BREAKING THE DOUBLER BARRIER: USING SY BRANDON’S DIVERTISSEMENT

TO DEMONSTRATE A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO PERFORMING

MULTIPLE WOODWIND WORKS

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CHAPTER 1

BACKGROUND OF \textit{DIVERTISSEMENT}

Introduction

Multiple woodwind performance is a field that provides additional resources to composers who want the freedom of utilizing a variety of woodwind colors using only one performer. This kind of specialized writing requires a performer who possesses special training. Multiple woodwind specialists are generally people who are proficient in flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, oboe, and bassoon, as well as the related instruments such as piccolo, English horn, contra bassoon, E-flat clarinet, and soprano, tenor, and baritone saxophone.

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The increase in commissions for multiple woodwinds doublers and specialists shows growing demand for this medium. Composers and musical enthusiasts are establishing new and improved ways of revitalizing and showcasing the ancient practice of multiple woodwind performance. Rarely does one find woodwind musicians who play every possible instrument from the entire woodwind family, including their auxiliary instruments.

Brandon’s woodwind arrangement of Divertissement provides multiple woodwind specialists an opportunity to demonstrate high artistry on these instruments. The original version of Divertissement is a trio that features oboe, piano, and percussion. Brandon’s

1 “About Sy Brandon,” Co-op Press/Emeritus Recordings, last modified 2010, accessed January 10, 2014, http://www.cooppress.net/page1/page1.html. Composer Sy Brandon, professor emeritus of music from Millersville University, Millersville, PA, has received numerous commissions and honors, including first place in WITF-FM’s 25th Anniversary Composition Contest, the El Dorado Sacred Music Composition Contest, Franklin and Marshall College’s Wind Ensemble Composition Contest, and the New England String Ensemble Composition Contest. In 2010, he received a commission from the Arizona Commission on the Arts to compose the band composition to celebrate Arizona’s Centennial. His music has been recorded by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonia Bulgarica, the Kiev Philharmonic, and has been performed both throughout the United States and abroad including performances by the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force bands and on NPR’s Performance Today. He is the author of “A Composer’s Guide to Understanding Music with Activities for Listeners, Interpreters, and Composers”.


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modified woodwind arrangement of his original work features six movements. The first five movements involve the following order of instruments: flute, alto saxophone, bassoon, clarinet, and oboe. The woodwind version of the sixth movement requires the use of all listed instruments and the piccolo. The woodwind arrangement of this work caters to musicians who possess talents on single instruments, and multiple woodwind instruments. The organization and difficulty of this work makes it captivating and unique.

For this dissertation, the research concerning Divertissement comes from Sy Brandon’s, Composing Insights blog, and Bret Pimentel’s, Woodwind Doublings blog. Pimentel also provides an extensive list of music that proves useful for woodwind doublers referencing other multiple woodwind works. Important and current text sources for gaining thorough knowledge in woodwind pedagogy come from Wind Talk for Woodwinds, and The Woodwinds. The resource, The Woodwind Player’s

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5 “About Bret Pimentel,” Bret Pimentel, woodwinds, last modified 2014, accessed January 10, 2014, http://bretpimentel.com/about/. Bret currently teaches applied oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone at Delta State University, as well as chamber music, woodwind methods, and jazz courses. He has also taught applied woodwind lessons at Clemson University and Brigham Young University, and woodwind methods courses at the University of Georgia. In 2009, Bret received the degree Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Georgia, with an emphasis in multiple woodwinds performance. His dissertation research dealt with the use of folk, ethnic, and period woodwinds in film and theater music. His master’s degree, also in multiple woodwinds performance, is from Indiana University, and his bachelor’s degree, in saxophone performance, is from Brigham Young University.


Cookbook: Creative Recipes for a Successful Performance,\textsuperscript{10} offers suggestions and tips from a variety of professional musicians on obtaining successful performances. Chris Vadala’s method book, Improve Your Doubling,\textsuperscript{11} provides a collection of intermediate/advanced etudes that address technical studies for switching between flute, clarinet, and saxophone.

Other articles for this project cover a wide range of doubling topics with emphasis on the saxophone transitioning to other instruments. The articles by Jean Cantwell, L. H. Cooper, and Terri Armfield cater only to the doublings of oboe, while Richard Rath’s article addresses both oboe and bassoon doubling. Additional woodwind doubling research includes articles by notable woodwind specialists like Charles Delaney, Frank Catalano, James Moody, Robert Luckey, and Chris Vadala. Art Maxwell’s, “Master class: Tips on Multi-Reed Performance;”\textsuperscript{12} Donald McGinnis’s, “Doubling up on Success;”\textsuperscript{13} and Richard Simon’s, “Woodwind Doublers in the L.A. Studios”\textsuperscript{14} are sources that offer professional guidance from performers who are in the business of multiple woodwind specialization. Patricia George’s article on “The Switch to Piccolo”\textsuperscript{15} proves useful to this research since the optional version for the last movement of Divertissement specifies performing the entire movement on the piccolo.

\textsuperscript{10} Charles West, ed., The Woodwind Player’s Cookbook: Creative Recipes for a Successful Performance (Galesville, MD: Meredith Music Publications, 2008).


\textsuperscript{12} Art Maxwell, "Master class: Tips on Multi-Reed Performance," Windplayer 10, no. 6 (November/December 1993): 37.

\textsuperscript{13} Donald E. McGinnis, "Doubling up on Success," Instrumentalist 47, no. 3 (1992): 28-33.


Of the four dissertations listed in the bibliography, Dennis McLaughlin’s "Investigation of Performance Problems Confronted by Multiple-Woodwind Specialists" is the only dissertation that confronts the issues of all five of the woodwind instruments. Kimberly Bain’s dissertation serves as another scholarly source for woodwind doubling from a saxophonist’s perspective. The dissertations by Adam Schattschneider present a wider scope of research into the pedagogical aspects of doubling and performance practice problems between the saxophone, clarinet, and flute. Among the plethora of articles and dissertations, actual methods and etude sources dealing with issues of doubling for double reeds are nonexistent. An additional goal for this dissertation is to formulate and establish a pedagogical scale/etude source that satisfies this unmet need.

As stated before, common woodwinds problems can influence effective performance for multiple woodwind doubling. These problems include instrumental ranges of dynamics, instrumental technique, instrumental clarity of tone production, instrumental embouchure differences, reed handling, and for specialists who play all woodwinds, capability of switching between other woodwind instruments in the same family. While some of the listed deficiencies may seem trivial and overlooked, addressing these issues with Divertissement provides an effective approach to obtain proficiency in these commonly weak areas.

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The problems that *Divertissement* addresses for woodwind doublers are:

1. Tracking time/meter while switching instruments since it is necessary to look away from music/conductor in order to execute instrumental transitions.

2. Challenging woodwind specialists’ preference of choices with instrumental arrangement within a piece.

3. Making the physical changes necessary for differing embouchures between short and long movements.

4. Making the mental changes necessary for instrumental fingerings between short movements.

5. Making physical and mental changes necessary for differing instrumental fingerings and embouchures within shorter durations of rests (6th movement).

6. Maintaining embouchure and lip stamina throughout the movements of the work, particularly in the last movement.

7. Developing a multiple woodwind practice order that develops fluidity for instrumental switching within a piece.

8. Choreographing effective proximity of instrumental stand placement for multiple woodwind performances.

9. Knowing how to handle the drying out of reeds (both single and double reeds) throughout a performance.

10. Exploring the benefits of synthetic reeds, new instrument stand concepts, and other playing equipment.
For each problem above, I make pedagogical suggestions for players to improve these areas and draw parallels with instances in Brandon’s work that will assist the performer to correct these issues.

Origins of Divertissement

Sy Brandon states that the newly revised version of *Divertissement* recycles material that he uses from a 2005 composition of the same name, but the instrumentation was for oboe, piano, and percussion.\(^\text{19}\) He mentions that, “the original *Divertissement* was composed because of [his] receiving a commission from the Cadence Music Ensemble through a Co-op Press Commission Assistance Grant.”\(^\text{20}\) The title, *Divertissement*, is derived from the composition having “several shorter movements and lots of variety.”\(^\text{21}\)

The reworking of *Divertissement* for multiple woodwinds and piano adheres to the same arrangement with movements in the original, but the percussion parts are integrated into the piano part or simply omitted.\(^\text{22}\) The instrumental development of the movements “was a result of what Bret Pimentel felt comfortable with and what instrument best suited the character of the movement.”\(^\text{23}\)

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\(^\text{19}\) Sy Brandon, email interview by author, May 22, 2014.

\(^\text{20}\) Ibid.

\(^\text{21}\) Ibid.

\(^\text{22}\) Ibid.

\(^\text{23}\) Ibid.
CHAPTER 2
SETUP OF DIVERTISSEMENT

Woodwind performers may gain an understanding of Divertissement by studying its compositional details and physical aspects. In this dissertation, compositional details deal with how the movements compare and contrast between the original and new arrangement of this work. The physical setup section of this document contains photographs of recommended staging options that will assist in the efficiency of performance throughout this piece.

Compositional Details

In making the multiple woodwind version of Divertissement, the composer rearranges musical content from his original. This section includes detailed insight on the composer’s process of transforming his Divertissement for oboe, piano, and percussion to Divertissement for multiple woodwinds and piano. In revising this work, Sy Brandon makes subtle changes to each movement. (Refer to Appendix G to see the original Divertissement for oboe, piano, and percussion score or Appendix H for examples.) Brandon identifies the changes he makes in the first movement of Divertissement for multiple woodwinds and piano, saying,

I decided to do the first movement over for flute and piano. This is a lively movement that uses a lot of syncopation and is a technical showpiece. It is typical of my style as it is tonal, yet the tonalities move freely on one key to another and the harmonies are a combination of chords in fourths, triads, and mild polytonality. In converting this movement for flute, I transposed the movement up a 4th to get the flute in a brighter register. I took some of the piano part down an octave to keep it out of the flute register. There were several places where the percussion played alone and those places needed to be filled in with

In the first movement, I took Bret’s suggestion of extending the range and brought the flute up an octave at measures 71-73. This fits very well as it is the climax of the movement.\footnote{Sy Brandon, “Divertissement,” \textit{Composing Insights} (blog), November 15, 2010, accessed January 10, 2014, http://composinginsights.blogspot.com/2010/11/divertissement-ii-nocturne-for-alto.html.}

For changes implemented in the second movement, Sy Brandon states,

Once more, I found myself transposing this movement up a fourth from the oboe, piano and percussion version. It fit the alto saxophone range better but I needed to bring some of the piano part down an octave to make it work. This movement used marimba in the other version, so I was challenged to find a place for the marimba parts. Most of the time, I incorporated it into the piano, but there were times where the saxophone has some of the marimba part. Unless you compared the two versions or I told you specifically where to look or listen, I hope that you will not be aware of something added. My goal was to transform the other piece into something that sounds like it was written first for this instrumentation.

Another challenge was to keep the forward motion going in this movement as the marimba was rolling a lot of notes and when that part came into the other instruments, some momentum was lost. As a result, I added some harmony and also a new rhythmic motif of 16th rest, 16th note, 1/8th note. Measure 10 is an example of added harmony and measure 11 has the new rhythmic motif. I carried this motif through in several other places as it added a new dimension to the piano part.

The meno mosso [sic] at measure 36 is also something that was not present in the original. I feel the change of tempo is needed here because I did not have the change of color as in the original version.\footnote{Sy Brandon, “Divertissement,” \textit{Composing Insights} (blog), November 15, 2010, accessed January 10, 2014, http://composinginsights.blogspot.com/2010/11/divertissement-ii-nocturne-for-alto.html.}

For changes applied in the third movement, Sy Brandon indicates,

This third movement came over very easily for bassoon and piano. I did not need to change the key as I did in the first two movements as taking it down 2 octaves and putting it in bass clef suited the bassoon range and tessitura well. The only thing I needed to be concerned with was losing the percussion part which was all bass drum in this movement.

This movement is a humorous valse (waltz) and the bass drum added to the humor by being on beats other than the strong beat of the measure. I was able to just eliminate the bass drum because the syncopations in the bassoon and piano still left the piece with the feeling of an awkward waltz. There were a few measures where the bass drum played alone. Measures 51 and 54 are 4/4 measures where the bass drum played on all four beats. I found the silence for all four beats worked very well and I did not need to add anything. The other spot was measures 108–109 where the bass drum had a triplet figure that diminuendoed [sic]. I created a similar figure for the bassoon and that solved the problem.

I chose bassoon and piano for this movement because of the humorous flavor. I also slowed the tempo down a notch to make the waltz a little more lumbering.\(^\text{27}\)

For revisions employed in the third movement Sy Brandon iterates,

I was very careful to avoid the crossed lines between the left hand of the piano and the bassoon. When Sibelius played the piece back, I did not hear any problems with crossed lines as the timbres were so different, but I can imagine that in live performance, there would be more reverb and therefore blurring of the lines. Most of the time, I took sections of the left hand of the piano down an octave. Sometimes I took it up an octave and put it in treble clef. Another time, I took the bassoon up an octave (measures 60–76) which helped with the lines and also explored the higher register of the bassoon. I choose this spot as it was a recapitulation of the opening material and the new timbre gave it variety.

I made the last note optional 8va basso as inserting a tube into the bassoon can make this note possible.\(^\text{28}\)

For changes effected in the fourth movement Sy Brandon mentions,

This movement included some snare and cymbal parts that needed to be replaced. The piece actually began with a snare drum figure for one measure and I just eliminated that. Most of the movement was fine without the percussion except when the percussion played alone. Measure 38 was one of those places. I used a sustained note in the left hand of the piano, added three extra notes to


the piano right hand and turn the 6/8 measure into a 9/8 measure. Measure 51 just uses the sustained in the right hand to fill in for the missing percussion.

Measures 65 to 73 was [sic] entirely percussion and piano left hand. The clarinet part and piano right hand was added to replace the percussion. Upon review of the movement, I added the chromatic 16th note run at measures 71 and 72 and I like the improvement. It also suggested other places to add the 16th notes like measures 80, 117, 118 and 120.

Measures 89 to 96 took a snare drum figure and made it into a piano left hand line. One can definitely hear the snare drum in one's imagination.\(^{29}\)

For changes executed in the fifth movement Sy Brandon cites,

> The Romanza was the easiest movement to adapt as I was not changing the solo instrument from the original version. All I needed to do was to eliminate the wind chime percussion part. Since the wind chime entrances were used to continue the motion, I inserted some notes in the piano part to compensate. I also added a run to the oboe part at measure 53 to aid with keeping the motion going.\(^{30}\)

For changes fulfilled in the sixth movement Sy Brandon discloses,

> I created two versions of the final movement, one for woodwind doubler and piano and the other for piccolo and piano. The basis of the work was Divertissement for oboe, piano and percussion and the last movement, Galop had a lot of interplay between xylophone and piano. The xylophone part ended up in both the piano and solo part.

> Let me discuss the woodwind doubler version first. The first thing I did was to listen through the movement and make some decisions regarding the order and places for instrument changes. I tried to pick sections that were characteristic for each instrument, but since this movement is a rondo form and had several repeated A sections, the order of the instruments took precedent. I knew that I wanted to start with bassoon because setting up a seat strap was easier at the beginning of a movement. I also heard the more lyrical section from M. 47-84 [sic] as being a saxophone line. I knew that I wanted to end with flute with a change to piccolo for the last two measures. That just left me where to put the clarinet and oboe and I decided to have the clarinet after the bassoon and the oboe after the saxophone.

> My next consideration was making sure there was enough time to make the changes. The spots I chose for the switching all had long enough piano interludes except at measure 20. Originally there were only 2 measures here and I expanded it to 8. The other spot that has me concerned is measure 80. There [sic] only four measures of fast 2/4 to change from saxophone to oboe. If this is


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not enough time, I could insert 2 measures of silence after measure 82 that I think would be effective.

I wanted to do a piccolo version of the last movement for marketing purposes. Each movement of this piece could stand alone as a short piece for flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, and now piccolo. I will also publish the work as a woodwind doubler's dream (or nightmare, depending upon how one views it). While working on the piccolo version, I realized that the last measure works better up an octave. I changed it on my woodwind doubler version.31

Physical Setup

Musical genres that require the use of doubling will find that woodwind musicians have their own specific process for setting up their instruments. In many cases, multiple woodwind specialists proactively have to troubleshoot through all possible scenarios that may prohibit them from efficiently executing their performance. To the inexperienced doubler musician, the compositional scope of Divertissement appears to have minimal need of designing a physical setup. Nevertheless, when incorporating any number of doubles with this kind of work, it is essential. One of the most important factors in determining efficient instrumental setup is the proximity of instruments in relationship to the performer.

Figure 2.1 Front, off-center view.

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This physical setup (Figure 2.1) is only one of the suggested setups for a woodwind specialist that will encompass the use of piccolo, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon for *Divertissement*. The setup needs to remain consistent throughout the entire performance of this work. The flute, clarinet, and saxophone share one Hercules combination stand (Figure 2.2) that is made to fit this kind of combination, and it sits alone closely off to the left of the performer. Since the first movement begins on flute, it is logical to station the flute on the peg closest to the standing or sitting performer during this movement. The flute should remain in the same place even for the last movement, because the exchange between the oboe and flute happens in the middle of many resting bars of mixed meter. Having the flute this close allows for efficient use of time and creates a cushion of extra time should something unplanned happen during the instrument exchange. This exchange must be practiced along with all of the other exchanges to maximize efficiency. The performer should make it a point to have the flute in hand by mm. 125 and in place to count the remaining rests by mm. 126 of the last movement.

*Figure 2.2 Hercules alto/tenor combination stand side view.*
Performance efficiency is created by having the double reeds on a Hercules combination stand, close by and off to the right of the seated performer. The performer will make quicker bassoon switches with the stand already in position near the seat strap. Notice that the boot joint of the bassoon on the Hercules stand (Figure 2.3) is pulled very close to the seat strap between the front right leg of the performer chair and the flat music stand where the piccolo rests on a chime mat. (Figure 2.4)

Although *Divertissement* utilizes six woodwind instruments, the piccolo only plays the last two measures of the last movement. The instrument switch between the flute and piccolo is the quickest exchange in the entire work. This very exchange is another example of why physical setup is so vital for these environments. The physical setup in Figure 2.1 shows the location for where the auxiliary instrument stand should go;
however, there are other possibilities. Another version of setup (Figure 2.5) is almost identical to the setup of Figure 2.1. The difference is that there is no need for a flat padded second stand to hold the piccolo because an attachable clamp shelf supports the piccolo. (Figure 2.6)

*Figure 2.5* Same setup as Figure 2.1 with a twist.

*Figure 2.6* Closer view of the attachable shelf that connects to the stand by K&M.

This setup (Figure 2.5) allows for more space around the performer, but there are some other variables to consider before committing to this setup. As mentioned before, the last movement of this work requires the fastest instrument exchange from flute to piccolo. In retrospect, the problem with this setup is that the piccolo is farther away from the performer depending on the performer’s relationship to the stand. If the performer chooses to stand and play the entire piece, then this exchange could work. Another potential issue for some specialists with the piccolo setup (Figure 2.6) is that the shelf
placement is low. The shelf can be lifted higher to reach the bottom of the stand, though the shelf then becomes a hazard for turning pages.

Another aspect of physical setup to consider is the use of additional objects such as mutes, swabs, and reed cases. In the case of Divertissement, the third movement uses only bassoon, however, the last note calls for the performer to play an optional $8^{\text{vb}}$ on a low A. Since the lowest note on the bassoon ends on a low $B^\flat$, the execution of the optional $8^{\text{vb}}$ requires the use of a bassoon low A tube. (Figure 2.7)

![Figure 2.7 Bassoon low A tube.](image)

If the bassoon low A tube is used in the third movement, better efficiency is established by using the setup diagram of Figure 2.4. The rests at mm. 106-107 might give just enough time to insert an extension at the last moment, especially since the D-flat and F preceding the rest, and the D following it, are all played with the left hand alone.34

The tube is easy to insert and extract out of the bassoon, but the performer must realize that the fingering for low $B^\flat$ with this device now registers as a low A. The main

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precaution about this device is that the performer will feel more resistance and distortion with notes from the lower range of the instrument. This also affects some middle to higher note ranges that apply the use of the left-hand thumb low D key and C# keys of the bassoon. (Figures 2.8 and 2.9)

The physical setup for this device requires careful consideration; therefore Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2 provides easier accessibility for handling both the piccolo and the low A tube.

Professional quality performances rely on many essential elements such as having good equipment, time management, mental preparation, and a proper attitude. Some musicians consider physical setup to be a function of mental preparation even though it requires the action of physically preparing the performance space. Establishing a well-organized physical setup for multiple woodwind performance increases the chances for successful instrumental switching.

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CHAPTER 3
PERFORMANCE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

An important pitfall that inexperienced doublers face in *Divertissement* deals with establishing a performance routine between multi-movement works. Performance choreography plays an integral role for performing any work with multiple movements, yet it proves more vital to woodwind works such as *Divertissement* because it must be choreographed in conjunction with the music. Performance pacing refers to the tempo of a movement or work that is performed. However, this chapter of the dissertation refers to choreographed efficiency for physical and mental preparation in between movements.

Traditional Cane Reeds vs. Synthetic Reeds

One choreographic concern in this work involves maintaining stable reed playing conditions throughout *Divertissement*. Stable reed conditions depend on the temperature of the venue and personal preparation of one’s reeds. Cane reeds in warmer performing environments or climates dry out much quicker than cooler areas. In colder environments, reeds can maintain stable playing conditions. However, oversoaking reeds may cause problems. Oversoaking a reed in response to warmer and colder environments will possibly ruin a good reed. The fibers within the reed become waterlogged, which causes the reed to swell and creates a heavier reed thickness.

One of the first solutions to fixing this problem is through the consistency of monitoring temperature conditions of the space prior to the dress rehearsal or performance. Knowing this information assists performers in making accurate reed-
making adjustments that will eliminate the need for oversoaking reeds. If it is not possible to monitor the environment, one solution is to schedule the dress rehearsal at a time close to if not exactly at the time of the recital or performance time. If this task is impossible, then apply the steps of the first solution.

Another solution is to incorporate the use of synthetic reeds. Greg Vail\textsuperscript{36} says, “[Légère]\textsuperscript{37} synthetic reeds are not affected by temperature or humidity. They don’t get warped or dry out when not playing your [instrument]. They don’t sound bad when you get off a plane in a new area that is different from your hometown, and they last much longer than cane reeds.”\textsuperscript{38} Notable woodwind performing artists of the clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon who use synthetic reeds include: clarinetists Ricardo Morales, John J Moses, Larry Combs, Walter Seyfarth; saxophonists Joe Eckert, William Hokeppel, Richard Mitchell; and bassoonists Paul Hanson and Steve Paulson.\textsuperscript{39}

Choreography between the First through Fifth Movements of Divertissement

Audiences will judge an individual’s tone production, technical facility, and musicality from the five movements because they only require one instrument per

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movement. *Divertissement* begins with flute as the initial instrument for the first movement. The second movement requires the use of the alto saxophone. Suggested performance pacing for transitioning between these two instrumental movements may vary from performer to performer; however, comfort level and efficiency during performance is of the utmost importance. For some specialists, it is "much more difficult to transfer from the flute to other woodwind instruments than it is to transfer from other woodwind instruments to the flute."\(^{40}\) Brandon establishes flute as the first choice of instrument for the first movement of *Divertissement*; therefore recommended suggestions for woodwind specialists with this issue is to warm up last on flute prior to performing this work or anything that uses the flute first.

A long-term practicing solution for this issue is to begin practicing by playing a classical flute scale/etude, then immediately follow-up with a saxophone scale/etude. Implementing this back and forth practice develops quicker facility between these two instruments. This approach also applies to the other instrument rotations of *Divertissement*. Another aspect about choreography between the first and second movement of this work is to allow the lips to have recuperation time. This aspect will depend on the experience of the performer, because some woodwind specialists switch to alto saxophone without needing the time. Specialists who do not need embouchure recuperation time should utilize the time properly by setting up saxophone equipment and taking a mental break before moving on to the next movement.

Choreographic pacing between the second and third movements requires more time since the third movement calls for the bassoon, which uses the seat strap if the

\(^{40}\) Dennis Brian McLaughlin, "An Investigation of Performance Problems Confronted by Multiple-Woodwind Specialists" (EdD diss., Columbia University, 1985), 18.
performer is sitting for the movement. Securing the seat strap or balance hanger to the bassoon is important in the third movement because of the optional use of the low A-tube later in the movement. Embouchure recuperation also determines inter-movement pacing here. The tempo of the saxophone movement is adagio and that means there will be more stress on the bottom lip and lower jaw. The nature of the embouchure for bassoon playing requires that the top and bottom lips be rolled over both sets of teeth. “Characteristic bassoon tone is a function of embouchure and air stream. The two work together in tone production.” The top lip will be fine; however, the bottom lip will need more time to recover. The solution for this issue is to create some time by securing the alto saxophone on its instrument stand and taking off the saxophone neck strap or harness.

An additional opportunity for maximizing efficiency at this time is provided by placing the clarinet neck strap around the neck, which will eliminate some pacing time for the fourth movement and instrument exchange in the sixth movement. Next, take the soaking bassoon reed out of its water container and secure it to the bocal on the bassoon. Finally, double check the security of the bassoon or balance hanger, take a drink of water, prepare the optional low A extension on the auxiliary stand, and ensure that the music stand is in its proper place for reading the movement. Once these things are completed, the bottom lip should be rested enough to move onward with the third movement.

With the completion of the third movement, choreography between the third and fourth movement moves quicker since restoring the reed to its original reed water cup

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and placing the bassoon back on its instrument stand is all that is necessary. There are many possible variances in setting up the clarinet movement. One option is to dip the properly assembled clarinet reed and mouthpiece into the reed water to ensure reed hydration. The second option is to place the clarinet reed into the reed water before the second movement or third movement, then assemble the reed to the clarinet mouthpiece just before the fourth movement. The issue with this option is that the placement of the reed may hinder one’s performance if the reed is not placed properly onto the mouthpiece. Another option is to use a plastic reed. The first option is a better solution for cane users, because the clarinet reed should have prior soaking before and during the initial warm-up for this piece. This recommendation also applies to the other woodwind instruments. The difference in embouchure between the bassoon and clarinet are somewhat similar; however, the clarinet embouchure requires that corners of the embouchure be firm.

The pacing between the fourth and fifth movements of *Divertissement* requires significant bottom lip recuperation time. A good example of the oboe embouchure requires “the mouth and lips to be round as if saying an exaggerated and sustained OH.”42 Preparing one’s oboe embouchure by saying this word before playing the movement allows the bottom lip muscles to relax from the prior thinned out bottom lip pressure from the clarinet embouchure. An alternative to solving this issue is to incorporate the use of a bottom lip guard. A bottom lip guard cuts down the amount of time one needs for recuperating between these movements, which allows the performer to continue with the next movement.

42 Ibid., 148.
A variety of cost-effective ways exist in which to create one’s own personal lip guard. Examples of these ways include manipulating Ezo wax, a sports teething guard, or floral tape. Floral tape proves more useful because it is thin enough not to interfere with the clarinet embouchure in the fourth movement and protects the bottom lip for effective oboe performance in the fifth movement. Utilizing these concepts in preparing adjustments between choreography for the first through fifth movements of *Divertissement* helps to establish mental continuity and physical fluidity.

*Divertissement* Sixth Movement “Galop” Woodwind Version Choreography

In the woodwind version of *Divertissement*, the “Galop” requires the use of every primary woodwind instrument and features the piccolo. Choreography is what makes this version so challenging. Brandon’s arrangement of placing the bassoon first in this woodwind movement addresses this issue. The eight-measure rest (Figure 3.1) facilitates efficiency for making the switch and secures some embouchure recuperation time.

One way of achieving ultimate efficiency with this instrument exchange is to have the bassoon secured and put away by mm. 22 or at the latest mm. 23. The clarinet is in hand by mm. 24 or at the latest mm. 25, which leaves two additional bars to focus on the clarinet’s entrance and embouchure formation at mm. 28. (Figure 3.1)

![Figure 3.1 Divertissement sixth movement “Galop” mm. 17-32.](image)
There is time during this instrument exchange, but it is important to weigh the advantages and disadvantages between using a clarinet neck strap and not using a clarinet neck strap. In this case (Figure 3.1), the neck strap is not advantageous to the performer because of the fast tempo and “a neck strap [has] the inconvenience of constant unhooking and rehooking.” The clarinet neck strap serves as a possible hazard rather than a helpful aid. As a side note, performers who use clarinet neck straps should seek straps that contain elastic or other stretching materials because there is greater flexibility that allows for easier movement.

Switching is easier between the clarinet and alto saxophone in this movement, because there are eleven measures of rest between the switch. (Figure 3.2)

![Figure 3.2 Divertissement sixth movement “Galop” mm. 39-59.](image)

This instrumental combination is managed by having the alto saxophone neck strap on the body before beginning the movement. Having the saxophone neck strap around the neck during the entire movement will not interfere with playing the other line-up of woodwind instruments. This allows time for mental focus on securing the proper saxophone embouchure formation. Clarinet and saxophone embouchures are different

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because “the saxophone requires a more relaxed, less firm embouchure than does clarinet.”\textsuperscript{44} A detailed description of the differences consists of

the lower lip of the saxophone embouchure provides a cushion for the reed; the clarinet lower lip provides a firm platform. The saxophone lower lip should be wrinkled, as it is when one whistles. The middle of the lower lip of the clarinet should be flat (not wrinkled) and firm.\textsuperscript{45}

Instilling this pedagogical knowledge between the differences in clarinet and saxophone embouchure ensures a cleaner and quicker response, which leads to better tone production.

From this point in the movement, other switches require extensive planning and accuracy with relationship to tempo. The instrumental switch (Figure 3.3) involves making a decision between leaving the alto saxophone attached to the body or replacing the saxophone to its instrument stand while switching to the oboe. Many woodwind doublers fear this instrument transition because of the switch between single to double reeds. Even though the instruments are from different reed families, “there is more carry over between saxophone and oboe than to any other instrument.”\textsuperscript{46}

\textsuperscript{44} James L Byo, \textit{The Woodwinds: Performing, Understanding, Teaching} (Baton Rouge, LA: James Byo Music, 2007), 117.

\textsuperscript{45} Ibid.

Performers who are not keen on the idea of leaving the saxophone attached must understand that it is possible to unhook the neck strap from the saxophone, but such facility requires professional efficiency with timing. To achieve this task, performers must have the right hand readily available to unclasp the neck strap immediately after the last note (A) of the saxophone line in mm. 79. (Figure 3.3) The option for leaving the saxophone attached during this transition allows time for mental preparedness to create the oboe embouchure, but also interferes with the next instrument transition. (Figure 3.4)

Issues like metric modulation within instrumental switching can become problematic if the saxophone remains attached to the body during the exchange from the oboe to flute (Figure 3.4). This is a prime example of why preemptive planning with instrumental choreography is essential in establishing efficiency. Performers should know that there is a small window of opportunity for discarding the saxophone and oboe in Figure 3.4.
The oboe should be the easiest because it just needs to be placed back on its stand, whereas the saxophone will require focus on proper placing of the saxophone bell to the saxophone stand.

As for instrument exchange between the oboe and flute, “the oboe has many of the same fingerings as the flute, saxophone, and upper register of the clarinet.”

“However, this very advantage [sic] unless specific differences are pointed out, can cause many problems.” The obvious difference is that the oboe uses a double reed, whereas the flute does not. Another distinction is that the flute utilizes the embouchure as “an essential element for the flutist, helping to control and direct the air column.” Oboe embouchure formation is “the same throughout the range of the instrument; however, embouchure adjustments are necessary for achieving tonal consistency and pitch accuracy.” The commonality between the flute and oboe embouchures is that the corner lip formations must relax in lower registers and firm up for higher registers. Another point is that “people seem to think oboe to flute is a big problem, and work really hard on trying to get their flute embouchures relaxed enough to play well. But if you are coming from the oboe with that much tension, the problem is your oboe

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48 Ibid.


51 Bret Pimentel, email interview by author, May 22, 2014.
embouchure. As an instrumentalist, it is important to know these basics.

In the case of this woodwind movement, there are some unfortunate yet rectifiable circumstances that surface. For some individuals, potential concerns at this point are managing mental and embouchure fatigue. Embouchure fatigue in this movement is less of an issue because the playing time for all of the instruments is more limited. This woodwind version transitions the oboe to the flute and ends with the piccolo. (Figure 3.5) Experienced specialists and instrumentalists perceive this arrangement as one that follows the natural order of progressive embouchure formation. Having the oboe exchange between the saxophone and flute allows some bottom lip recovery during the oboe section because it does not require as much lip pressure as the saxophone. A more relaxed oboe embouchure helps transition to a flexible flute embouchure, which then transitions to a firmer version of the flute embouchure for piccolo. Executing the fastest switch and embouchure adjustment is a mental concern because it is the closing to the movement and ending of the entire work. (Figure 3.5)

![Figure 3.5 Divertissement sixth movement “Galop” mm. 146-152.](image)

As stated before, Figure 3.5 requires an extremely fast instrument switch and embouchure adjustment to piccolo. Woodwind specialists and teachers must know that “a successful transition from flute to piccolo requires some additional instruction as
there are some significant differences between the instruments.” The differences between flute and piccolo are that “the embouchure hole is significantly smaller, the piccolo is placed higher on the lip than when playing flute, and the aperture (hole in lips) is made smaller.” These differences are extremely important for establishing a professional sound on both instruments. Practicing the execution of these techniques between flute and piccolo develops continuity and makes embouchure exchanges easier in *Divertissement* as well as orchestral and band performances.

Essentially, band directors and students must know that some flute players and doublers with extensive marching backgrounds have improper flute and piccolo embouchure placement:

To play the flute well, the proper stance is to place the left foot forward and the right foot back; this is opposite of the feet-together stance required in marching band. In concert performance the flute is slanted slightly down, and the end of the flute is quite forward. This placement is due partly to the design of the modern embouchure hole.

As for making an effective instrumental switch, one effective strategy for the instrumental switch between flute and piccolo in this movement is to perform it by sitting. There is not enough time to place the flute on its instrument stand, so the only safer option for this instrument exchange is to place the flute in the lap. Determining a comfortable physical setup is what makes this switch possible to achieve. Another helpful strategy for this example and other examples in this chapter is to practice visual and aural perception of the individual parts. Knowing the piano part means that a soloist is able to distinguish the beginnings and endings of phrases from memory.

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53 Ibid.
54 Ibid.
Divertissement Sixth Movement “Galop” Piccolo Version Choreography

Unlike the woodwind version, the piccolo version of the last movement does not need an extensive multi-woodwind choreography plan and focuses only on the piccolo. This version is to be treated like the other single movements. The pacing between the fifth movement and piccolo version of the sixth movement is the embouchure differences between oboe and piccolo. The same embouchure formations in the woodwind version of this movement also apply here. The difference is that the flute no longer serves as an intermediary. Although the piccolo is used exclusively in this version, it is important to remember that the oboe embouchure needs to remain relaxed throughout the performance of the fifth movement. Minor woodwind choreography between the fifth movement and sixth movement requires putting the oboe securely back on its stand, while mentally and physically focusing on a smaller and firmer aperture for the piccolo.
CHAPTER 4
WOODWIND DOUBLING PRACTICE
APPROACH TO DIVERTISSEMENT

Chris Vadala notes, “the term doubling, of course, may imply more than its literal meaning, since many performers and educators are expected to perform on not just two, but several woodwind instruments.”55 Developing efficiency in performance demands the attention of one’s personal knowledge about the general practices of their instrument. “The diligent study of additional instruments should improve one’s overall musicianship and concept of woodwind performance practice.”56 Divertissement provides this challenge for multiple woodwind doublers in the form of six miniature movements.

For band directors and doublers, this knowledge requires critical attention to specific playing details for every woodwind instrument. This also applies to typical and atypical woodwind doubling. “The problems involved in woodwind doubling are nearly as important to the woodwind instructor as they are to the performer.”57 Music involving these groups necessitates developing and utilizing scale/etude sources that test teaching and playing abilities. Albert Regni reflects the importance of etudes by stating, from the most elementary to the most advanced, new etudes require a discipline that is unique and very important to a musician’s development, instrumentally and otherwise. Having to work out new musical problems on a consistent basis

56 Ibid., 5.
57 Ibid., 4.
within the form of an etude, or even a short musical vignette, is an important part of regular practice.\textsuperscript{58}

This chapter provides a method by using elements from *Divertissement* to arrange doubler switching scales and etudes that will assist in refining woodwind-doubling practice.

**Divertissement Doubling Etude Approach for an Intermediate/Advanced Doubler**

With limited resources available for woodwind doublers, it is crucial to create personal resources that meet performance needs and individual demands. In order to create these resources, individuals must develop a concept of the work by familiarizing themselves with basic structural elements in the work. In the case of *Divertissement*, determining elements such as instrumental switching, instrumental ranges, articulation patterns, syncopation, tonal key areas, rhythmic patterns, and mixed meter establish opportunities for developing other woodwind resources. These elements are important in *Divertissement*, yet instrumental switching resources are limited in scope.

Instrumental switching is necessary in woodwind doubling and needs to be practiced. “The old adage that practice makes perfect is particularly important in order to develop muscle memory.”\textsuperscript{59} One way to fulfill this need is to use scales. The Scales Warm-up Etude for Multiple Woodwind Instrumental Switching #1 (Appendix C) utilizes extreme instrumental ranges from instruments used in *Divertissement* movements and incorporates instrumental switches within them. The additional elements in this exercise establish an etude for addressing general woodwind doubler issues such as


instrumental switches that involve mixed meters. Other versions of this exercise involve combining other elements from *Divertissement* (Appendix C). Developing resources from classical and jazz genres in this way generates more resources for woodwind doublers.

Another method for constructing resources for woodwind doubling is through manipulating other etude sources. There are two practical methods for developing this kind of resource. The first method is the easiest way by copying one page or section of different woodwind instrumental etudes, and then adding metered rests at the ends of each etude to execute instrumental switches to the next etude (Appendix D, Multiple Woodwind Etude Example #1). Be sure to include enough time for rests between sections and page turns, because essential practice goals are to establish efficiency with instrumental switching and consistency of tone production. Although the second method is time-consuming, basic software and music software make extracting and combining etudes easier. This method also eliminates the need for excessive page turns, which increases concentration and focus on executing personal goals with the etude (Appendix D, Multiple Woodwind Etude Example #2).

*Divertissement* Doubling Approach for an Intermediate/Advanced Doublener

The first step to this approach is assuring that the individual doubler attains an intermediate/advanced level of proficiency on their main instrument. Introducing easy beginner scale and etude sources (Appendix E) for individual instruments allows doublers the opportunities to develop consistency with mastering mature tone production. Schatsschneider says,

tone production is perhaps the most important and difficult aspect of woodwind performance. For clarinet and saxophone, tone production is dependent on five
factors: tone concept; instruments, mouthpieces, and reeds; embouchure; breath support, and vibrato.  

Oboes and bassoons do not require the use of mouthpieces, but the other four factors are just as equally important for these instruments. The most important factor for double reeds is developing and gaining confidence with reed making. However, the inclusion of synthetic reeds by Légère for oboe and bassoon could change the importance of this factor.

The second step is to establish beginner-level playing concepts and practices on the secondary instrument. This step is where instructors and doublers must exercise caution until pedagogical understanding between the two instruments is realized. When the student or doubler is capable of the proper practices of that instrument, then they should incorporate primary and secondary instrument scale/arpeggio/etude studies with instrumental switches between the two instruments to build greater facility with the instruments (Appendix E). The examples in Appendix E provide a variety of common and uncommon instrumental doubling switching combinations for all woodwind instruments involved in Divertissement. However, individual instrumental substitutions are possible by replacing oboe and piccolo sections with the flute. Bassoon sections may be treated as additional rests between sections or rearranged to another instrument unless bassoon is a doubling instrument for the individual. In cases where the bassoon uses treble clef, doublers may play those sections on any instrument as long as the range is adequate for that instrument.

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60 Adam J. Schattschneider, “Selected Pedagogical Approaches Employed by College Instructors of Flute, Clarinet, and Saxophone” (DM document, Indiana University, 1997), 5.
The third step is where *Divertissement* is utilized. As described earlier, *Divertissement* features five single instrumental woodwind movements for every major woodwind as well as an alternate sixth movement piccolo version that replaces the multiple woodwind version. The number of instrument doubling combinations possible with this work creates numerous options for two-instrument doublers. Some of the easier two-instrumental movement combinations in *Divertissement* for primary/secondary doubling are flute/piccolo, flute/oboe, clarinet/saxophone, oboe/saxophone. In some individual cases, the arrangement of these combinations may fluctuate between primary and secondary instruments. Bassoon is a difficult instrumental switch for beginning doublers; however, it is possible if bassoon is the primary instrument. Knowing how to read music from three different clefs, using a seat strap, and holding the instrument across the body are additional challenges that bassoon doubling presents. For beginning woodwind specialists “a basic problem is the student who has never read bass clef.”\(^6\) This is one of the many reasons why some specialists shy away from the bassoon due to necessary development and proficiency of bass clef and tenor clef registers. Once bassoon proficiency is accomplished, combinations between bassoon/saxophone, and bassoon/oboe make for smoother secondary instrumental transitions.

The final step to this doubling approach involves the woodwind doublers who want to play all of the primary woodwinds. Doublers interested in playing auxiliary woodwind instruments should start with the primary instrument first, because pedagogical fundamentals begin with the primary instrument. The best way of obtaining

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efficiency for tertiary, quaternary, and quinary woodwind doubling instruments is through incorporating the first and second steps listed in this section, and then applying them to all instruments. Most importantly, doublers should know that integrating more instruments involves the need for highly skilled efficiency, patience, and practice.
It is through the commissioning and collaborating efforts of Sy Brandon and Bret Pimentel that *Divertissement* for multiple woodwinds and piano exists. Brandon’s original version of *Divertissement* for oboe, piano, and percussion serves as the musical template for *Divertissement* for multiple woodwinds and piano. This work requires methodical efficiency and addresses woodwind doubler issues. The information in this dissertation calls attention to resourceful methods and habits that doublers should consider for attaining professional performance on multiple instruments. Improper physical setup for doublers impedes efficiency and contributes to inadequate performance.

Efficiency calls for performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort. Preparing *Divertissement* for multiple woodwinds and piano is implemented through extensive knowledge of the work and thorough planning. The work is deceivingly complex due to elemental changes within the work. The combination of elements such as instrumental switching, instrumental ranges, tempo, syncopated rhythms, and mixed meter in *Divertissement* presents issues with tone production that require the need for efficient practice. Limited resources available to multiple woodwind doublers hinder this preparation.

Contributions provided here suggest methodical approaches to mental and physical preparation within multiple woodwind works and genres. Brandon’s idea of rearranging *Divertissement* establishes that newer innovations develop from older

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concepts. This idea provides an individual approach to constructing resources that address issues for multiple woodwind doublers and improve accuracy in multiple woodwind performance.
APPENDIX A

DIVERTISSEMENT MOVEMENT

FORMS
I. *Intrada*

A B (Transition) A\(_1\) (Coda)

A section: 1-42
B section: 43-71
Transition to A\(_1\): 72-79
A\(_1\) section: 80-97
Coda: 98-103

II. *Nocturne*

A B A\(_1\) B\(_1\) A\(_2\) (Coda)

A section: 1-9
B section: 10-17
A\(_1\) section: 18-27
B\(_1\) section: 28-35
A\(_2\) section: 36-44
Coda: 45-48

III. *Valse*

Divided into two sections

1\(^{st}\) section: 1-48
2\(^{nd}\) section: 49-111

IV. *Marche*

(Introduction) A B C (Interlude) A (Interlude) B (Coda)

Introduction: 1-3
A section: 4-19
B section: 20-38
C section: 39-64
Interlude: 65-72
A section: 73-88
Interlude: 89-96
B section: 97-114
Coda: 115-120
V. Romanza

A B (Interlude) (Cadenza) A B (Coda)

A section: 1-10
B section: 11-20
Interlude: 21-29
Cadenza: 30-39
A section: 40-51
B section: 52-60
Coda: 61-65

VI. Galop

(Introduction) A (Interlude) A₁ (Interlude) B (Introduction recap) A₂ C (Interlude) A₃ (Coda)

Introduction: 1-4
A section: 5-19
Interlude: 20-27
A₁ section: 28-42
Interlude: 43-46
B section: 47-81
Introduction recap: 82-83
A₂ section: 84-99
C section: 100-123
Interlude: 123-133
A₃ section: 134-148
Coda: 149-152
APPENDIX B

SELECTED SCALE/ETUDE SOURCES

FOR WOODWIND DOUBLING
Flute Scales/Etudes

Beginner/Intermediate


Advanced


Oboe Scales/Etudes

Beginner/Intermediate


Hovey, Nilo W. *Rubank elementary method, oboe: a fundamental course for individual or like-instrument class instruction.* Chicago: Rubank, 1934.


Advanced


Clarinet Scales/Etudes

Beginner/Intermediate


Hite, David. *Melodious and progressive studies, Book 1, from Demnitz, Baermann, Nocentini, and Klose, for clarinet.* San Antonio, TX: Southern Music; 1968.


Advanced


Bassoon Scales/Etudes

**Beginner/Intermediate**


**Advanced**


Saxophone Scales/Etudes

Beginner/Intermediate


Advanced


APPENDIX C

PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE: SCALE/ETUDE EXERCISES

BASED ON DIVERTISSEMENT
Divertissement Scales Warm-up Etude for Multiple Woodwind Instrumental Switching #1

Flute

To Alto Sax.

Alto Saxophone

To Bassoon

Bassoon

To Oboe

Oboe

To Bassoon

Bassoon

To Clarinet

Clarinet
Divertissement Scales Warm-up Etude for Multiple Woodwind Instrumental Switching #2

Brian Levels

Allegro

Flute

Adagio

Alto Saxophone

Adagio (rit.)

To Alto Sax.

Allegro

Bassoon

Andante

Oboe

Allegro

Clarinet
Vivace

to Picc.

Piccolo

FOR REVIEW ONLY
Divertissement Scales Warm-up Etude for Multiple Woodwind Instrumental Switching #3
(Slower Tempo)

Allegro
\( \text{\textit{Flute}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{F}}} = 130 \)

Multiple Woodwinds

Adagio
\( \text{\textit{Alto Saxophone}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{A}}} = 60 \)

To Bsn.
\( \text{\textit{Baritone}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{B}}} = 60 \)

Adagio (rit.)
\( \text{\textit{Alto Saxophone}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{A}}} = 60 \)

To Bsn. (rit.)
\( \text{\textit{Baritone}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{B}}} = 60 \)

Andante
\( \text{\textit{Oboe}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{O}}} = 60 \)

To Ob. (rit.)
\( \text{\textit{Oboe}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{O}}} = 60 \)

Allegro
\( \text{\textit{Clarinet}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{C}}} = 120 \)

To Cl. (rit.)
\( \text{\textit{Clarinet}} \)
\( \hat{\text{\textit{C}}} = 120 \)
Divertissement Scales Warm-up for Common Instrumental Switching

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

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To Alto Sax.

Alto Saxophone

10

Clarinet in B

15

to Fl.

Flute

19

Alto Saxophone

25

to Fl.

Flute

31

Clarinet in B
APPENDIX D

MULTIPLE WOODWIND ETUDE EXAMPLES
Multiple Woodwind Etude Example #1

Allegro moderato

Clarinet

* Excerpt taken from Cyril Rose’s *Forty Etudes for Clarinet* (Etude #11).

Flute

* Excerpt taken from Joachim Andersen’s *Twenty-four Etudes for the Flute, Op. 33* (Etude #7).
Oboe

* Excerpt taken from Franz Wilhelm Ferling’s *Forty-eight Studies for Oboe, Op. 31* (Etude #18).

Saxophone

Multiple Woodwind Etude Example #2

Arr. Brian Levels

Allegro moderato
APPENDIX E

WARM-UP EXERCISES FOR MULTIPLE WOODWIND DOUBLING
Warm-up Exercises for Common Instrumental Switching

Multiple Woodwinds

Flute to Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone to Fl.

Clarinet in Bb to Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone to Fl.

Flute to Alto Sax.  Clarinet in Bb to Fl.

Alto Saxophone to Cl.  Flute to Cl.

Clarinet in Bb to Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone to Fl.

Flute to Cl.  Clarinet in Bb to Alto Sax.

FOR REVIEW ONLY

FOR REVIEW ONLY
Warm-up Exercises for Common Instrumental Switching (Non-chromatic)

Multiple Woodwinds

Flute To Alto Sax. 2 Alto Saxophone To Cl.

7 2 Clarinet in B♭ to Fl. 2 Flute to Alto Sax. 2

17 Alto Saxophone to Fl. 3 Flute to Cl. Clarinet in B♭

26 to Alto Sax. Alto Saxophone to Fl. Flute to Cl.

33 Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax. Alto Saxophone

38 to Cl. Clarinet in B♭
Warm-up Exercises for Common Instrumental Switching #1 (Arpeggio Study)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Flute To Alto Sax.  
\[\begin{align*}
\text{Flute} & \quad \text{To Alto Sax.} \\
\text{Alto Saxophone} & \quad \text{To Cl.}
\end{align*}\]

Clarinet in B\(_b\) to Fl.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Clarinet in B\(_b\)} & \quad \text{to Fl.} \\
\text{Flute} & \quad \text{to Alto Sax.}
\end{align*}\]

Alto Saxophone to Fl.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Alto Saxophone} & \quad \text{to Fl.} \\
\text{Flute} & \quad \text{to Cl.}
\end{align*}\]

Clarinet in B\(_b\) to Alto Sax.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Clarinet in B\(_b\)} & \quad \text{to Alto Sax.} \\
\text{Alto Saxophone} & \quad \text{to Fl.}
\end{align*}\]

Flute to Cl.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Flute} & \quad \text{to Cl.}
\end{align*}\]

Clarinet in B\(_b\)

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Clarinet in B\(_b\)} & \quad \text{to Altoo Sax.} \\
\text{Alto Saxophone} & \quad \text{to Fl.}
\end{align*}\]
Warm-up Exercises for Common Instrumental Switching #2 (Arpeggio Study)

Multiple Woodwinds

Flute To Alto Sax. 2
Alto Saxophone  To Cl.

Flute  to Alto Sax. 2

Clarinet in B♭ to Fl. 2
Flute  to Alto Sax. 2

Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax.
Alto Saxophone to Fl.
Flute  to Cl.

Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax.
Alto Saxophone to Fl.
Flute  to Cl.

Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax.
Alto Saxophone to Fl.
Flute  to Cl.

Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax.
Alto Saxophone to Fl.
Flute  to Cl.

Clarinet in B♭ to Alto Sax.
Alto Saxophone to Fl.
Flute  to Cl.
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #1

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe  To Fl.  Flute  To Bsn.

7  Bassoon  to Ob.  Oboe  to Bsn.

15  Bassoon  to Fl.  Flute  to Ob.

24  Oboe  to Picc.  Piccolo  to Bsn.

31  Bassoon  to Fl.  Flute  to Picc.

36  Piccolo  to Bsn.  Bassoon
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #2

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe to Cl.

Clarinet to Bsn.

Bassoon to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.

Bassoon to Cl.

Clarinet to Ob.

Oboe to Bsn.
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #3

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe  To  Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone  To  Bsn.

Bassoon  to  Ob.  Oboe  to  Bsn.

Bassoon  to  Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone  to  Ob.

Oboe  to  Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone  to  Bsn.

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Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #1 (Non-chromatic)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe

To Fl.

Flute

To Bsn.

7

2

Bassoon

to Ob.

2

Oboe

to Bsn.

15

2

Bassoon

to Fl.

3

Flute

to Ob.

24

Oboe

to Picc.

Piccolo

to Bsn.

31

Bassoon

to Fl.

Flute

to Picc.

37

Piccolo

to Bsn.

Bassoon
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #2 (Non-chromatic)

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe

To Cl.

2

Clarinet

To Bsn.

7

2

Bassoon

to Ob.

2

Oboe

to Bsn.

15

2

Bassoon

to Cl.

3

Clarinet

to Ob.

24

Oboe

to Cl.

Clarinet

to Bsn.

31

Bassoon

to Cl.

Clarinet

to Ob.

37

Oboe

to Bsn.

Bassoon
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #3 (Non Chromatic)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #3 (Non Chromatic)

Brain Levels

Multiple Woodwinds
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #1 (Arpeggio Study)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe To Fl. 2  Flute To Bsn.

7 2 Bassoon to Ob. 2 Oboe to Bsn.

15 2 Bassoon to Fl. 3 Flute to Ob.

24 Oboe to Picc. Piccolo to Bsn.

31 Bassoon to Fl. Flute to Picc.

37 Piccolo to Bsn. Bassoon
Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #2 (Arpeggio Study)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe To Cl.

Clarinet To Bsn.

Bassoon To Ob.

Oboe To Bsn.

Bassoon To Cl.

Clarinet To Ob.

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Warm-up Exercises for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #3 (Arpeggio Study)

Multiple Woodwinds

Brian Levels

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Warm-up Arpeggio Study for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #4 (Clef Changes)

Multiple Woodwinds

Brian Levels

FOR REVIEW ONLY
Warm-up Arpeggio Study for Uncommon Instrumental Switching #5 (Clef Changes)

Multiple Woodwinds

Brian Levels

FOR REVIEW ONLY
Multiple Woodwinds Warm-up Arpeggio Study for Instrumental Switching #6 (Clef Changes)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Flute → Alto Sax.

Alto Saxophone → Bsn.

Bassoon → Obo.

Oboe → Bsn.

Bassoon → Clarinet

Clarinet → Flute

Flute → Alto Sax.

Alto Saxophone → Bsn.

Bassoon → Clarinet

Clarinet → Obo.

Oboe → Bsn.

Bassoon → Flute

Flute → Alto Sax.

Alto Saxophone → Bsn.
Multiple Woodwind Warm-up Arpeggio Study for Instrumental Switching #7 (Clef Changes)

Brian Levels

Multiple Woodwinds

Oboe  To  Cl.  Clarinet  To  Bsn.

Bassoon  to  Fl.  Flute  to  Bsn.

Bassoon  to  Alto Sax.  Alto Saxophone  to  Ob.

Oboe  to  Cl.  Clarinet  to  Bsn.  Bassoon

Flute  to  Bsn.

FOR REVIEW ONLY
APPENDIX F

DIVERTISSEMENT FOR MULTIPLE WOODWINDS AND PIANO (SCORE)
To Brett Pimentel
Divertissement
I. Intrada

Sy Brandon

Flute

Piano

Con brio \( \dot{\mathcal{r}} = 144 \)

\( f \)

\( mf \)

\( p \)

\( mp \)

\( q = 144 \)

\( \text{I. Intrada} \)

\( Fl. \)

\( Pno. \)

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To Bret Pimentel

Allegro \( \frac{\ell}{4} = 132 \)

IV. Marche

Clarinet in B♭

Piano

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APPENDIX G

DIVERTISSEMENT FOR OBOE, PIANO, AND PERCUSSION (ORIGINAL SCORE)
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V. Romanza

Andante $q = 60$

wind chimes
Oboe

Piano

Xylophone

Ob.

Pno.

Xyl.

Ob.

Pno.

Xyl.

Ob.

Pno.

Xyl.

Ob.

Pno.

Xyl.

Ob.

Pno.

Xyl.
APPENDIX H

COMPARISON/CONTRASTS EXAMPLES BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL AND REVISED VERSIONS OF DIVERTISSEMENT
Compositional Details Mvt. 1 - *Intrada*

**Original (mm. 1-6)**

**Revised (mm. 1-7) Transposed up a fourth**

Compositional Details Mvt. 1 - *Intrada*

**Original (mm. 8-9) All slurred, (mm. 10) Broken slur**

**Revised (mm. 8-9) Slur two tongue two, (mm. 10) All slurred**
Compositional Details Mvt. 1 - *Intrada*

Original (mm. 71-73) 8\textsuperscript{va} for the right hand piano

Revised (mm. 71-73) 8\textsuperscript{va} for the right hand piano and flute

Compositional Details Mvt. 2 - *Nocturne*

Original (mm. 9-12)

Revised (mm. 9-11) Transposed up a fourth, (mm. 10) added harmony in the piano right hand, (mm. 11) new rhythm motif in the piano left hand
Compositional Details Mvt. 2 - Nocturne

Original (mm. 38-41)

Revised (mm. 38-41), (mm. 38) Alto Sax has the Marimba line from the original mm. 38

Compositional Details Mvt. 3 - Valse

Original (mm. 1-13)
Compositional Details Mvt. 3 - *Valse*

Revised (mm. 1-20) No change in key, the main melody is in bass clef and dropped two octaves for bassoon and (mm. 10-17) the left hand piano drops one octave.

Original (mm. 53-65), (mm. 60-65) Oboe melody returns
Compositional Details Mvt. 3 - *Valse*

Revised (54-72), (mm. 60-73) Bassoon moves up an octave (mm. 73 not pictured)

Original (mm. 107-111)

Revised (mm. 105-111), (mm. 108-109) Similar rhythmic figure as mm. 108-109 of the original, (mm. 111) Optional 8th bassoon low A (*low A extension tube is needed*)
Compositional Details Mvt. 4 - Marche

Original (mm. 1-6)

Revised (mm. 1-5) No change in key, Begins with mm. 2 of the original

Compositional Details Mvt. 4 - Marche

Original (mm. 36-41), (mm. 40-41) Snare Drum solo, and no time signature change

Revised (mm. 36-41), (mm. 38-39) sustained note in the left hand of the piano, added three extra notes to the piano right hand and turn the 6/8 measure into a 9/8 measure
Compositional Details Mvt. 4 - *Marche*

Original (mm. 66-77), (mm. 71-78) Percussion solo (mm. 78 not pictured)

Revised (mm. 62-73), (mm. 65-72) Clarinet part and piano right hand are added to replace the percussion, another addition is the inclusion of a chromatic 16\textsuperscript{th} note run (mm. 71-72)
Compositional Details Mvt. 4 - *Marche*

Original (mm. 120-126)

Revised (mm. 115-120), (mm. 117-118) Added a chromatic 16th note run, (mm. 120) Added a descending 16th note run to end the movement.
Compositional Details Mvt. 5 - *Romanza*

Original (mm. 26-31), (mm. 27-30) Percussion uses wind chimes to continue forward motion of the movement

Revised (mm. 26-31), (mm. 27-30) Inserted notes in the right hand piano part compensate for the wind chimes of the original to continue forward motion of the movement
Compositional Details Mvt. 5 - *Romanza*

Original & Revised (mm. 12-15) Music is exactly the same for the oboe and piano parts (*the revised version does not list percussion in the score*)

Original & Revised (mm. 51-54), (mm. 53) Added a run in the oboe part to continue motion of the phrase in both versions

Compositional Details Mvt. 6 - *Galop (Woodwinds)*

Original (mm. 18-30)
Compositional Details Mvt. 6 - *Galop (Woodwinds)*

Revised (mm. 18-30), (mm. 20-27) Originally there were only 2 measures but the composer expanded it to 8 measures to assist the instrument switch to Clarinet.

Original (mm. 44-51)

Revised (mm. 50-56), (mm. 54) Alto Sax has the Xylophone line from the original mm. 48. The 16th note pickups into mm. 55 slur into the Alto Sax melody.
Compositional Details Mvt. 6 - Galop (Woodwinds)

Original (mm. 72-83), (mm. 78) Xylophone plays the melody

Revised (mm. 77-88), (mm. 80-81) Piano plays Xylophone material from the original mm. 74-75, (mm. 84-86) Oboe plays Xylophone material from the original mm. 78-80, (mm. 87) Piano right hand plays the one measure Oboe part from the original mm. 81, (mm. 88) Oboe finishes by playing the Xylophone measure from the original mm. 82
Compositional Details Mvt. 6 - *Galop (Woodwinds)*

Original (mm. 143-146)

Revised (mm. 148-152), (mm. 152) Written 1 octave higher than the original mm. 146 (*sounds 2 octaves higher on the piccolo*)
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