CLEAN SWEEP

FOR SOLO SNARE DRUM

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For a video performance of this solo and others, sheet music, exercises, tips & tricks, interviews and more, check out Danny's DVD, "Let It Rip"—available at www.tapspace.com!



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NOTATION KEY



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that stick placement and movement on or across the drum head will assist in achieving dynamic expression, written or otherwise, especially in terms of achieving quick, effective dynamic spans — crescendos and/or decrescendos. One example of this approach is playing near the edge of the drum for softer volumes and working toward the center of the drum for a crescendo effect. Some of this type of technique can be seen on the performance DVD. Use of this effect depends on musical phrasing and is suggested only as an aid to perform a desired effect at the performer's musical discretion. It is simply another "tool" for the soloist to consider in his/her performance palette. Also, there are some dynamic markings denoted with a dash to allow the performer greater musical discretion. For example, mf - f denotes that a performer can choose mf or f or somewhere in between depending on musical interpretation.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

"**Clean Sweep**" is a rudimental solo played with brushes with the intent of exploring the different sounds of a snare drum. Some examples of this would be the "rim rolls" (letter E) or "swishing" the brush across the drumhead (letter C). The visual and sound variations, coupled with the endurance required to perform this piece definitely make this a challenging solo. I would suggest practicing the sweeps and stick tosses with both sticks *and* brushes in an effort to adjust to the difference in feel and control and to simply become more comfortable performing those visuals.

The inspiration for this solo came while working with middle school students on their solo and ensemble pieces in practice rooms the size of a broom closet. Many times they would perform on a drum, and the sound level would get very loud. Half jokingly, I thought, "Man, wouldn't it be nice if someone did a solo using brushes." Truly, inspiration can come from anything at any time anywhere. Enjoy!

WARM-UP EXERCISES



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Level: Advanced Approx. Duration: 2'40"

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