

Maurice Ravel
String Quartet in F
Mvt. 2 – Assez vif, Très rythmé

arranged for mallet septet
by Stephen Primatic



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Notes

Maurice Ravel's **String Quartet in F Major** is a staple of string quartet literature, and the second movement of the quartet translates well to mallet percussion. Wooden mallet instruments effectively emulate the opening pizzicato statements, while the lyrical passages are well suited to the metallic, sustaining keyboard instruments.

It is important to be able to freely switch between the feeling of compound-duple (6/8) and simple-triple (3/4) meters as necessary at the opening of the piece, as well as letter L. Harder mallets are appropriate for the faster sections, while considerably softer mallets should be used for the Lento section beginning at letter H. Letter K can be particularly challenging because of the slow tempo and the mixture of quarter-note triplets and eighth-notes. It might be helpful to think of this section in "six" (counting the quarter-note triplet as the beat) rather than "four."

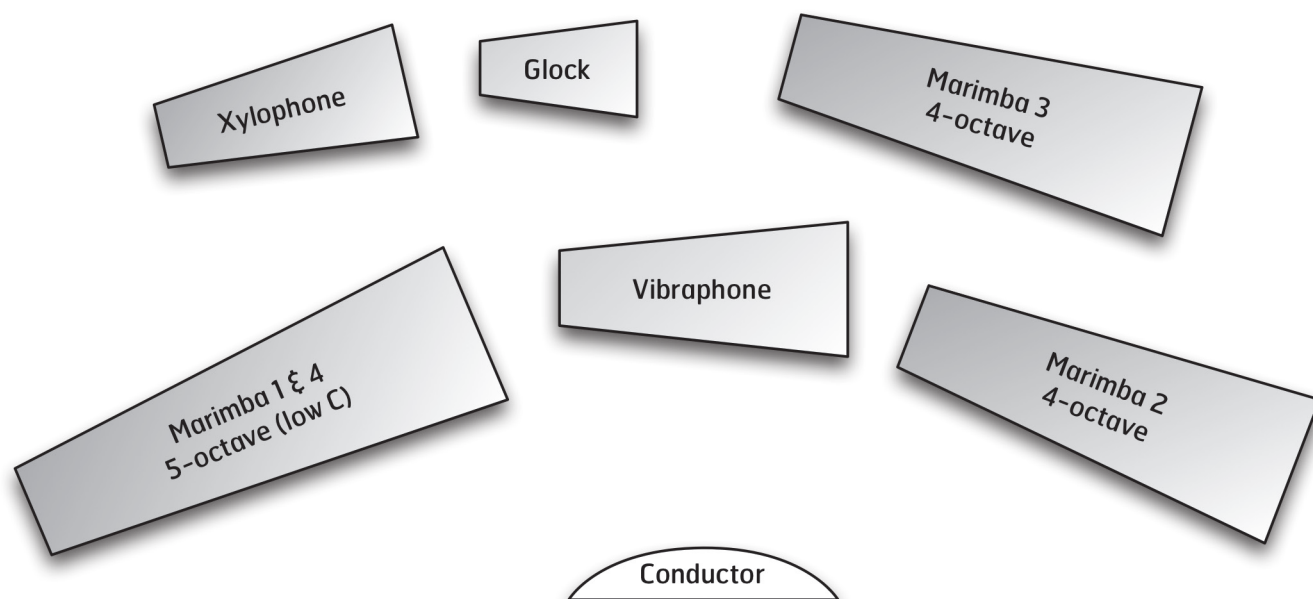
This mallet septet arrangement is meant to capture the nuance of the original string quartet. Familiarity with string players' interpretations can be helpful when making tempo and stylistic choices. If each player of the ensemble listens to the same recording of the original string quartet, it can greatly assist in coordinating the ensemble's ability to perform and intuit musical phrasing.

Players and Instrumentation

String Quartet in F requires **7 players** with the following instrumentation:

1. **Glockenspiel**
2. **Xylophone**
3. **Vibraphone**
4. **Marimba 1** – 5-octave (low C) shared with Mar. 4
5. **Marimba 2** – 4-octave
6. **Marimba 3** – 4-octave
7. **Marimba 4** – shared with Mar. 1

Suggested Setup



Level: Advanced
Approx. playing time: 6'15"

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$\text{♩} = 92$

Glockenspiel

Xylophone

Vibraphone

Marimba 1
(shared w/M4)

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4
(shared w/M1)

f *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

A

G

X

pp *pp* *ppp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

f *ff* *f*

Sample
Image

15

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "The Rose Tree". The score is written for six parts: G (Guitar), X (Xylophone), V (Voice), M1 (Mandolin 1), M2 (Mandolin 2), M3 (Music Box), and M4 (Music Box). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four measures. The first measure shows the G, V, M1, and M2 parts. The second measure shows the G, V, M1, and M2 parts. The third measure shows the G, V, M1, and M2 parts. The fourth measure shows the G, V, M1, and M2 parts. The score is written in a standard musical notation style with a treble clef for G, X, V, M1, and M2, and a bass clef for M3 and M4. The G part has a 3/4 time signature. The V part has a 3/4 time signature. The M1 and M2 parts have a 3/4 time signature. The M3 and M4 parts have a 3/4 time signature. The score is written in a standard musical notation style with a treble clef for G, X, V, M1, and M2, and a bass clef for M3 and M4. The G part has a 3/4 time signature. The V part has a 3/4 time signature. The M1 and M2 parts have a 3/4 time signature. The M3 and M4 parts have a 3/4 time signature.

19

B

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

3

pp

p

pp

pp

pp

p

Sample

Sample Image

C

25

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf *ff* *ff* *pp* *f* *ff* *pp* *pp* *pp* *f* *ff* *pp*

31

G

X

M1

M2

M3

M4

p *p* *ppp* *p* *ppp* *pp*

Sample
Image

39 **D**

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

ff

f

ff

ff

46

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mp

pp

mp

mp

mp

Sample
Image

E

52

G *pp*

X

V *pp*

M1 *ppp*

M2

M3 *ppp*

M4 *pp*

F

56

G

X *mp*

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

Sample
Image

G

Sample Image

75

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

p

pp

mf

p

pp

pp

H Lento ♩ = 46

83

G

X

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

pp

mf

p

pp

pp

pp

pp

Sample
Image

cédez

A tempo

91

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

p

p

p

97

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

p

pp

pp

p

p

p

p

to 4 mallets

Sample
Image

103

I

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

p

mf

p

p

mf

110

rall.

A tempo

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

pp

mf

Sample
Image

112 **Pressez**

Score for measures 112-113 of the 'Pressez' section. The music is in 4/4 time and F major. The instruments are G (Violin I), X (Violin II), V (Viola), M1 (Violoncello I), M2 (Violoncello II), M3 (Double Bass I), and M4 (Double Bass II). Measures 112-113 show a series of sixteenth-note patterns in the lower strings (M1, M2, M3, M4) starting at measure 112, with a *pp* dynamic. The upper strings (G, X, V) have rests in measure 112. In measure 113, the upper strings enter with a half-note chord (F4, C5, F5) marked *mf*. The Viola (V) has a long note in measure 112 that carries into measure 113.

113 **A tempo**

Score for measures 113-114 of the 'A tempo' section. The music is in 3/4 time and F major. The instruments are G (Violin I), X (Violin II), V (Viola), M1 (Violoncello I), M2 (Violoncello II), M3 (Double Bass I), and M4 (Double Bass II). Measures 113-114 show a series of eighth-note patterns in the lower strings (M1, M2, M3, M4) starting at measure 113, with a *pp* dynamic. The upper strings (G, X, V) have rests in measure 113. In measure 114, the upper strings enter with a half-note chord (F4, C5, F5) marked *pp*. The Viola (V) has a long note in measure 113 that carries into measure 114.

114 **Pressez** **J** **A tempo** **rall.**

G
X
V
M1
M2
M3
M4

mf
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp

117 **A tempo**

G
X
M1
M2
M3
M4

mf
mf
mf

Sample
Image

119 **rall.** **K** $\text{♩} = 30$

G X V M1 M2 M3 M4

p *pp* *mf* *p*

121

G X V M1 M2 M3 M4

p *pp*

Sample
Image

123 *rall.* ♩ = 46

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

127 **L** ♩ = 92

G

X

M1

M2

M3

M4

p

pp

p

pp

to 2 mallets

p

p

Sample
Image

134

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

p

p

p

p

mf

mf

mf

mf

141

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

mf

mf

mf

Sample
Image

M

N

Sample Image

163

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

ppp

pp

3

167

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

pp

3

Sample
Image

172

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

ff

p

mf

f

ff

mp

f

mf

ff

p

f

ff

p

mf

f

ff

178

G

X

P

pp

f

f

f

mf

f

mp

f

Sample
Image

185

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mp

pp

p

pp

mf

p

pp

mf

p

pp

193

G

X

V

M1

M2

M3

M4

mf

ff

ff

ff

ff

Sample
Image