

# Opening Fast

*By Paul Smith*

## Performance Notes

This very easy and short percussion ensemble piece was written to fill a void of an opening selection for a percussion ensemble concert. Written for eight performers, all on battery percussion instruments, this could be expanded to more if needed.

The purpose of this composition was to have a loud, fast, short and exciting opening number, which grabbed the audience's attention. Even with its easy notation, students at varying levels can very well perform this composition.

## Instrumentation (Number of Players: 8)

- 1 Conductor Score
- 1 Concert Snare Drum
- 1 Marching Snare Drum
- 1 High Tom
- 1 Tenor Drums (2)
- 1 Tom-Toms (2)
- 1 Crash Cymbals
- 1 Bass Drum
- 1 Gong



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CONDUCTOR SCORE

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Duration - 1:15

Moderato

This system includes staves for Concert Snare Drum, Marching Snare Drum, High Tom, Tenor Drums (2), Tom-Toms (2), Crash Cymbals, Bass Drum, and Gong. The music is in 4/4 time and marked Moderato. It features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents. Dynamics range from *f* to *p*. The Gong is marked *fff* at measures 1, 2, and 3.

This system continues the musical score with staves for Concert S.D., Marching S.D., High Tom, Tenor Drums, Tom-Toms, Cr. Cyms., B.D., and Gong. The dynamics continue to vary, with *p* and *f* markings. The Gong is marked *fff* at measures 4, 5, and 6.

8 Presto

Concert S.D.  
 Marching S.D.  
 High Tom  
 Tenor Drums  
 Tom-Toms  
 Cr. Cyms.  
 B.D.  
 Gong

7 *f* 9

Concert S.D.  
 Marching S.D.  
 High Tom  
 Tenor Drums  
 Tom-Toms  
 Cr. Cyms.  
 B.D.  
 Gong

*mf* 10 11 12

Concert S.D.  
Marching S.D.  
High Tom  
Tenor Drums  
Tom-Toms  
Cr. Cyms.  
B.D.  
Gong

15

Concert S.D.  
Marching S.D.  
High Tom  
Tenor Drums  
Tom-Toms  
Cr. Cyms.  
B.D.  
Gong

16 17 18

19

Concert S.D.

Marching S.D.

High Tom

Tenor Drums

Tom-Toms

Cr. Cyms.

B.D.

Gong

20

21

Concert S.D.

Marching S.D.

High Tom

Tenor Drums

Tom-Toms

Cr. Cyms.

B.D.

Gong

22

*pp* cresc.

23

24

Concert S.D.  
Marching S.D.  
High Tom  
Tenor Drums  
Tom-Toms  
Cr. Cyms.  
B.D.  
Gong

ff p f p f p f

25 26 27

*ff* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

30 Moderato

Concert S.D.  
Marching S.D.  
High Tom  
Tenor Drums  
Tom-Toms  
Cr. Cyms.  
B.D.  
Gong

rit. p f p f p f

28 29 30

Plate Roll

*rit.* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *fff* *fff* *fff*

31 Presto

Concert S.D. *pp*

Marching S.D. *pp*

High Tom *pp*

Tenor Drums *pp*

Tom-Toms *pp*

Cr. Cyms. *pp*

B.D. *pp*

Gong *pp*

32

Concert S.D. *f* *ff*

Marching S.D. *f* *ff*

High Tom *f* *ff*

Tenor Drums *f* *ff*

Tom-Toms *f* *ff*

Cr. Cyms. *f* *ff*

B.D. *f* *ff*

Gong

33 *ff* 34 35

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