

Keyboard Mastery for the Mallet Percussion

Bach for Bars

Book 2

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Foreword

Bach for Bars, Book 2, presents 23 additional duets for Marimba or Xylophone, drawn from the keyboard music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and arranged by Roger Faulmann, Director of Percussion at Illinois State University. As with Book 1, these duets are playable either by two performers on two separate instruments, or two performers on one instrument. Although written for the standard four-octave keyboards, optional notes are included, where musically effective or desirable, for the extended range Marimba (down to low A).

The given metronomic indications are to be considered as a general guide only, and all players are respectfully urged to bear in mind that speed, as such, is not the only goal to be achieved in performance...not even the major one. Precise, articulated performance, with every individual note clearly heard in relation to every other one, should be considered the most important objective, and its achievement will result in a most enjoyable and "listenable" performance of this beautiful music.

Students, performers and teachers are also cordially referred to *Bach for Bars*, Book 1, for further duet arrangements, and to the various volumes in the *Keyboard Mastery for the Mallet Percussion Series* for a thorough discussion of technical questions dealing with preparation for the performance of this material.

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Minuet I

(from Suite in E Major)

J. S. Bach

(♩ = 132)

Player I

Player II

f

p

cresc.

f