JMU MARCHING ROYAL DUKES

2023 BATTERY PERCUSSION

OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 JMU Marching Royal Dukes battery percussion section. Our goal as a staff is to create a positive and fun experience as well as give you a well-rounded education in the world of marching percussion. The exercises in this packet will be used throughout the audition process, with an added marching component on the live audition day.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1st, 2023: Video auditions due

June 24th, 2023: Live audition day

APPROACH

It is important to note that our philosophies are not the right OR wrong way of approaching marching percussion, it is just how we approach it here in the MRDs. In general terms when auditioning, it is important to make sure you are comfortable behind the instrument, play in a natural and relaxed manner to achieve a full sound, and most importantly, have fun!

Please email Shane Roderick at <u>roder2sm@dukes.jmu.edu</u> for any questions regarding this packet and/or auditions.

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INFO. & VIDEO INSTRUCTION

(DUE JUNE 1ST, 2023)

TECHNIQUE

Snare drums use traditional grip.

Tenors and bass drums use matched grip.

Cymbals will have their own section dedicated to technique and video requirements.

GENERAL VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

The video should include your **instrument** and **full body**, with an audible metronome.

The player must mark time to everything. We mark time starting off the left foot.

The whole video can be recorded in separate takes. The staff does ask that you label each exercise on-screen along with the bpm used.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

EXACTLY!

BY INSTRUMENT VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

(TENORS: Please follow around instructions)

Snare Drum/Tenors:

Buzz Grid: 1 rep @ 110 bpm with a release. (Tenors on around)

Decay: 2 reps @ 110 bpm. 8 counts in between the 1st and 2nd reps.

Feet may vary! (Tenors 1 drum 1st rep, around 2nd rep).

<u>T.O.G</u>: 1 rep @ 144 bpm (Tenors 1 drum), 1 rep @ 154 bpm (Tenors around)

JMUPD: 1 rep @ 86 bpm (Tenors 1 drum), 1 rep @ 90 bpm (Tenors around). *PLEASE CHECK THE GIVEN NOTE VALUE TO THESE TEMPOS*

PHLAMS: 1 rep @ 116 bpm. (Tenors on around)

ROADHOUSE: 1 rep @ 164 bpm. (Tenors on around)

EXCERPT: 1 rep @ 138 bpm. (Tenors on around)

Bass Drums:

Buzz Grid: 1 rep @ 110 bpm (Split of drum auditioning on).

<u>Decay</u>: 2 reps @ 110 bpm (1st rep snare part, 2^{nd} rep drum auditioning on).

T.O.G: 1 rep @ 144 bpm, 1 rep @ 154 bpm (Split of drum auditioning on).

JMUPD: 1 rep @ 86 bpm, 1 rep @ 90 bpm (Split of drum auditioning on).

PHLAMS: 1 rep @ 116 bpm (Split of drum auditioning on).

ROADHOUSE: 2 reps @ 164 bpm (1st rep snare drum part up to measure 18, 2nd rep bass part split of drum auditioning on).

EXCERPT: 1 rep @ 138 bpm (Split of drum auditioning on).

CYMBAL TECHNIQUE OVERVIEW:

Because marching cymbals are such a unique and integral color of the battery percussion, we have provided an overview of marching cymbal techniques along with the video requirements.

Set Position:

- Set position is where we hold the cymbals while either standing at "set" or "attention". There are many different positions that the players will use. This is the first thing people see in the lot or at performances. A line by their set positions can tell a lot. We want these to always look the same.

"Set"

- This is the position you will be in when called to "set" by a staff member or section leader. In this position, your arms will be controlled, but you will have to learn to remain relaxed. Cymbals should not rest on your hips.
- Use your fingers to keep the cymbals straight up and down, and just slightly off your hips. Knots should be in line with the seams of your pants.
- Elbows should be back and will bend slightly.
- The shoulders should be relaxed.
- The cymbals must remain perpendicular to the ground and parallel to each other. They must seem straight and not angled if viewed by a spectator.
- Your cymbal straps should be comfortable and not extremely tight.
- We will use off-hand techniques often so try to have the strap more on the loose side than tight.
- You want your hand to take up as much space on the cymbal as you can and have your fingers spread out.

- ** When beginning from attention, the cymbals will be brought up directly to the position of the first note to be played unless otherwise defined. The cymbals will be brought up on beat three before each exercise begins. You will flip up to all positions except the Klank position. For the Klank position the cymbals will be brought straight up while keeping them parallel.**

Playing Positions:

- There are six positions in which the cymbals will be played:
- 1. Horizontal Playing Position
- 2. High Hat Position
- 3. Vertical Playing Position
- 4. Klank Position
- 5. Tap Position
- 6. Zischen/"Scrape" Position
- Horizontal Playing Position:
 - O Cymbals are at a 45-degree angle with the "southeast" edge slightly tilted down. The right cymbal is over top of the left. Cymbals are in the center of your body at waist height. Cymbals should be an inch apart and the edges should be even. Each forearm is at a 45-degree angle. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (Horizontal crashes/crash chokes, Suncoasts)
- High Hat Position:
 - o Cymbals are in the center of the body at waist height with the right over the left. They are pressed together, and the edges should be even. The cymbals should be completely flat, not tilted up or down. The back of the cymbal's edges should be anchored in the belly and played using this area as

a hinge. Think alligator mouth opening and closing. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (High Hat, Dings, Horizontal Sizzles, Sucks)

- Vertical Playing Position:

o Thumbs should be even with your nose. Cymbals should be an inch apart. The cymbals are both at the same height, so the edges should be even. Elbows are slightly out with each forearm at a 45-degree angle. You should be able to see out of the cymbals, however, we should not be able to see the inside of the cymbals from the audience perspective. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (Vertical crashes/crash chokes, V Sizzles)

- Klank Position:

o Cymbals are resting on your hip bones and tilted towards each other. Each cymbal should be at a 45-degree angle. The right cymbal should overlap the left cymbal by one inch. The cymbals should be an inch apart. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (Klank "Tap Choke", Clunk "Muted Tap", Zipper)

- Tap Position:

Left cymbal remains at Vertical Playing Position.
 The right cymbal is at a 45-degree angle, one inch above the left. The right cymbal is the only one that moves. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (Tap, Tap choke, Double Taps)

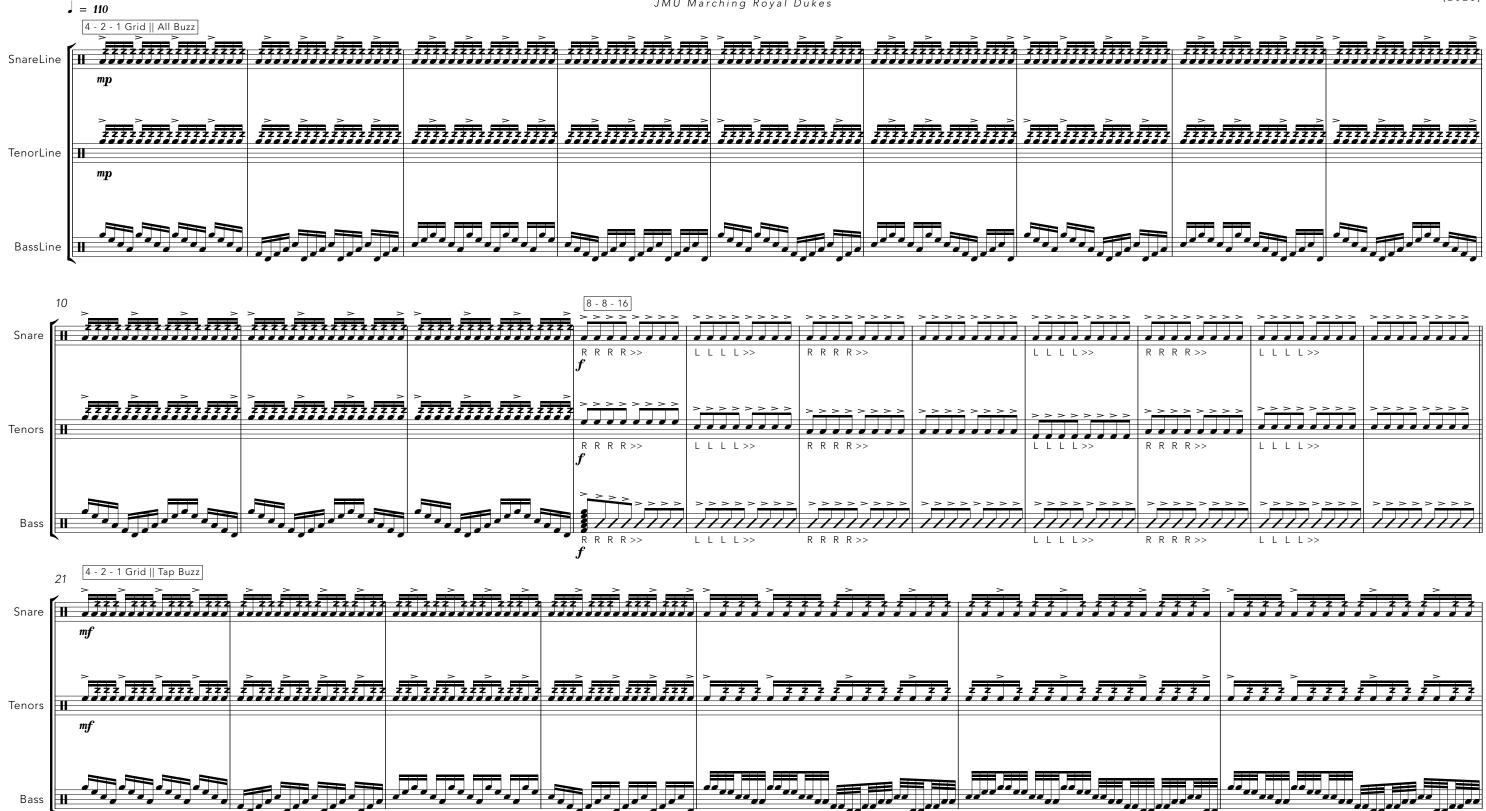
- Zischen or "Scrape" Position:

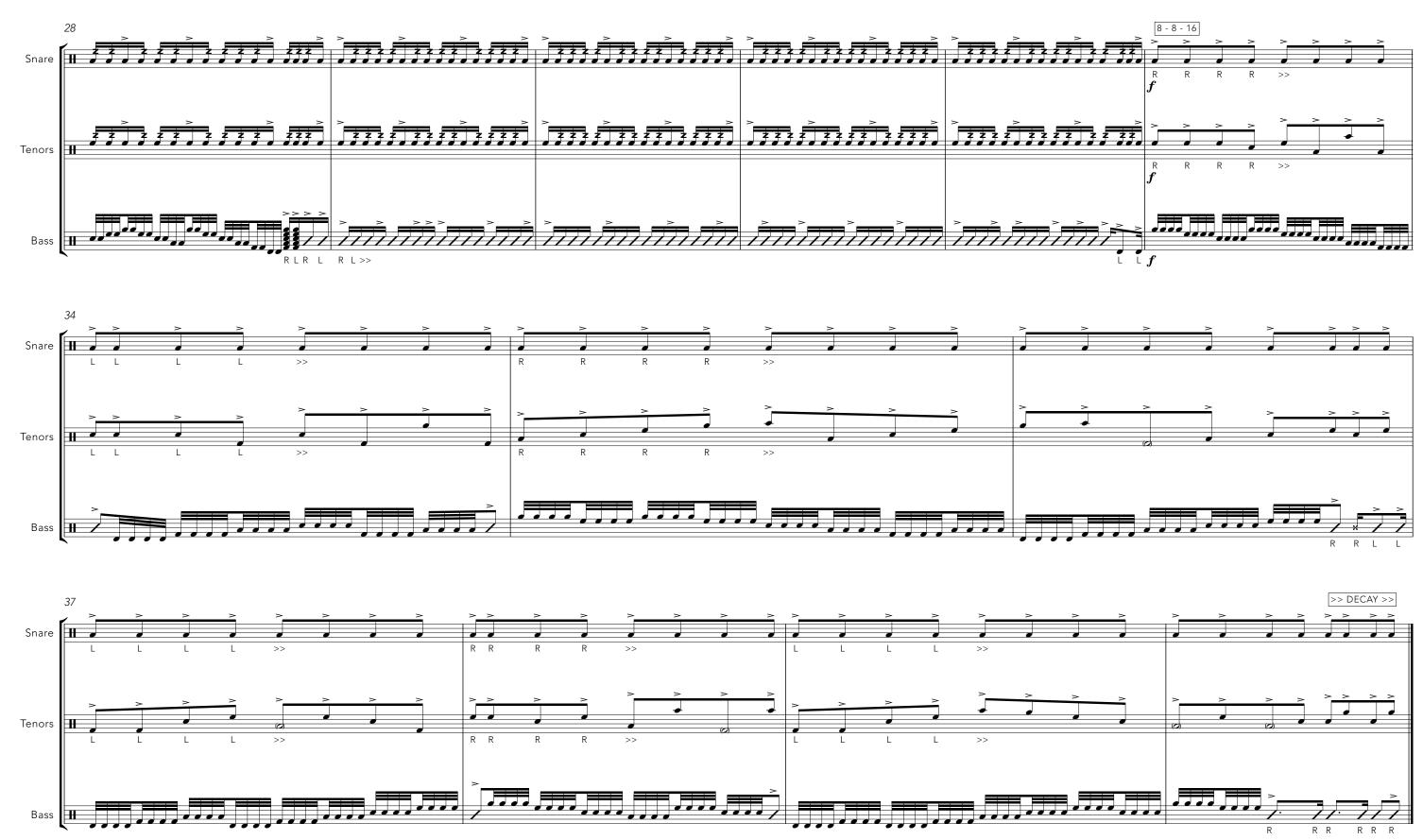
o The left cymbal remains in the Vertical Playing Position. The right cymbal is at a 45-degree angle. The edge of the right cymbal is contacting the left cymbals just above the bell on the inside. Examples of sounds produced with this position: (Scrapes, Whale Calls)

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS – CYMBALS

- **Must demonstrate 8 reps of these techniques in whole notes @
 120 bpm. Please use the links below to reference the techniques
 listed.**
 - Horizontal Crash
 - Horizontal Crash Choke
 - Vertical Crash
 - Vertical Crash Choke
 - Suncoast/Sizzsuck
 - Scrape
 - Tap
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdjoOxCGGZw
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A66Aq7t0hU
- o <u>DECAY</u>: 1 rep @ 110 bpm, playing treble clef E part and middle of the staff part (treble clef B). (**TOP AND UNISON**)
- T.O.G: 1 rep @ 144 bpm, 1 rep @ 154 bpm, playing treble clef C
 part and top line part (treble clef high F)
- o <u>ROADHOUSE</u>: 1 rep @ 164 bpm, stopping at measure 33. Only play Treble clef C part (upper split)
- EXCERPT: 1 rep @ 138 bpm playing BOTTOM part and middle of the staff.
- o CYMBAL AUDITION ETUDE: 1 rep @ 108 bpm.

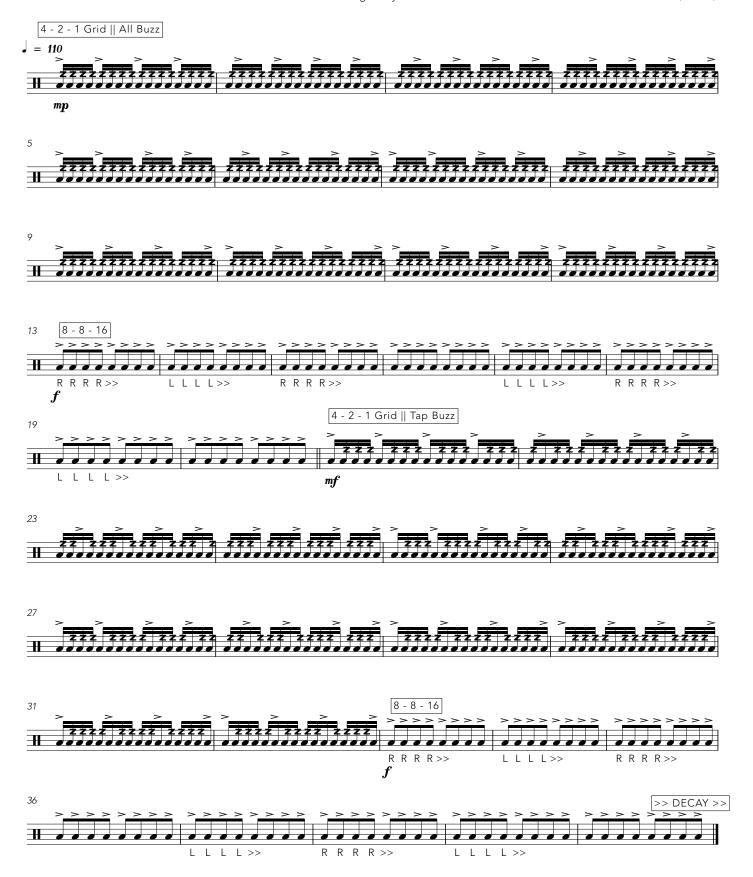
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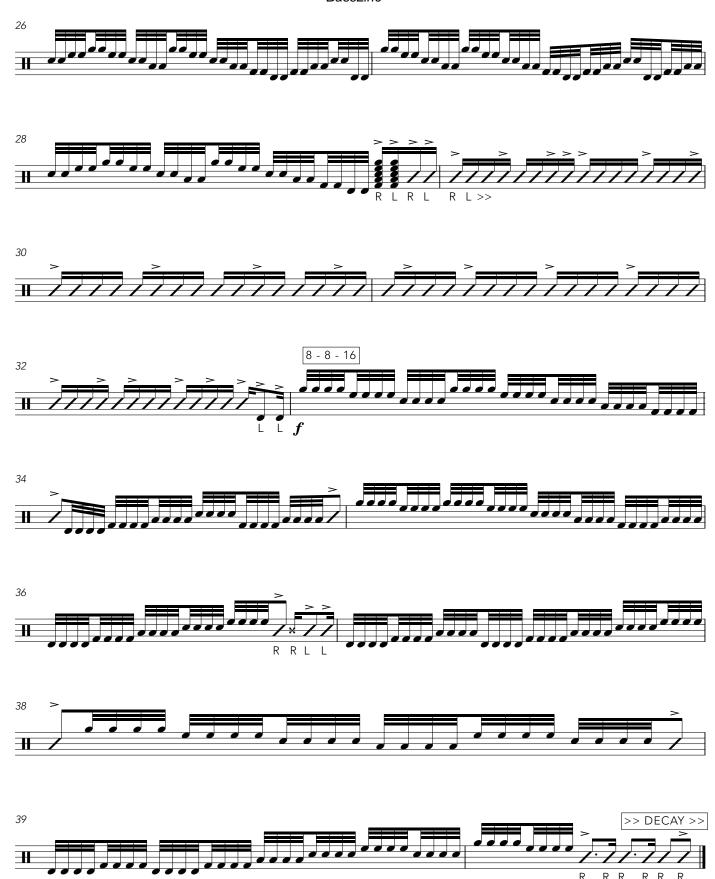
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. = 110 4 - 2 - 1 Grid || All Buzz 17 4 - 2 - 1 Grid || Tap Buzz 24



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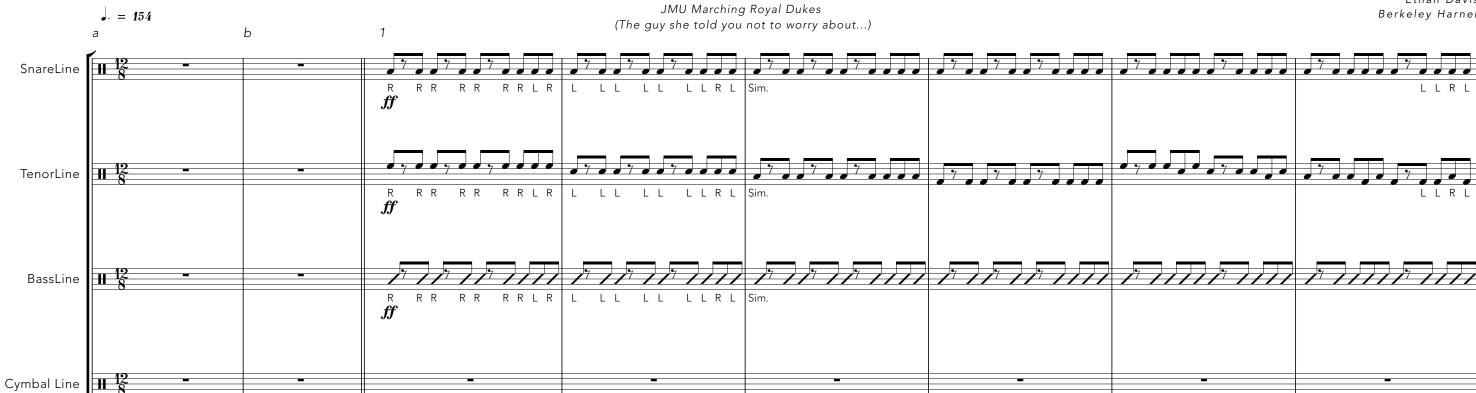


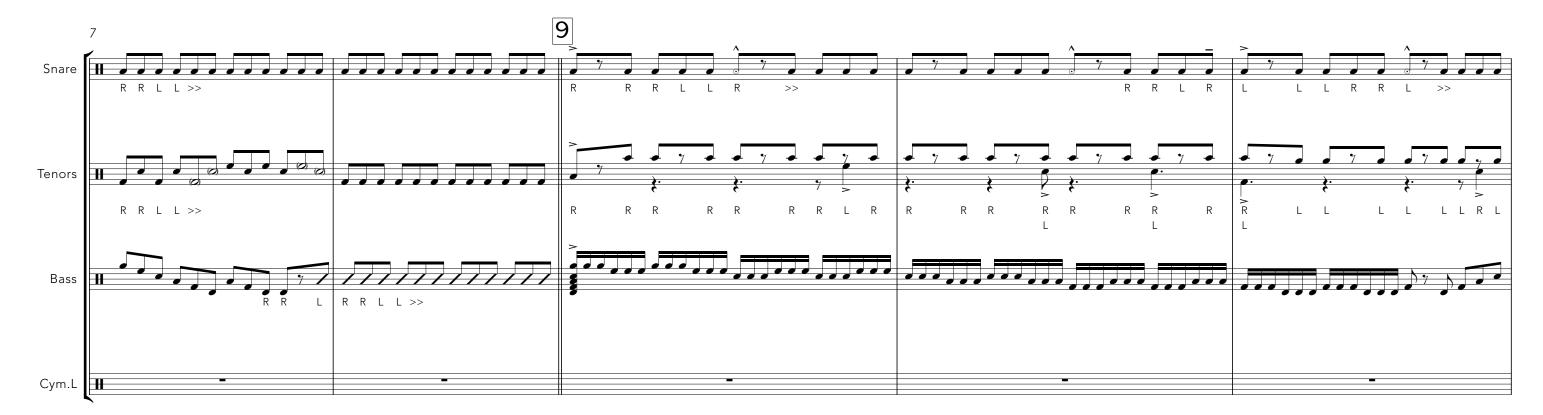
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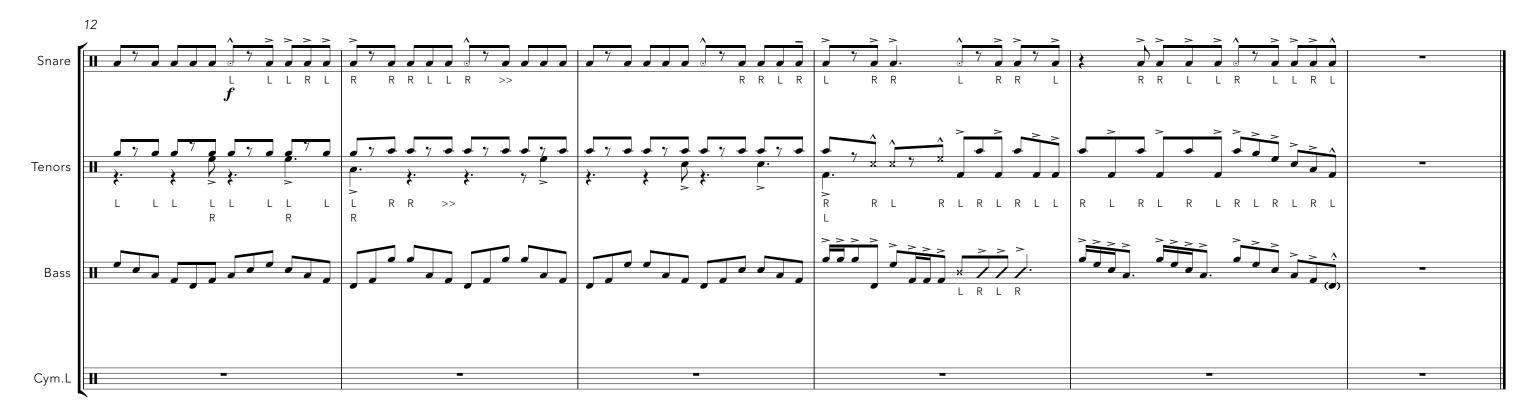
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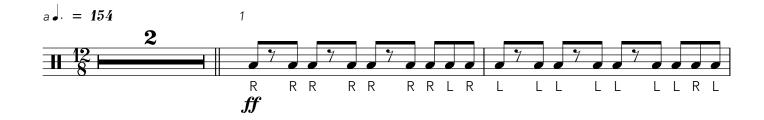




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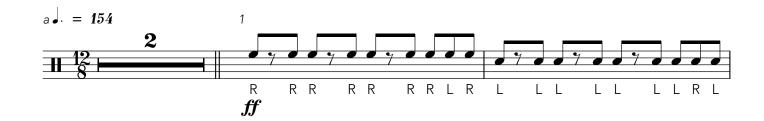




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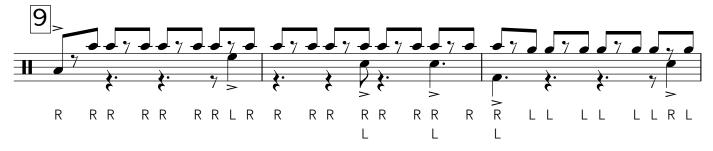
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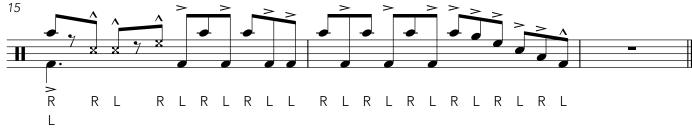










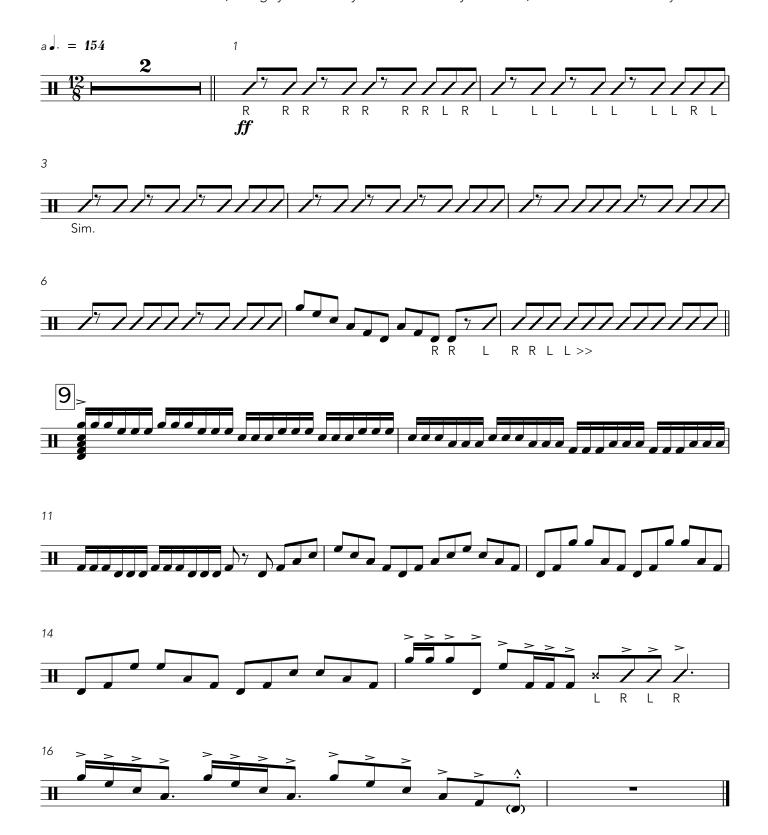


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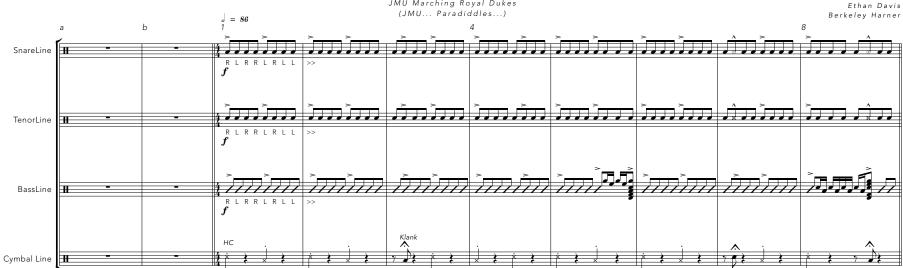
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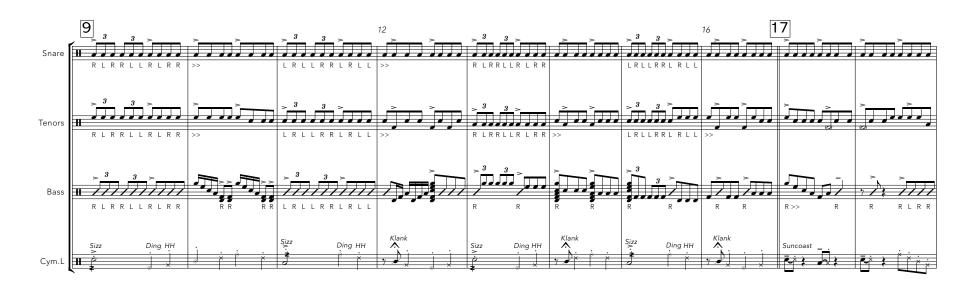
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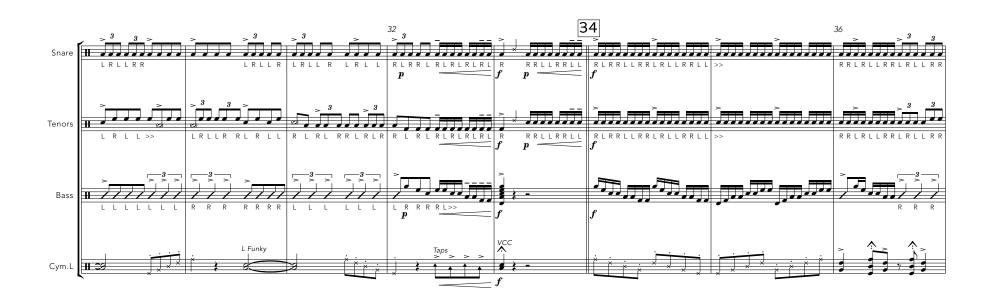
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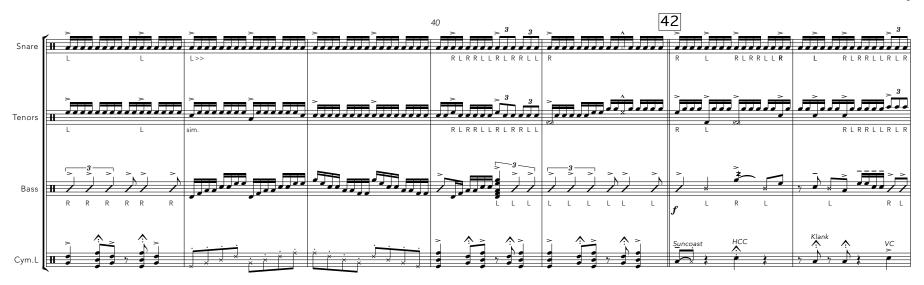
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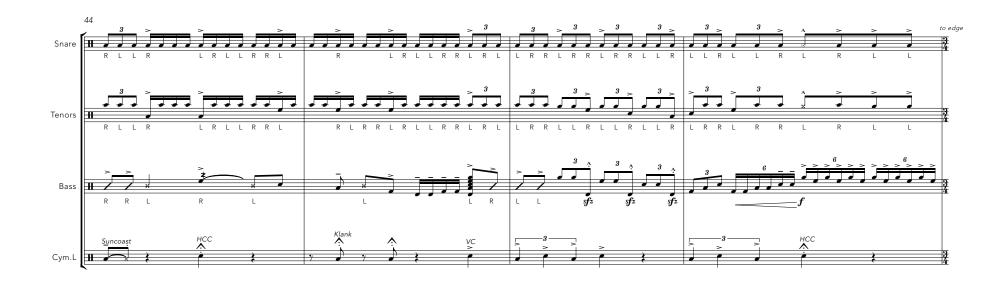


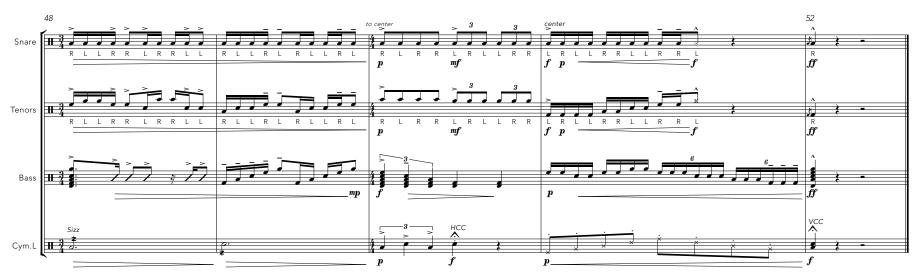








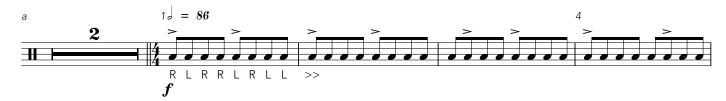




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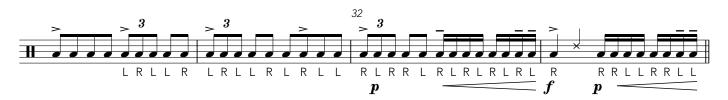


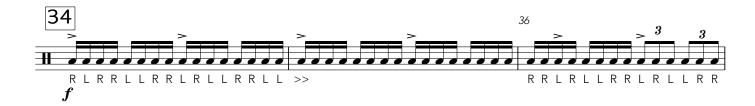






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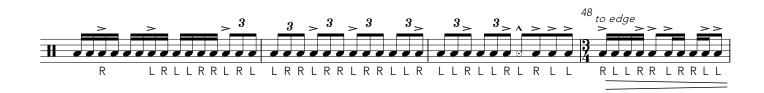


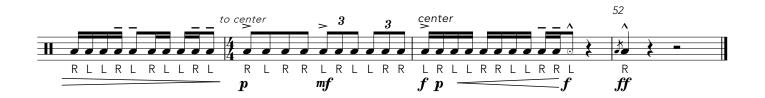












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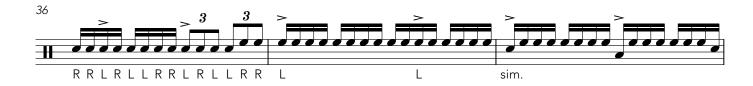
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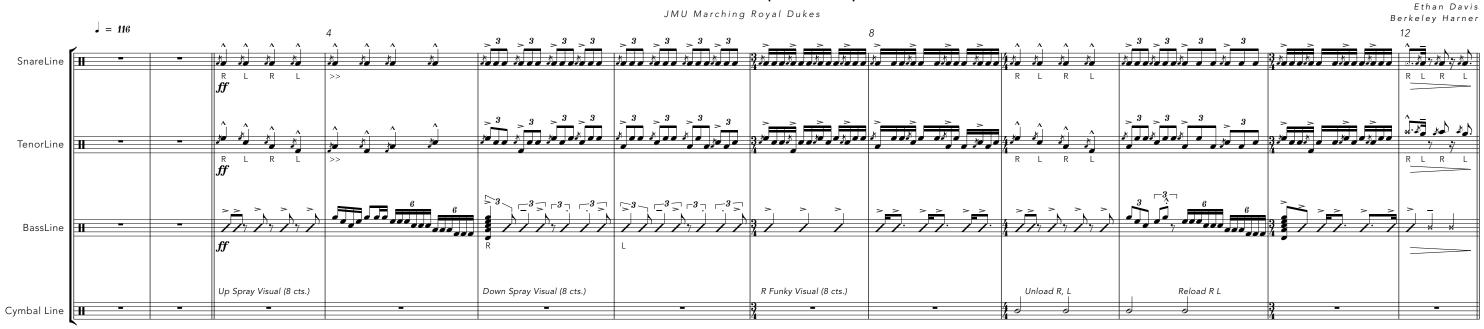


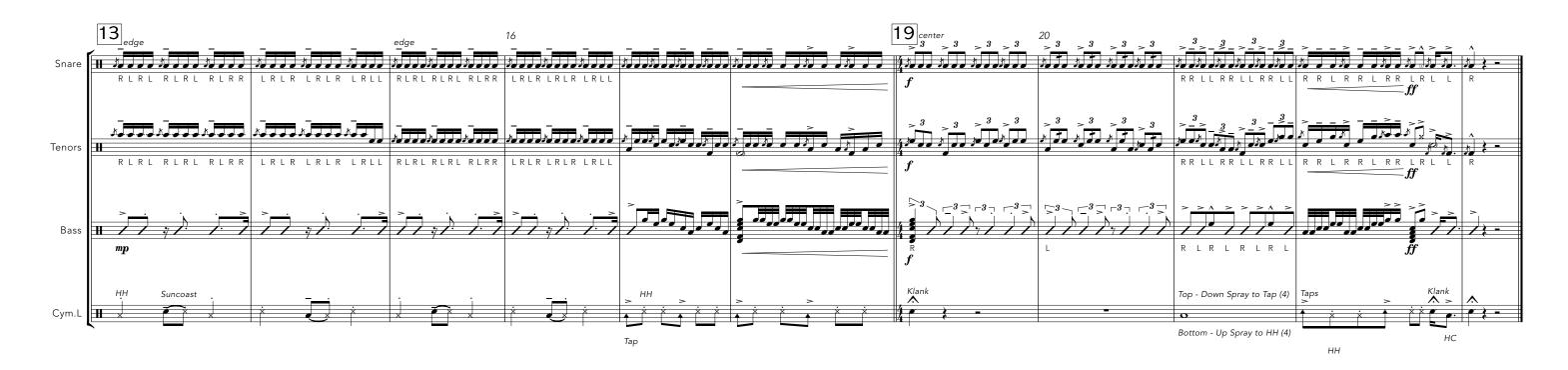
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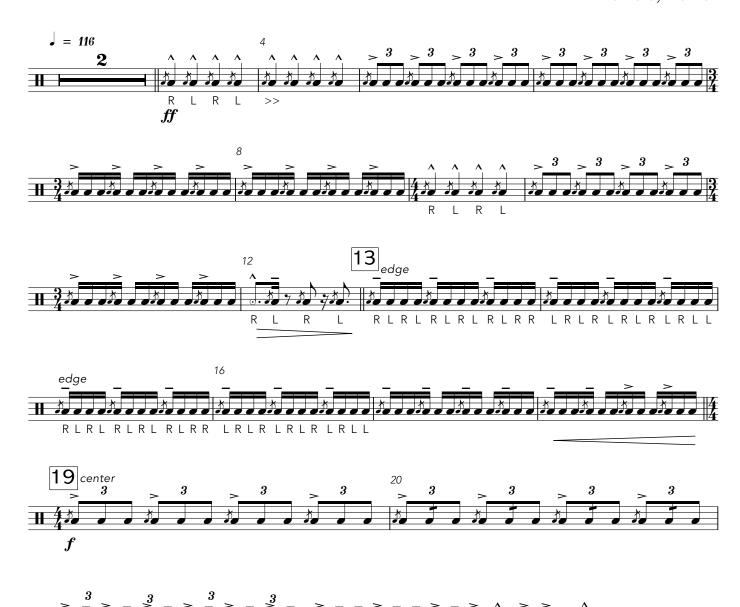
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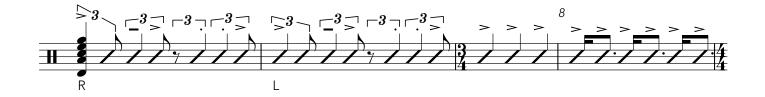
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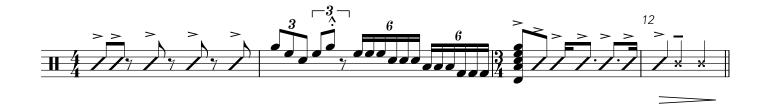
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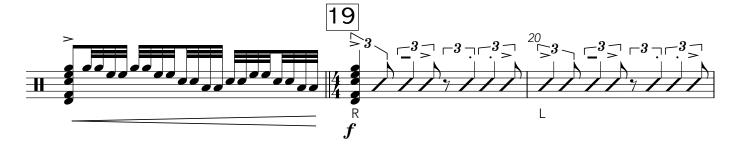
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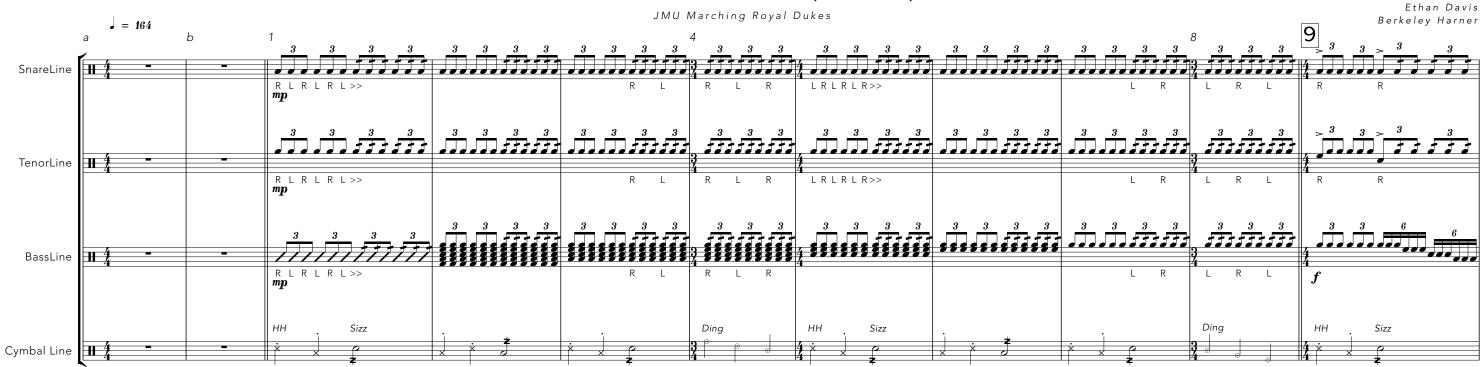


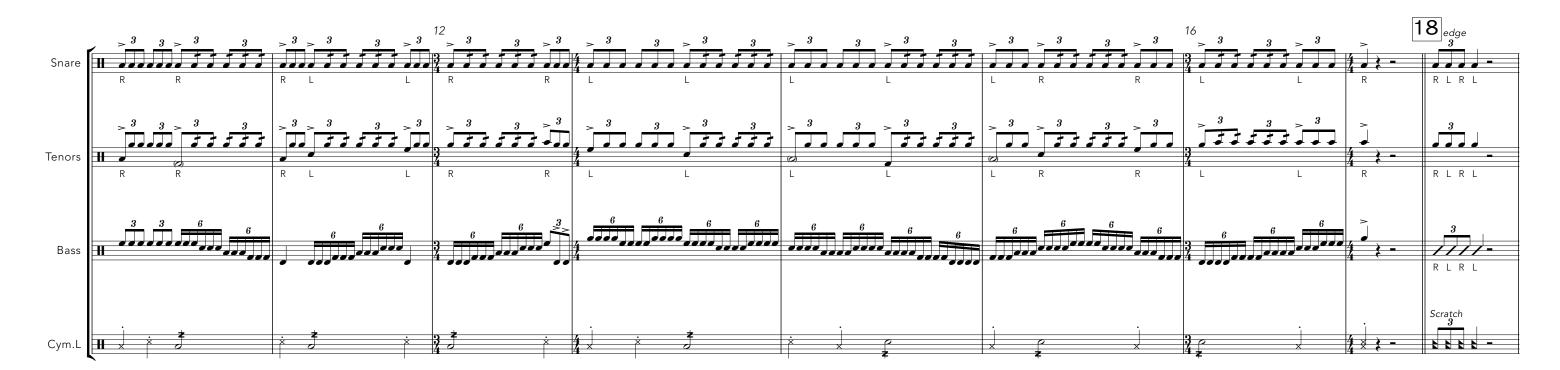


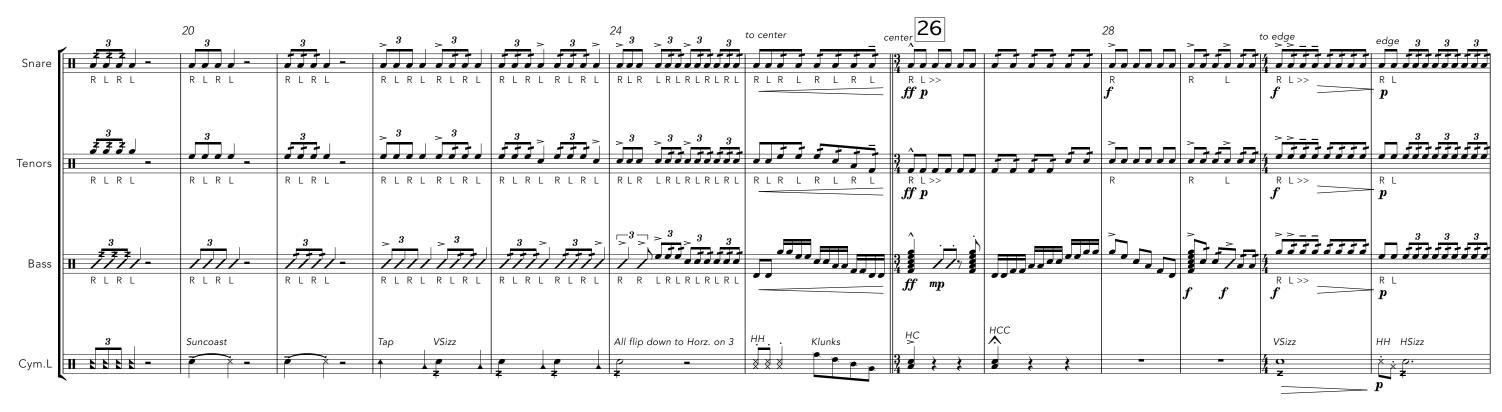


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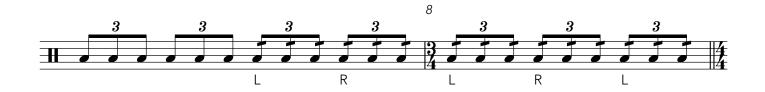
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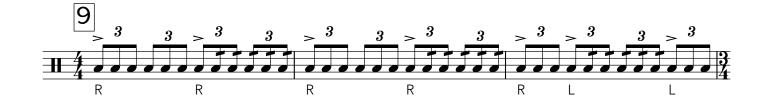
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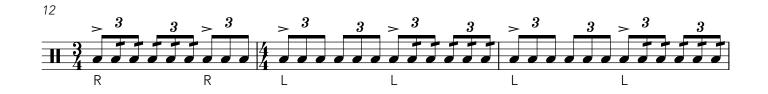
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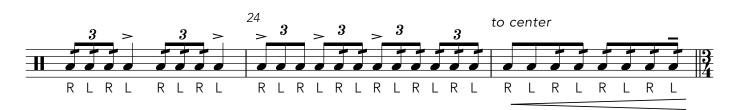


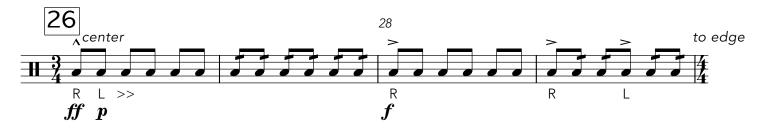




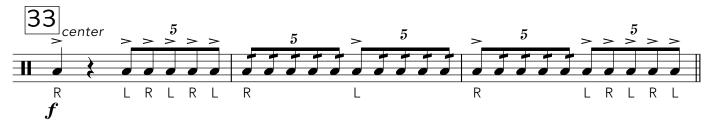
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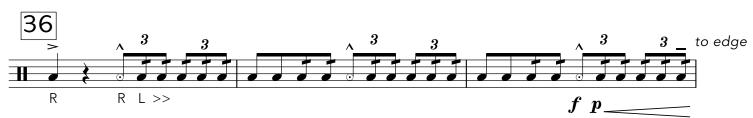


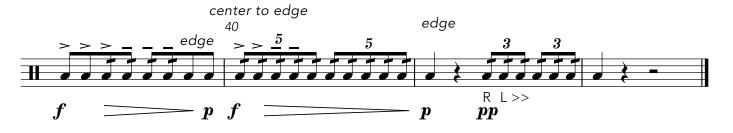








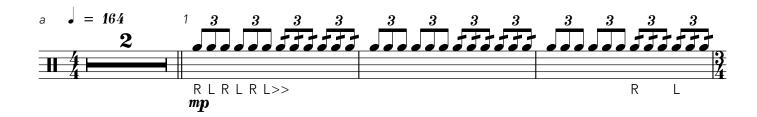




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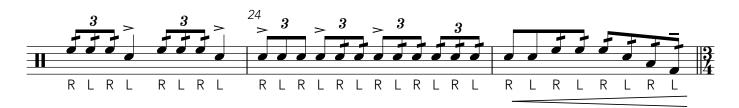


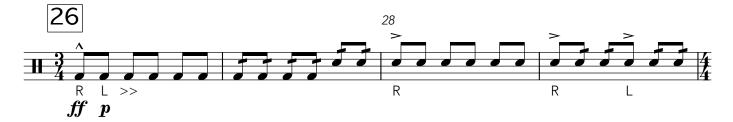


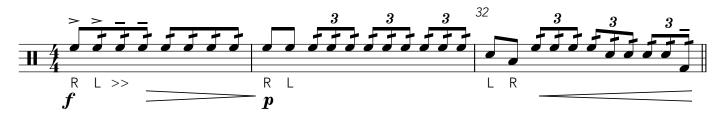


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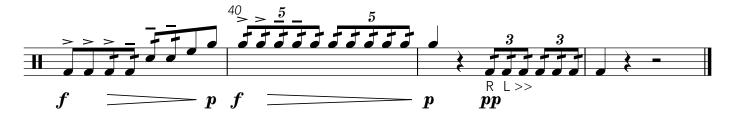






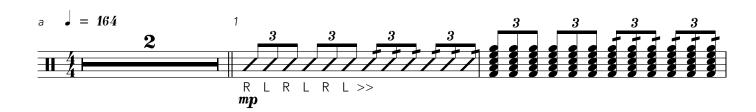


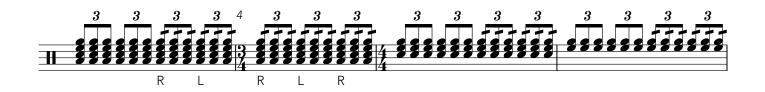


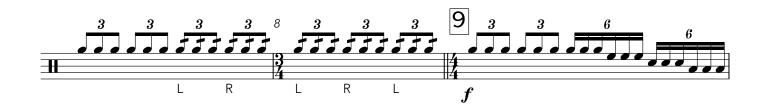


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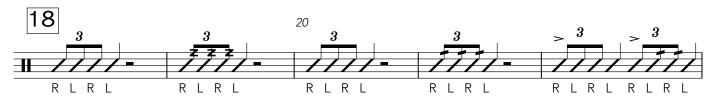






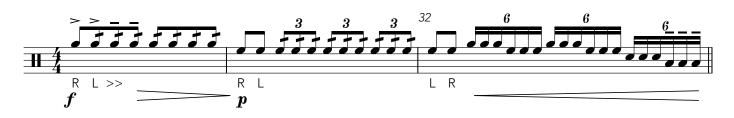


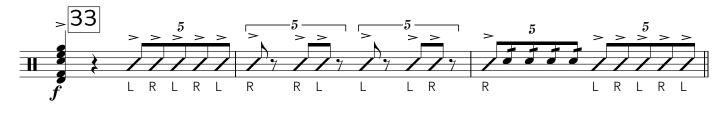


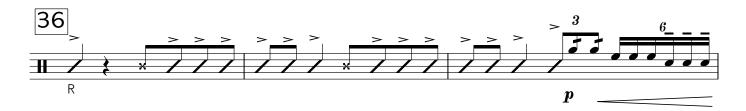












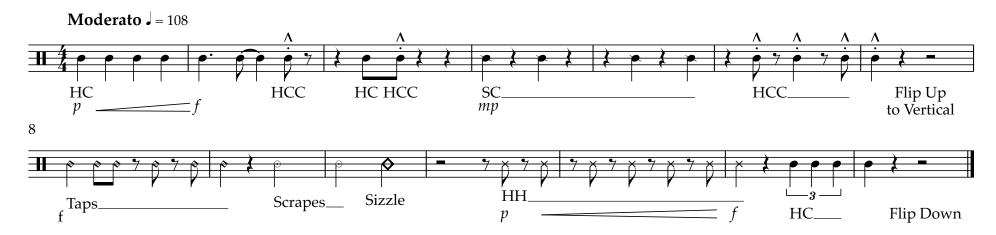


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JMU Cymbal Audition Etude

Berkeley Harner



Technique Abbreviation Key:

HC = Horizontal Crash HCC = Horizontal Crash Choke

SC = Suncoast HH = High Hat

Attention:

Please begin the etude in set position. There should be four beats on the meternome before you begin playing.

Make sure to flip up to the horizontal playing position on the third beat and prep on beat four to begin the etude.

You should also flip down to set position at the end of the etude.

