpani (Bb, F)

Measures 13-16. Bells (Vibes) and Xylophone (Marimba) play a melodic line starting at measure 14. Timpani (Bb, F) plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics range from *mf* to *ff*. A crescendo hairpin is shown for the Bells and Xylophone parts.

B

Bells (Vibes)

Xylophone (Marimba)

Timpani (Bb, F)

Measures 18-20. Bells (Vibes) play chords. Xylophone (Marimba) plays a melodic line. Timpani (Bb, F) plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics range from *p* to *mf*. A box labeled 'B' is above measure 18.

Bells (Vibes)

Xylophone (Marimba)

Timpani (Bb, F)

Measures 21-24. Bells (Vibes) play chords. Xylophone (Marimba) plays a melodic line. Timpani (Bb, F) plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics range from *f*. Crescendo hairpins are shown for the Bells and Xylophone parts.

Scenes From Your Traps Drawer

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♩ = 112
triangle

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

Musical score for measures 1-4. Player 1 (Triangle, Wood Block, Maracas) plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents. Player 2 (Vibra Slap, Tambourine, Claves, Cowbell) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents, starting in measure 3. Player 3 (Ratchet, Cowbell, Gourd, Shaker, Flexitone) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents. Dynamics include *mp* and *claves mp*.

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

Musical score for measures 5-8. Player 1 (Triangle, Wood Block, Maracas) continues the rhythmic pattern. Player 2 (Vibra Slap, Tambourine, Claves, Cowbell) continues the pattern. Player 3 (Ratchet, Cowbell, Gourd, Shaker, Flexitone) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents, starting in measure 5. Dynamics include *f* and *gourd scrape*.

A

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

Musical score for measures 10-11. Player 1 (Triangle, Wood Block, Maracas) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents, starting in measure 10. Player 2 (Vibra Slap, Tambourine, Claves, Cowbell) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents, starting in measure 10. Player 3 (Ratchet, Cowbell, Gourd, Shaker, Flexitone) plays a pattern of eighth notes with accents, starting in measure 10. Dynamics include *f*, *vibra slap*, and *sfz*.

Scenes From Your Traps Drawer

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B

wood block

13

14

15

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

mf

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

shaker

mf

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

16

17

18

19

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

claves

mf

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

C

maracas

20

21

23

Player 1
Triangle
Wood Block
Maracas

f

Player 2
Vibra Slap
Tambourine
Claves
Cowbell

vibra slap

f

sfz

f

Player 3
Ratchet
Cowbell
Gourd
Shaker
Flexitone

ratchet

f

cowbell

f

f