

RWS INFINITY PERCUSSION SERIES

CONDUCTOR SCORE
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Merry Mallet Music (Two Holiday Songs For Two Marimbas)

Traditional
Mitchell Beckman and Mike Hansen
MARIMBA QUARTET



INFINITY PERCUSSION was founded in 2007 by Tom Hurst, John Campese, and Lee Hansen, and was comprised of staff and members of the 2006 WGI Independent Open Class championship ensemble, First Degree (Orlando, FL). From its inception, INFINITY was created for the highest level of performance competition (Independent World Class) and has been a WGI World Class Finalist every year since 2008.

In 2013, the organization welcomed a new ensemble to the Infini-Family - INFINITY 2. Adding a second ensemble to the organization extends to more young performers the opportunity to be a part of INFINITY PERCUSSION and provides the same training, techniques, and culture that is promoted within the World Class ensemble. INFINITY PERCUSSION is an affiliate of Pageantry Arts Concepts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a PAC affiliate, our goal is to provide youth and young adults the opportunity to enhance their performance and musical skills while furthering their knowledge of the marching arts activity in a professional setting.

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INSTRUMENTATION

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Marimba 1-2 (2)
Marimba 3-4 (2)

PROGRAM NOTE

Merry Mallet Music is a collection of two traditional holiday favorites arranged for marimba quartet. Featuring four players on two marimbas, the rich and complex sound of this iconic keyboard percussion instrument is prominently displayed in *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* and *Up On The Housetop*. Enjoy the keys to our holiday celebration!

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

This quartet is meant to be performed on two marimbas with four percussionists. Ideally, these smaller arrangements can be performed in a prism concert setting. Creatively staged in the concert hall or venue, they serve as perfect transitions between ensembles who are moving on and off the main stage.

Both marimbas can be placed side-by-side or with the marimbas facing each other. A conductor can be present but isn't necessary.

We hope you enjoy these arrangements and your holiday performance! — Mitchell Beckman and Mike Hansen

ABOUT THE COMPOSERS



Mitchell Beckman, an accomplished percussion composer from Orlando, Florida, has emerged as a prominent figure in the percussion music world. Currently serving as the Front Ensemble Designer, Caption Head and Arranger for Infinity Percussion, a leading global competitor, Mitchell brings innovation and creativity to his compositions.

Alongside his work at Infinity Percussion, Mitchell is a valued full-time musician at Walt Disney World, where his talent and expertise shine in the creation, development, and captivating performances of theme park shows at Walt Disney World, Universal Studios Florida, and SeaWorld Orlando. His rhythmic mastery and ability to captivate audiences have garnered recognition and praise within the entertainment industry. With a strong educational foundation from Rollins College and the University of Florida, Mitchell's commitment to excellence extends to his experience as a former member of the prestigious Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps. This experience cultivated his precision, discipline, and musicality, which he seamlessly integrates into his compositions and performances.

As a percussion composer, Mitchell continuously pushes the boundaries of musical expression, leaving a lasting impact with his technical prowess, artistic vision, and rich professional background. Mitchell is grateful for the unwavering support of his wife, Kristin, and daughter, Madeline, whose encouragement and love have played an invaluable role in his journey.



Mike Hansen, an accomplished musician from Orlando, Florida, has forged an impressive career within music entertainment. Devoting himself full-time to both Universal Studios and Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom, he brings passion and energy to audiences as an Actor/Musician for the percussion street show *Beat Builders* and world percussion group, *Discovery Island Drummers*. Additionally, Mike takes pride in his role as the director of *Magic Beatz*, the renowned NBA drumline for The Orlando Magic. Over the last 15 years he has also performed with esteemed percussion groups including SeaWorld Orlando's *Zancos!*, *The Groove Chefs*, Disney Spring's *Society Funk Band*, Disney's *Toy Band*, Universal Orlando's *Superstar Parade*, Metropolis's *UPBEAT*, Animal Kingdom's *Pandora Drum Circle Swotu Waya*, and more.

Beyond performance career, Mike is an influential figure in the world of marching percussion. He plays a vital role as a Designer, Battery Caption Head, and Arranger for Infinity Percussion, a respected organization offering high-quality education to young aspiring musicians. Emphasizing the values of dedication, teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship, Infinity Percussion nurtures personal growth among its members. Each year, their unwavering commitment culminates at the renowned WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Mike's role in shaping the INFINITY and INFINITY 2, showcases his orchestrations, artistic vision, and unwavering passion. Through the years he has also served as a Caption Head/Arranger/Instructor/Consultant for many Central and South Florida schools including: The University of Central Florida, Oviedo HS, Lake Howell HS, Winter Park High School, Seminole HS, and Sunlake HS. His dedication has been recognized by leading industry brands such as Vic Firth, Zildjian, TAMA, and REMO, who proudly endorse his musical endeavors.

Mike finds his greatest joy in the love and support of his family. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Lindsey, and a loving father to their daughter, Millie-Ann. Balancing his musical pursuits with the responsibilities of fatherhood, Mike's commitment to his family is a testament to his character.

By channeling his passion and expertise, Mike Hansen continues to inspire aspiring musicians, leaving an enduring impact on the world of percussion.



MERRY MALLET MUSIC

(Two Holiday Songs For Two Marimbas)

1. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Conductor Score

RWS-2350-00

Traditional

Arr. by Mitchell Beckman (ASCAP)
and Mike Hansen (ASCAP)

Allegro ♩ = 120

Marimba 1-2

Marimba 3-4

Mrb. 1-2

Mrb. 3-4

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Mrb. 1-2

mf

Mrb. 3-4

mf

20

16 17 18 19 20

This block contains the musical notation for measures 16 through 20. It features two staves: Mrb. 1-2 (top) and Mrb. 3-4 (bottom). Both staves are marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Measure 20 is highlighted with a black box. The notation includes various note values and rests, with a large red watermark 'Preview Only' overlaid diagonally across the page.

Mrb. 1-2

Mrb. 3-4

21 22 23 24 25

This block contains the musical notation for measures 21 through 25. It features two staves: Mrb. 1-2 (top) and Mrb. 3-4 (bottom). The notation includes various note values and rests. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Mrb. 1-2

Mrb. 3-4

26 27 28 29 30

(8va) *loco*

26

This block contains the musical notation for measures 26 through 30. It features two staves: Mrb. 1-2 (top) and Mrb. 3-4 (bottom). Measure 26 is highlighted with a black box. The notation includes various note values and rests. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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2. Up On The Housetop

Traditional

Arr. by Mitchell Beckman (ASCAP)

and Mike Hansen (ASCAP)

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Allegro ♩ = 120

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Marimba 1-2

Marimba 3-4

Mrb. 1-2

Mrb. 3-4

Mrb. 1-2

Mrb. 3-4

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11

Mrb. 1-2

p *fp* *mf*

Mrb. 3-4

p *fp* *mf*

11 12 13

Mrb. 1-2

p *fp* *mf*

Mrb. 3-4

p *fp* *mf*

14 15 16

17

Mrb. 1-2

f

Mrb. 3-4

f

17 18 19 20

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