



Cha Cha This! Rhumba That!

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano Accompaniment
- 1 Drumset

With a title like that, how can you go wrong! Give your students a taste of Caribbean music and a better understanding of the Latin music genre. Percussion and piano are great additions but not required.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This piece is written with somewhat of a mixed Latin style. The bass line, doubled in the cello part, has a simple cha-cha-chá bass pattern, which is also used when playing a rumba; the piano has a traditional repetitive montuno pattern that provides a rhythmic element to the rhythm section, as well as the harmonic elements to the piece.

The essential percussion for this style of music is bongos, maracas, congas, cowbell, and clave. However, for this piece a drumset part is also included. If you so desire, and if the essential instruments are available, for example, the maracas and bongos may double the snare line, the congas may play a quarter note on beat 2 and the two eighth notes on beat 4, and the claves may replace the woodblock starting at measure 28. The drumset part has a basic bongo pattern to be played on the rim of the snare drum, with the two eighth notes on the 4th beat played on a medium tom, which is usually played on a conga drum, and the bass drum on 1 and 3.

Notice that the quarter notes in the string bass and cello are accented throughout. However, those quarter notes are to be played on the short side.

This piece provides several possibilities for performance and may be played 1) as written; 2) with strings and piano only; 3) strings and drumset only; or 4) feature the strings only. Enjoy and give your students an audience a taste of the Caribbean at your next concert.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 2:05

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Moderate (♩ = 120)

Violins

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Piano Accompaniment

Drumset

Vlins.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

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on rim

Snare off

Medium Tom

mf

D

G

A7

6

6

D

A

4

5

6

7

Score for measures 8 through 11, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. Accomp., and Drumset. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The drumset part includes measures 8, 9, 10, and 11.

The score for measures 8 through 11 shows the following parts: Vlns. I and II play a melodic line with accents and a 4-measure rest in measure 9. Vla. (Vln. III) plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Pno. Accomp. features a G major chord in measure 8, an A7 chord in measure 9, a D major chord in measure 10, and an A major chord in measure 11. The Drumset part consists of a consistent eighth-note pattern across all four measures.

Score for measures 12 through 15, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. Accomp., and Drumset. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The drumset part includes measures 12, 13, 14, and 15.

The score for measures 12 through 15 continues the musical themes. Vlns. I and II maintain their melodic lines. Vla. (Vln. III) continues its eighth-note pattern. Cello and Str. Bass provide the same eighth-note accompaniment. The Pno. Accomp. features a G major chord in measure 12, an A7 chord in measure 13, a D major chord in measure 14, and an A major chord in measure 15. The Drumset part continues with the eighth-note pattern, with measure 14 showing a slight variation in the bass drum.

Score for measures 16-19, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. Accomp., and Drumset. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Measures 16, 17, 18, and 19 are shown. The Pno. Accomp. part includes chord markings: G, A7, D, and A.

Measures 16, 17, 18, and 19 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

Score for measures 20-23, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. Accomp., and Drumset. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Measures 20, 21, 22, and 23 are shown. The Pno. Accomp. part includes chord markings: G, A7, D, and A.

Measures 20, 21, 22, and 23 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

To Coda Φ 22

Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

24 25 26 27

G A7 D

Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

28 29 30 31

Cowbell muted

Woodblock

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

32 33 34 35

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

36 37 38 39

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

Drumset

D.S. al Coda

on rim

Medium Tom

40 41 42 43

Vlns.

I

II

**Vla.
(Vln. III)**

Cello

Str. Bass

**Pno.
Accomp.**

Drumset

Coda

f

ff

D

G

A7

D N.C.

mf

44

45

46

47