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(Mvt. 1 – The Curious)

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## INSTRUMENTATION

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Percussion 1: Vibraphone, Bells

Percussion 2: Xylophone

Percussion 3: Marimba

Percussion 4: Timpani

Percussion 5: Snare Drum, Kick Drum, Concert Bass Drum

Percussion 6: Ride Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal

## PROGRAM NOTE

*PURR-Snickety (Mvt. 1 – The Curious)* was written in memory of Rodgit and all felines that are cherished members of our families. Rodgit (soft G when pronouncing as in Roger) was a wonderful cat and special family member to Joseph Earp. Rodgit's name was created by Mr. Earp's son, Jackson. We know you will enjoy this adventurous composition for percussion ensemble as we take on the mindset of a cat.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

*PURR-Snickety*, a suite for percussion ensemble, includes three movements. "The Curious" refers to a cat's inquisitive nature. "The Lovely Nap" attempts to embody a cat's deep sleep filled with gentle dreams. "The Chase" is defined by a cat's innate behavior as a predator. I hope you will enjoy this adventurous and entertaining composition for percussion ensemble.



## ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Joseph Benjamin Earp is the Director of Bands at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi. He received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Master of Music in Music Education from Anderson University (Anderson, South Carolina), and Doctor of Music Education degree from Liberty University (Lynchburg, Virginia).

His professional teaching career began in 2006 as Director of Bands at Seneca High School in South Carolina. After two years, he then taught at Robbinsville Middle and High Schools for a year before becoming the founding Director of Bands at Cox Mill High School in Concord, North Carolina. After eight years of numerous achievements at Cox Mill High School, he moved into his role at Limestone University (Gaffney, South Carolina) as Director of

Athletic Bands, elevating many elements of Limestone's athletic band program. Just prior to his role at Hinds Community College, Dr. Earp was the Director of Instrumental Music at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, North Carolina.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Earp is an active published composer and clinician with his music being performed internationally. His major compositional accomplishments include being winner of the 2010 Claude T. Smith Composition Contest in Missouri, winner of the 2018 Thornton Community Band Composition Contest in Colorado, and multiple J.W. Pepper Editors' Choice awards. He currently resides in Clinton, Mississippi with his wife Mary Beth and sons Jackson and Jasper.

More about Dr. Earp can be found at [www.joemusic.com](http://www.joemusic.com). Follow Dr. Earp on TikTok and Twitter @earpcomposer. Find him on Instagram as earpcomposer.



In loving memory of Rodgit kitty.  
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(ASCAP)

(♩ = 144)

Percussion 1  
Vibraphone  
Bells

Percussion 2  
Xylophone

Percussion 3  
Marimba

Percussion 4  
Timpani  
A $\flat$ , D $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , F

Percussion 5  
Snare Drum  
Kick Drum  
Concert Bass Drum

Percussion 6  
Ride Cymbal  
Suspended Cymbal

1 2 3 4 5

8 Vibraphone

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5  
Sn. Dr.  
Kick Dr.  
Ride Cym.

Perc. 6

6 7 8 9 10

*mf* *p* *f* *mp* *p*

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Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

20 21 22 23 24



Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

25 26 27 28



38

Perc. 1 *f* *p*

Perc. 2 *f* *mp*

Perc. 3 *f* *p*

Perc. 4 *f*

Perc. 5 *f*

Perc. 6

37 38 39 40

41

Perc. 1 *p* *mf* *f* *ff*

Perc. 2 *p* *mf* *ff*

Perc. 3 *p* *mf* *ff*

Perc. 4 *p* *mf* *ff*

Perc. 5 *mf*

Perc. 6

Bells

Fade

Concert Bs. Dr.

Sus. Cym.

*p* *ff*

41 42 43 44 45

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