#### **Accessory Percussion Solutions!**

(or... "What is that hole in the tambourine for?")

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#### **Your Station**

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- Line of Sight
  - Instrument, music, conductor
- Comfortable Reach
- Towels
  - Aesthetic and functional
- Sound Options
  - Multiple beaters, instruments, etc.

#### Disclaimer

 Almost nothing mentioned today is notated in the score or parts. Percussionists, and their instructors, must be critical listeners and excellent problem solvers in order to render effective musical performances.

#### Tambourine

## Soft Playing

- Angle
  - Flatter = Drier
- Smaller "beater"
- "Hide" the tambourine
- Muffling
  - Finger dampening
  - Heel resting on head
  - Knee to dampen/support

## Soft Playing

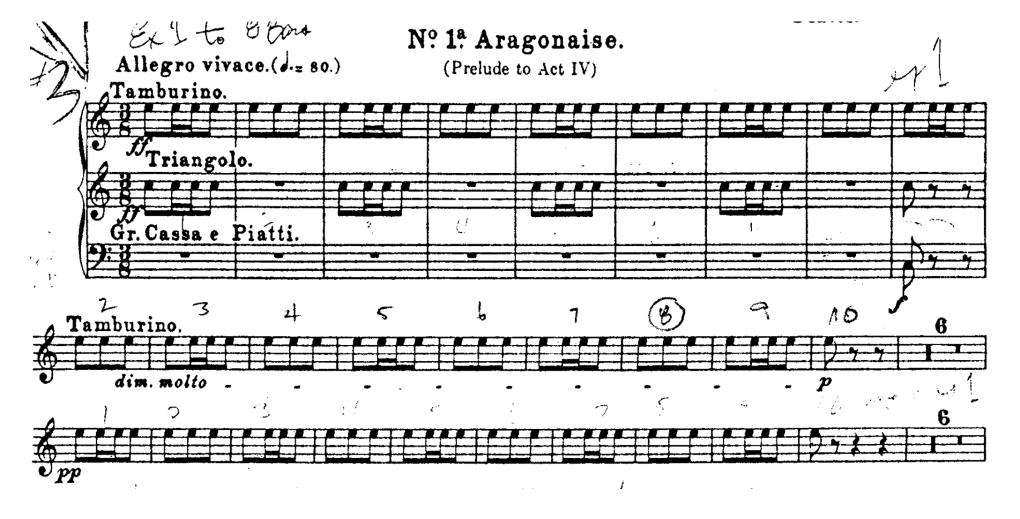
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## Soft Playing



#### Bizet - Carmen

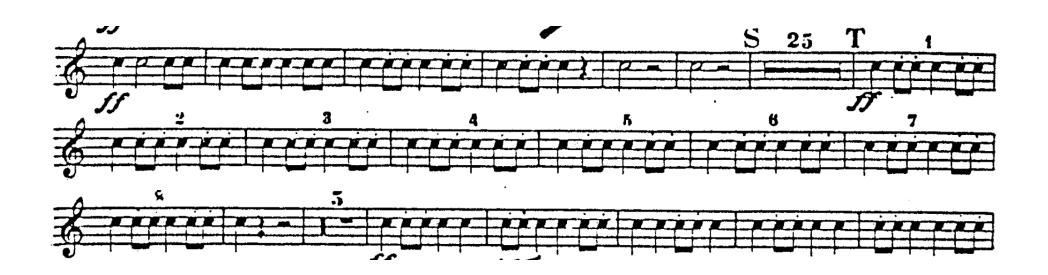


## **Knee/Fist Techniques**

- Used for faster rhythmic passages
- Non-notated
- Many Options
  - No knee.
  - To flip, or not to flip...
  - Non-western techniques

### Knee/Fist Techniques

• Dvorak – Carnival Overture





# Triangle

#### Single Notes

- Take them seriously!
- Is your triangle free to resonate?
- Mixing overtones
- Slow strokes. Sink in.

#### Mounting

- No music stands!
- Why would I mount my triangle?
- When should I mount my triangle?

## Mounting

• Brahms – Symphony No. 4





#### **Bass Drum**

#### Basic Technique

- Body Position
- Large Muscle Groups
- Slow stroke
- Activate the fundamental pitch
- Mallet Placement

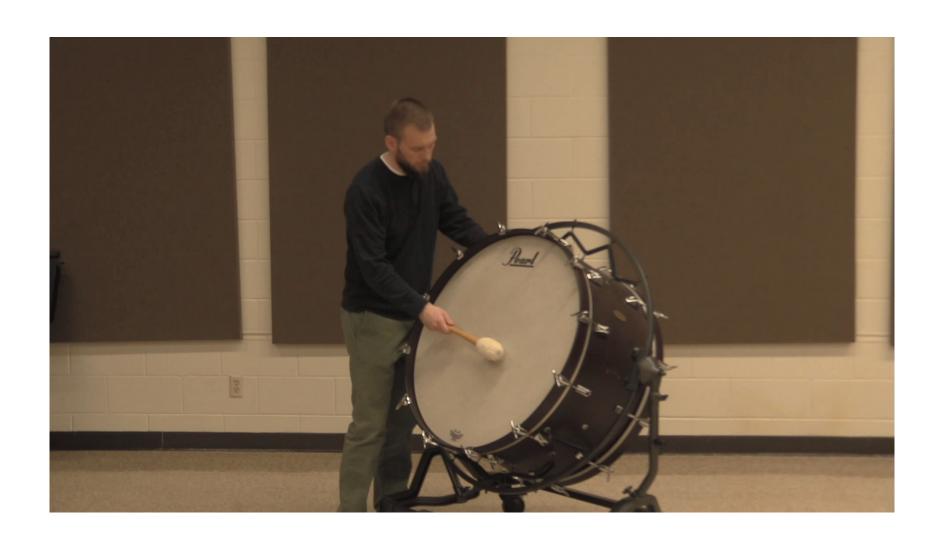
# **Body Position**



#### **Tone Production**

- Large Muscle Groups
- Slow stroke speed
- Activate the fundamental pitch

#### **Tone Production**



#### Mallet Placement







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### Muffling Techniques

- Left Hand muffle
- Semi-permanent solutions
- Knee muffling

#### Left Hand Muffle







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#### **Semi-Permanent Solutions**







# Knee Muffling





#### Muffling Techniques

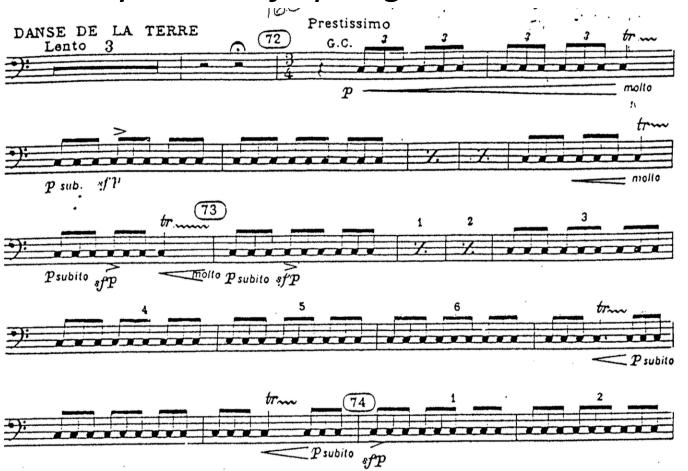
Tchaikovsky – Symphony No. 4





### Muffling Techniques

Stravinsky – Rite of Spring



# **Crash Cymbals**

#### **Fundamental Concepts**

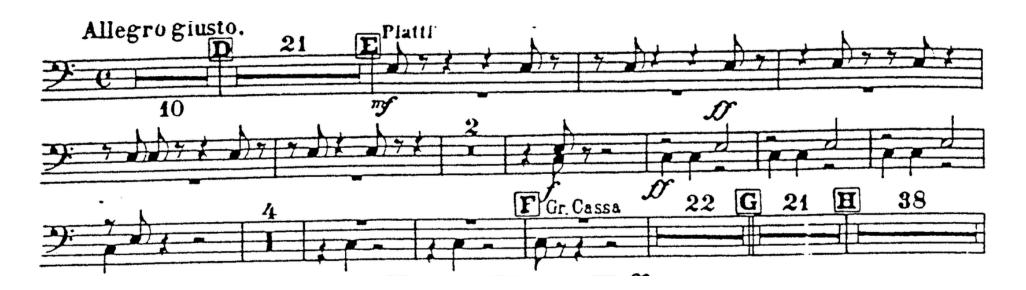
- Cymbals are paired, not matched
- Cymbals need to mix
  - Both hands should be involved
  - Slow stroke
  - Practice "sizzling"

# **Crash Types**

- Cadential
- Muffled
- Repeated
- Soft

### **Crash Types**

Tchaikovsky – Romeo and Juliet





## **Crash Types**

Tchaikovsky – Symphony No. 4





# Suspended Cymbal

#### Choices...

- All cymbals are not equal
- All marimba mallets are not equal

#### Thanks!

# Slides will be posted at: www.adamgroh.com











