

EXLASEGA

**For Improvisatory Concert Band
or Wind Ensemble**

Trombones

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For the Flexible Orchestra, 2006.

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The nonpercussion instruments are divided into three teams: A B and C, which trade pitches at every rehearsal number of the score. There are three trombones and one clarinet in each team.

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Clarinets, after their initial solos, are rotated out of the melody. They then take turns doubling the mallet percussion parts in staccato. When not doing so, they may become free agents and occasionally ad lib commentary on the trombone parts, rejoining the melody solos at letter 20. Part I ends with a clarinet trio.

In Part II, the trombones perform the chordal changes based on the sequence of triads on the numbered measures of Part I. Although metered, this part should flow smoothly with no accenting of downbeats. The melodies pull in toward the center and lower register, become quieter, end with the drone note.

As a general instruction, all players can perform their written notes in any octave, and can also take breaks whenever needed.

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PART 1

Metered measure

♩ = 60

Clarinet A

Clarinet B

Clarinet C

Mallets1

Bass Drum

mp

mp

mp

mp

7

1

2

Trom A1

7

1

2

7

1

2

M1

7

1

2

bd

13 3 4

A

B Trom B1 3 4

C 3 4

M1 3 4

bd 3 4

19 5 5 5

A Trom A2 5

B 5

C Trom C1 5

M1 5

bd 5

Clar A out

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3

25

A1 out

Trom B2

Clar B out

6

M1

M2

bd

6

6

6

30

7

8

Trom A3

B1 out

8

8

Trom C2

Clar C out

8

C1 out

8

M1

M2

bd

7

7

7

8

8

8

Exlasega

4

37

A

37

B

37

C

9

A2 out

Trom B3

9

9

M1

37

Clar C

9

M2

37

Clar A

9

bd

37

42

10

A

42

10

B

42

10

C

11

Trom A1

B2 out

Trom C3

11

C2 out

11

M1

42

10

11

Clar B

11

M2

42

10

11

bd

42

10

11

49

A

49

B

49

C

12

A3 out

12

Trom B1

12

M1

49

M2

49

bd

12

Clar C

12

12

53

A

53

B

53

C

13

B3 out

13

Trom C1

53

M1

53

M2

53

bd

13

Clar A

13

Clar B

13

Exlasega

6

58

(14)

Trom A2

(15)

A1 out

(14)

(15)

Trom B2

(14)

C3 out

58

(14)

M1

(15)

58

(14)

M2

Clar C

(15)

58

(14)

bd

(15)

65

(16)

A

65

(16)

B

B1 out

65

(16)

Trom C2

65

(16)

M1

65

(16)

M2

Clar A

Clar B

65

(16)

bd

70 (17) Trom A3

A

70 (17)

B

70 (17)

C

C1 out

18 (18) A2 out

18 (18) Trom B3

M1

70 (17)

M2

70 (17)

bd

70 (17)

Clar C

18 (18)

18 (18)

18 (18)

77 (19)

A

77 (19)

B

77 (19) B2 out

77 (19) Trom C3

C

77 (19)

M1

77 (19)

M2

77 (19)

bd

77 (19)

Clar A

19 (19)

19 (19)

19 (19)

Clar B

94 (23) Trom A2 / A3 Clar A (24)

A

94 (23) (24) Trom B2 / B3 Clar B

B

94 (23) (24)

C

C3 out

94 (23) (24)

M1

94 (23) (24) Clar C

M2

94 (23) (24)

bd

101 (25)

A

101 (25)

B

101 (25) Trom C2 / C3 Clar C

C

101 (25)

M1

101 (25) Clar A

M2

101 (25)

bd

Exlasega

109 27

A

109 27

B Trom B3 / B1 / B2

109 27

C

109 27

M1 Clar B

109 27

M2 Clar C

109 27

bd

113

A

B

C

28

Hold through Clarinet Trio

Clarinet A

Clarinet B

Clarinet C

113

Clar C

M1

113

Clar A

M2

113

bd

28

Hold through Clarinet Trio

28

Hold through Clarinet Trio

28

Hold through Clarinet Trio

117

A

B

C

120

A

B

C

Clar A

Clar B

Clar C

TB A1

TB A2

TB A3

TB B1

TB B2

TB B3

Tb C1

TB C2

Mallets

Drums

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

f

fp

Crescendo

ff

Clar A

Clar B

Clar C

TB A1

TB A2

TB A3

TB B1

TB B2

TB B3

C2

TB C2

M

Dr

This musical score is for a section titled "Exlasega - part 2", page 14. It features a variety of instruments: Clarinet A, Clarinet B, Clarinet C, Trombone A1, Trombone A2, Trombone A3, Trombone B1, Trombone B2, Trombone B3, Contrabass (C2), Trombone C2, Mellophone (M), and Drums (Dr). The score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The music is divided into measures, with a repeat sign (double bar line with dots) appearing in measures 12 and 31. The instruments are arranged in a vertical stack, with Clarinet A at the top and Drums at the bottom. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (e.g., ff).

Clar A

Clar B

Clar C

TB A1

TB A2

TB A3

TB B1

TB B2

TB B3

C2

TB C2

M

Dr

20

Clar A

20

Clar B

20

Clar C

20

TB A1

20

TB A2

20

TB A3

20

TB B1

20

TB B2

20

TB B3

20

C2

20

TB C2

20

M

20

Dr

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a band, specifically page 15 of 'Exlasega - part 2'. The score is written for 12 instruments: Clarinet A, Clarinet B, Clarinet C, Trombone A1, Trombone A2, Trombone A3, Trombone B1, Trombone B2, Trombone B3, C2, Trombone C2, and M (Music). The drum part is labeled 'Dr'. The music is in 4/4 time and features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into two systems, each starting at measure 20. The first system (measures 20-23) shows the instruments playing various melodic and harmonic lines. The second system (measures 24-27) features a change in the instrumentation, with some instruments playing sustained notes or rests. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, beams, and dynamic markings.

26

Clar A

26

Clar B

26

Clar C

26

TB A1

26

TB A2

26

TB A3

26

TB B1

26

TB B2

26

TB B3

26

C2

26

TB C2

26

M

26

Dr

Detailed description: This musical score page, titled 'Exlasega - part 2', is numbered 16. It contains staves for various instruments. The Clarinet section (Clar A, B, C) features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, including a comma-like breath mark above the first measure. The Tubas are divided into three groups: TB A1, A2, A3; TB B1, B2, B3; and TB C2. TB A1 and A2 play sustained notes with a final half-note tied to the next page. TB A3 has a tremolo effect in the first measure and rests thereafter. TB B1, B2, and B3 play sustained notes with various phrasing marks. TB C2 has a tremolo in the first measure and rests. The Mellophone (M) and Drums (Dr) are marked with a percentage sign (%) in the first measure of each staff, indicating a specific playing technique or cue. The score is written in a key with two flats and a 4/4 time signature.

31

Clar A

31

Clar B

31

Clar C

31

TB A1

31

TB A2

31

TB A3

31

TB B1

31

TB B2

31

TB B3

31

C2

31

TB C2

31

M

31

Dr