

Flexible Instrumentation Series

Mam-Blu

for 5-Part Flexible Instrumentation

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DURATION: 4 minutes

GRADE: 4

NOTES

Mam-Blu is a fusion of Mambo and the Blues. The montunos and syncopations of Latin-American music are combined with the form and harmonic structure of the North American 12-bar Blues. The result is a hybrid music symbolic of the collision of both worlds. This version for flexible instrumentation was originally the first movement of my *American Dances* for string orchestra (2006).

CONDUCTOR'S NOTES

This work can be performed together with *Blu-Bop* under the title "Two American Dances". The flexible instrumentation can use any combination of instruments as long as all parts are covered. All parts are available in C, Bb, Eb, and F. Feel free to make octave changes depending on the instrument(s) used.

Recommended Instrumentations:

PART 1

Piccolo, Flute, Bb Clarinet, Soprano Sax.

PART 2

Flute, Bb Clarinet, Soprano Sax, Alto Sax.

PART 3

Bb Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Flugelhorn, Marimba.

PART 4

Bassoon, Tenor Sax, Bass Clarinet, Flugelhorn, Euphonium, Horn, Marimba.

PART 5

Bass Clarinet, Baritone Sax, Euphonium, Bass Trombone, Tuba, String Bass.

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Score in C

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Moderato $\text{♩} = 96-100$

Sheet music for Mam-Blu, featuring five staves (Part 1 to Part 5) in common time, key signature of one flat. The music consists of six measures. Measure 1: Part 1 starts with a dynamic *f*. Measures 2-3: Parts 1-4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 4: Parts 1-4 play sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 5: Part 5 enters with a dynamic *f*.

Continuation of the sheet music for Mam-Blu, featuring five staves (P. 1 to P. 5) in common time, key signature of one flat. The music consists of six measures. Measure 1: P. 1 starts with a dynamic *f*. Measures 2-3: P. 1-4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 4: P. 1-4 play sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 5-6: All parts play eighth-note patterns.

9

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

mf

13

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

mf

mf

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17

19

mf (with Bsn.)

(with Flute)

20

23

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

26

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

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29

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

32

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

35

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

ff

ff

ff

*ff*³

3

39

40

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

f

f

f (like a 2-3 clave)

f

(like a conga drum)

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43

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

47

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

51

P. 1 *cresc.* 6 6 6

P. 2 *cresc.* 6 6

P. 3 *cresc.* 6 6

P. 4 *cresc.* 6 6

P. 5 -

52

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

54

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

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58

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

62

63

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

66

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5

70

P. 1

P. 2

P. 3

P. 4

P. 5