## Ritmático

## Rhythmical

By Victor López



PROGRAM NOTES
Ritmático is an original composition skillfully written for beginning band by veteran writer Victor López. As the title implies, the piece has a repeated rhythmic flow from beginning to end. This piece is dramatic and interesting, with rhythmic interplay and contrasting sections. Short melodic phrases and rhythmic ostinatos drive the composition from beginning to end.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This piece has a steady pulse throughout. Although the metronome mark is Bright $d=138$, it is recommended to rehearse it at a much slower tempo at first to make sure the rhythms are played as written. The objective is to have everyone articulate the notes as marked, creating a tight sound. Ensemble balance is as important as rhythmic precision.

Rehearse the percussion section separately. Once ready, add the winds and remind the percussion section to always play under the winds for balance.

M5-make sure the whole note entrance is played firmly.
Note that M9 through M15 and M35 through M41 are identical. Discussing the rhythmic interplay and the contrasting sections that follow makes for a great teaching moment.

M51 through M58 - Note that the double-time feel in this section is more pronounced. Work on the interplay and be sure to bring out the long notes. Also, the timpanist should strike the shafts of the mallets together when playing the $X$ notes.

I know that Ritmático will be one of those compositions that your beginning students will love to play and help to keep them enthusiastic.
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Rhythmical
FULL SCORE
By Victor López (ASCAP)
Duration-1:55


Mallet Percussion
[Opt. Marimba])

Percussion 1
(Snare Drum/Hi-Hat Cymbals, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2
(Tambourine,
Concert Toms [2])

Timpani (Optional)









Fl.

Ob.
Cl.
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.


Tbn./Bar./
Bsn.

Tuba

MIt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.



Ob.
Cl.
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hn.

Tbn./Bar./ Bsn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.


Mlt. Perc.

Pr





