Etude #2

Inspiration for this etude comes from a very important rhythm (dotted eighth, sixteenth, eighth) found in Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*. This rhythm is also found in Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* (but in 3/4) and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4* (but rhythmically inverted). Ensembles often struggle with this rhythm. Instead of sounding triplet-based, it often sounds like a duple rhythm. It is often the job of the timpanist to be a "rhythmic cop" and to ensure this rhythm is interpreted correctly. The technical challenge of bars 56-59 should dictate the tempo for this etude.

Not too Fast ♩. =72

General sound

A♭ C D F

f

5

mp

10

f

15

23 - G, 26 - E, 29 - D

25

p

30

34

f

ALEX A. ORFALY