

As performed by the Wonder Girls

Like Money

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B, Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Optional String/Electric Bass
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells and/or Xylophone)
- 3 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/Hi-Hat Cymbals, Bass Drum or Optional Drumset)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Tambourine, Cowbell)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Like Money was written for the South Korean girl group Wonder Girls. The song and music video were released July 10, 2012, and the song was sent to mainstream top 40 stations on September 17, 2012. Consequently, the Wonder Girls reached #1 with their new hit single featuring the famous R&B Hip Hop singer, Akon. Prior to its release, the song was featured on their first TV movie, *The Wonder Girls*, which aired on TeenNick. The music video concept features futuristic bionic women, which overall fits well with the trendy electronic sound which Internet users are now raving about. The meaning behind the group's name comes from the idea that they are the girls who can amaze the world. The group began their entry into the American market in 2009 as an opening act for the Jonas Brothers' world tour, performing the English version of their hit single "Nobody." In late 2009, their song charted at #76 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, making the Wonder Girls the first South Korean group to enter the chart.



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This pop tune will provide a great opportunity for the teaching and learning of syncopation, which is a shifting of the normal (on the beat) accent and stressing the normally unaccented beats (also called offbeat). It also provides a way to introduce the offbeat concept while having the band play a selection that is fun and they can really identify with. The introduction may seem a bit tricky at first; however, with a little foot-tapping and hand-clapping, the ensemble will be good to go. Notice that the rhythm is exactly like the original song students have heard on the radio. Therefore, at first, some of them may play the syncopated figure by ear, and that is fine.

Start by illustrating, in 4, the normal (on the beat) accents, and then show how each beat is divided into a strong downbeat and a weak upbeat. Actually, I would have the student tapping their foot along with the bass drum on the down beats and clapping along with the snare drum on the up beats; somewhat like the "um-pah" march style effect. Then, try tapping on the beat and clapping on the upbeats as follows:



This entire piece is built on unison melodies, bass line, and background figures. Therefore, to ensure good intonation, young musicians have to be trained to listen and adjust their pitch, as this will greatly improve the total sound of the ensemble.

Notice that an auxiliary percussion (Percussion 3) and bass part have been included with this arrangement to enhance the groove of the piece. The cowbell should be muffled to avoid overtones. You may use duct or electrical tape, or place a sock, sponge, or rubber ball in the mouth of the bell.

As we all know, students love to play fun pieces, and pop tunes provide that fun. Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to teach the syncopation concept while having fun.



FULL SCORE Approx. Duration - 2:00

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