

Percussion Ensemble: Getting Your Feet Wet & Beyond

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- **Why Percussion Ensemble**
 - It's fun!
 - Focus on technique
 - Increased musicality
 - Experience a wide range of musical styles
 - Empowerment & independence for the students
- **Why Not Percussion Ensemble?**
 - Time
 - Space
 - Equipment/Instruments
 - Teaching Personnel
- **Ease Your Way In**
 - Start with Duets with minimal instrumentation
 - Flexible Instrumentation Ensembles
 - Traditional Instrumentation Ensembles
 - Always demand the same musicality out of your percussionists as your wind players
- **Programming**
 - Balance between types of instrumentation
 - Keyboard
 - Battery
 - Mixed
 - Pops
 - Featured Soloist
 - Seek out music that is scored well
 - Maintain the same high standards you have when selecting band literature

Recommended Literature

(sequenced from easier to more advanced in each section)

DUETS

Duology - Nathan Daughtrey (10 pieces, mixed instrumentation) *New!* #

Mutual Interest - Josh Gottry (5 pieces, multi-percussion) #

Suite Marimba - Josh Gottry (5 pieces, marimba)

Thanks for Listening - Josh Gottry (keyboard) *New!*

Pals - Murray Houllif (snare drum)

Kleptomaniac - Josh Gottry (mixed) *New!*

Songs from the Infinite Plane - Brett Dietz (15 pieces, keyboard)

Songs of the Human Spirit - Nathan Daughtrey (15 pieces, keyboard)

Geaux - Joe W. Moore III (snare drum/timpani)

Twins - Daiki Kato (auxiliary percussion)

FLEXIBLE INSTRUMENTATION

Puzzle Pieces - Josh Gottry (2+ mixed)

Battle Royale - Angela Kepley (6+ mixed) #

Seaside Stroll - Kandis Taylor (3+ battery)

Stampede - Amanda Sycamore (4+ mixed) *New!* #

Thunder on the Bay - Scott Harding (5+ battery)

Get Hyped! - Angela Kepley (4+ battery) *New!*

On the Spectrum - Nathan Daughtrey (5+ battery or keyboard) #

Tight Quarters - Josh Gottry (4 or 7 keyboard) *New!*

Imminent Launch - Matt Moore (5-6+ mixed) *New!*

Rhythm Cell - Amanda Sycamore (8+ mixed) *New!*

Bulk Trash - Josh Gottry (3+ battery/found percussion) *New!* #

StarDancer - Nathan Daughtrey (5-8+ mixed) *New!* #

Black (W)Hole - Jordan Williams (8-10+ mixed) *New!*

Pentaphonics - Nicholas Meyers (5+ battery) *New!*

Wood, Metal, Skin - Josh Gottry (3+ battery)

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KEYBOARD ENSEMBLES

- Swedish Folk Song - arr. Cort McClaren (4+ players)
- A Snowy Twilight - Kit Mills (3-5 players) *New!* #
- Dance Suite - Chris Carmean (4 players) *New!* #
- Seeing the World - Matt Moore (4 players on 2 marimbas)
- SyncoShift - Angela Kepley (4 players on 1 vibraphone) #
- Angelic Voices - David Gillingham (5 players)
- Aquarium - Saint-Saëns/arr. Matt Moore (6 players)
- Leaves Fell Playfully - Josh Gottry (4 players on 2 marimbas)
- Edge of the World - Nathan Daughtrey (5-6 players) #
- Nalu - Francisco Perez (4 players on 2 marimbas)
- Celebration III - Daiki Kato (3 players on 1 marimba) *New!*
- Crown of Thorns - David Maslanka (8 players) #

BATTERY ENSEMBLES

- From the Inside Out - Angela Kepley (4 players) #
- Basic Lit - Tammy Morgan (4-5 players) *New!* #
- Circles - Angela Kepley (3 players, buckets)
- Quintessential Quintets - Angela Kepley (3 pieces, 5 players)
- Tomfoolery - Wes Stephens (3 players) *New!* # **ts**
- Little Military Piece - Adam Bruce (6 players)
- Floor Play - Alex Stopa (4+ players) *New!* **ts**
- Lion Dance - Brandon Dittgen (5 players)
- Sizzle! - Nathan Daughtrey (5 players) #
- Quadrinomial - Brandon Dittgen (4 players)
- The Cage We Make - Wes Stephens (4 players) *New!*
- ImPULSE - Austin Franklin (4 players) *New!*
- Tilted Spheres - Dave Hall (5 players) #

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(sequenced from easy to challenging)

MIXED ENSEMBLES

Begin Transmission - John Herndon (8-13 players) # **ts**

You Can Can-Can Too - Offenbach/Saint-Saëns/arr. Matt Moore (7 players)

Sic Semper Draconis - John Herndon **ts**

Diablo - Kandis Taylor (10 players)

West Winds - Brian Blume (9-10 players) *New!* **ts**

Enchantment - Matt Moore (5 players) *New!* #

Dark Filaments - Michael Ptacin (8 players)

Storm Surge - Robert Clayson (8-11 players) *New!*

Archipelagos - Dave Hall (7 players)

Passport - Josh Turner (8 players) *New!*

Mercury Rising - Nathan Daughtrey (7 players) #

Rogue Agent - Matt Moore (6 players)

Teamwork - Lynn Glassock (7 players)

Deck Park Tunnel - Josh Gottry (8 players)

Edge of the World - Nathan Daughtrey (10 players)

Watauga - Josh Spaulding (12 players) *New!* #

Shock Factor - Nathan Daughtrey (5 players) #

Sacrificial Rite - David Gillingham (5 players)

Luminescence - Nathan Daughtrey (10-12 players)

Helix - Eric Rath (8-9 players) *New!* **ts**

What Lies Within - Nathan Daughtrey (8-10 players) *New!*

Rhyme or Reason - Nathan Daughtrey (5 players)

Percolating - Bruce Broughton (4 players) *New!*

Silent Canyons - Nathan Daughtrey (5 players)

Escape Velocity - Dave Hall (4 players) #

Firefly - Nathan Daughtrey (12 players) #