

Junk Funk

Kevin Mixon

FPS91 INSTRUMENTATION

| Full Score | .1 |
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| Flute | .8 |
| Oboe (opt. Flute 2) | .2 |
| Clarinet 1 in Bb | .4 |
| Clarinet 2 in Bb | .4 |
| Bass Clarinet in Bb | .2 |
| Alto Saxophone in Eb | .5 |
| Tenor Saxophone in Bb | |
| Baritone Saxophone in Eb | .2 |
| Trumpet 1 in Bb | .4 |
| Trumpet 2 in Bb | .4 |
| Horn in F | .4 |
| Trombone, Euphonium B.C., | |
| Bassoon | .6 |
| Euphonium T.C. in Bb | .2 |
| Tuba | |
| Mallet Percussion (Opt.) | .1 |
| Bells | |
| Timpani (Opt.) | .1 |
| Percussion 1 | .2 |
| 3 5-gallon Buckets or 3 Tom-toms, | |
| 30-gallon Plastic Trash Can | |
| with 2 Beaters or Bass Drum | |
| Percussion 2 | .2 |
| Suspended Metal Trash Can Lid | |
| or Suspended Cymbal, Cowbell | |

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Program Notes

This piece features plastic cans and buckets used by street performers in large cities such as New York City and Washington D. C. These musicians often play in a style called "go-go drumming", which originated as a type of hip-hop music.

The "junk" instruments called for are five-gallon (paint or pickle) buckets available at most hardware stores, large (thirty-gallon or so) garbage cans common in schools, and a suspended metal trash-can lid. However, you can also use traditional percussion instruments or a combination of "junkyard" and traditional instruments. The bell and timpani parts are optional because there should be as many players on the "junk" instruments as possible.

Five-gallon buckets and trash cans can be played upside down and resting on the floor. Some performers tilt the fivegallon buckets forward with their feet and legs while seated, a technique used with other large hand drums when no stand is available. However, to bring out the most resonance and allow for optimal playing height, instruments can be suspended on cement or wood blocks, or instrument stands. You can place the thirty-gallon cans at an angle over the backs of most school chairs, as the height and tilt of the can should be acceptable.

Five-gallon buckets can be played with medium or large (marching) sticks, but playing on the rims will wear them down faster than normal use, so use inexpensive sticks! Felt bass-drum mallets can be used for the plastic garbage cans, but this can be costly for multiple players with two mallets each. The butt ends of large (marching) snare sticks will also work for the large cans. However, for more resonance, you can also duct-tape cloth to wooden dowels.

Stay close to the medium tempo as much as possible. To help bring out the melody when played by the woodwinds, have as many 1st clarinets play the optional higher part. Wind players are often shy when it comes to foot stomps and hollers, but explain to them that it is important for them to perform with as much spirit as the percussion to really sell your performance. This piece was written to advance playing skills, but in a way that will allow for much showmanship. So, have fun as you raise the roof!

About the Composer

Kevin Mixon was an instrumental music teacher for several years and is currently the Director of Fine Arts for the Syracuse City School District, New York. He is in frequent demand as a conductor and clinician for festivals and conferences such as the International Society for Music Education Convention, The Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, Music Educators National Conference events, and state and regional music conferences. He holds degrees, summa cum laude, from Onondaga Community College, State University of New York at Oswego, Syracuse University, and University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). Several of his articles have appeared in Music Educators Journal, Teaching Music, The Instrumentalist, and The National Band Association Journal. He is author of Reaching and Teaching All Instrumental Music Students and co-author of Teaching Music in the Urban Classroom (both MENC/ Rowman & Littlefield Publications). Mr. Mixon is also an accomplished composer and arranger with several published works for band and orchestra.





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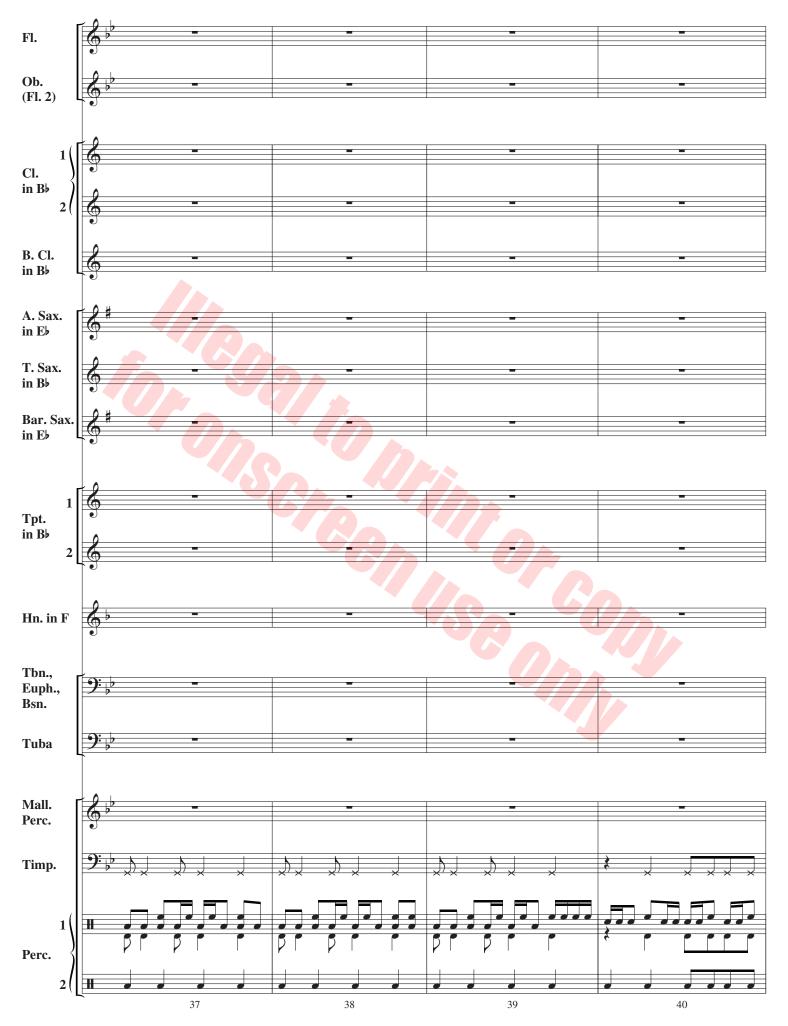






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