

Gifford Howarth

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The Total Spectrum of Marimba Repertoire

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With the amazing increase of solo marimba playing that is taking place at the high school level, it is important for instructors and teachers to have a repertoire list that will help develop their students' 4-mallet technique. There are thousands of pieces written or arranged for the marimba, and it can be a little overwhelming choosing pieces to play. Below you will find a list of repertoire that can help the player gradually move from beginning level works to more advanced works. This is by no means a complete list. This list will take the educator from the students' first 4-mallet pieces, to college audition material, and beyond. Below are also suggested mallets to be used for each piece. Mallets are a very "personal" decision with many differences including birch or rattan shaft, so the list below is simply a suggested list.

YAMAHA Mallet Guide:

<u>University Series</u>	Professional Mallets Series	<u>Virtuoso Series</u>
(birch shaft)	(special birch shaft/multi tone)	(birch-MV/B or rattan-MV shaft)
KYB-51; Extra hard	MP-01; Medium hard-hard	MV/B-4010; Hard
KYB-52; Medium	MP-02; Medium-medium hard	MV/B-4030; Medium soft
KYB-54; Soft	MP-03; Medium soft-medium	MV/B-4040; Soft
KYB-55; Extra soft	MP-04; Soft-medium soft	MV/B-6040; Soft
KYB-82; Two-tone; Med. soft	MP-05; Extra soft-soft	MV/B-6050; Very soft
KYB-84; Two-tone; Med. hard		MV/B-8040; Medium soft
MTB-10; Two-tone/Birch		MV/B-8060; Very soft
MTR-10: Two-tone/Rattan		MV/B-8080; Extra soft



BEGINNING LITERATURE

<u>Composer/Title</u>	<u>Arranger</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	Suggested Mallets
Yellow After the Rain	Mitchell Peters	M. Peters	MP-02,KYB-53
Sea Refractions	Mitchell Peters	M. Peters	MP-03,KYB-54
Mbira Song	A. Gomez/Rife	Southern Music	MP-02,KYB-53
Marimba Flamenca	A. Gomez/Rife	Southern Music	KYB-52/53
Elegy	Gordon Stout	Studio 4	MP-04,KYB-54
Bach for Marimba	S.Bach/Moore	Kendor Music	MP-02/03/04,KYB-53
Six Caprices for Guitar	M. Carcassi/Howarth	Ghowarth Pub.	MP-02/03
Three Preludes	Ney Rosauro	Southern	MP-02,KYB-53,MV-4030
Cello Suites (selected mvmts.)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-04,MV-6040/6050
Violin Sonatas and Partitas(sm)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030

BEGINNING +

<u>Composer/Title</u>	<u>Arranger</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	Suggested Mallets
Rain Dance	A. Gomez/Rife	Southern Music	MP-02,KYB-52,MV-4020
Scenes from Mexico	A. Gomez/Rife	Southern Music	MP-03,KYB-53
Tune For Mary O	Rich O'Meara	Marimba Prod	MP-02/03,KYB-53/54
Restless	Rich O'Meara	Marimba Prod.	MP-03,KYB-53,MV-4040
Reverie	Gordon Stout	Studio 4	MP-03/04,MV-4030/6040
Etude Op. 6 No. 8	C. Omar Musser	Studio 4	MP-02,MV-4020/4030
Etude Op. 6 No. 9	C. Omar Musser	Studio 4	MV-4010/4020,MP-01
Etude Op. 6 No. 10	C. Omar Musser	Studio 4	MV-4010/4020,MP-01
Six Mile Creek	Gus Burghdorf	C. Alan	MP-01/02,MV-4030
Hymn for an Angelic Child	Gus Burghdorf	C. Alan	MP-04, MV-6050
Etude for a Quite Hall	Christopher Deane	C. Deane	MP-01,MTB-10
Contemporary Marimba Solos	Bill Molenhof	Honeyrock	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030
Cello Suites (selected mvmts.)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-04,MV-6040/6050
Violin Sonatas and Partitas(sm)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030





INTERMEDIATE

<u>Composer/Title</u>	<u>Arranger</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	Suggested Mallets
Rhythm Song	Paul Smadbeck	Marimba Prod.	KYB-84,MP-01,MV-4030
Virginia Tate	Paul Smadbeck	Smadbeck	MP-04,MV-8040/8060
Footpath	Dave Samuels	Orient Point	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030
Cavatina	S. Myers/Howarth	Ghowarth Pub.	MP-02/05,MV-6040/8060
Astral Dance	Gordon Stout	Studio 4	MP-01,KYB-52,MV-4040
Ghanaia	Matthias Schmitt	Zimmerman	MP-02/03,MV-4030
Frogs	Keiko Abe	Studio 4	KYB-82,MV-4010/4020
Requerdos de la Alhambra	Francisco Tarrega	(numerous arr.)	MP-02/05,MV-6040/8060
Baroque Suite	Daniel Levitan	M. Baker	MP-03,MV-8040
Estudio #1,2,3	Murray Houllif	Permus	MP-01,KYB-52/53
Gordon's Bicycle	Kevin Bobo	Studio 4	MP-01,MV-4020/4030
Four Movements for Marimba	Michael Burritt	Ludwig	MP-02,MV-4030/4040
October Night	Michael Burritt	Ludwig	MP-02,KYB-53,MV-4030
Michi for Marimba	Keiko Abe	Music for Perc.	MP-03/04,MV-6050/8040
November Evening	Christopher Norton	Innovative Perc	MP-01,MV-4030/4040
Suite Popular Brasiliera	Ney Rosauro	Music for Perc.	MP-01/02,MV-4030/4040
Suite For Marimba	Alfred Fissinger	Percussion Arts	KYB-52/53,MP-01
Cello Suites (selected mvmts.)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-04,MV-6040/6050
Violin Sonatas and Partitas(sm)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030





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Polaris	Mark Ford	Innovative Perc	MP-01/02,MV-4030
Caritas	Michael Burritt	Marimba Prod.	MP-01/02
Two Mexican Dances	Gordon Stout	Studio 4	MP-04
Leyenda (Asturius)	Isaac Albeniz	(numerous arr.)	MP-01,MV-4030
Dream of the Cherry Blossoms	Keiko Abe	Zimmerman	MV-4020
The Kudu	Thom Hasenpflug	M. Baker	MP-01/02,MV-4040
Four Episodes for Marimba	Gordon Stout	Studio 4	MP-02/03/04
Two Movements for Marimba	Toshimitsu Tanaka	Ongaku	MV-4010,MTB-10
Four Rotations	Eric Sammut	Marimba Prod.	MP-01/02/03/04
Album for the Young	Tschaikovsky/Stevens	Marimba Prod.	MV-6040/0605,MP-03
Dance of Redemption	David Gillingham	C. Alan	MTB-10,MV-4020/4030
Three Shells	Christopher Deane	Innovative Perc	MP-01/02/03
Cello Suites (selected mvmts.)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-04,MV-6040/6050
Violin Sonatas and Partitas(sm)	J.S.Bach	(numerous)	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030

ADVANCED

Composer/Title	<u>Arranger</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	Suggested Mallets
Velocities	Joseph Schwantner	Helicon Music	MTB-10,
Merlin	Andrew Thomas	Margun Music	MTB-10(1st),MP-01(2nd)
Shadow Chasers	Michael Burritt	C. Alan	MP-01,MV-4030
Of Wind and Water	Dave Hollinden	C. Alan	MP-01/02,MTB-10
Rhythmic Caprice	Leigh Howard Stevens	Marimba Prod.	MP-01/02,MV-4020/4030
Variations on Lost Love	David Maslanka	Marimba Prod.	MP-02/03
Northern Lights	Eric Ewanzen	M. Baker	MP-02/03,MV-4040/6040
Azure	Michael Burritt	Marimba Prod.	MTB-10,MP-01
My Lady White	David Maslanka	Marimba Prod.	MP-01/02,MV-4030/4040
Rhapsody for Marimba	John Serry	Marimba Prod.	MP-01/02
Reflections on the Nature of Water	Jacob Druckman	Boosey&Hawk.	MP-01/02,MTB-10,MV-4010
Dances of Earth and Fire	Peter Klatzow	PM Europe/Honeyrock	MTB-10,MV-4020
Great Wall	Leigh Howard Stevens	Marimba Prod.	MP-03/04,MV-6040
Sedimental Structures	Gordon Stout	Marimba Prod.	MP-02/03,MV-4040



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