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**Minnesota Brass Inc. Drum and Bugle Corps 2017 Exercise Packet**  
**KEYBOARD Percussion**

Thank you for your interest in Minnesota Brass Inc. Drum and Bugle Corps!  
The following exercises are designed to help develop your fundamental skills on your instrument. Details regarding our approach will be explained at the audition weekends. Please prepare each exercise to the best of your abilities, and in as many keys as possible. Auditions will be based on your performance in group and individual settings. You will be asked to play selections from this packet and an etude to be released during the first audition camp.

For more details and to see the **Online Calendar**, visit:  
[www.mnbrass.org/calendar](http://www.mnbrass.org/calendar)

**Questions?**

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**Thanks again for choosing MBI! Good Luck!**

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**TWO** Mallet Exercises

**1. 7/8 Octave** – To be played in All Keys and Circles



**2a. Blues Clues** – To be played in all Blues Scales

♩ = 80 - 180

**2b. – Green Beans – To be played in all Keys and Circles**

♩ = 100 - 200

The musical score for 'Green Beans' consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a tempo marking of ♩ = 100 - 200. It features a sequence of time signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4. The second staff continues with 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4, including a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The third staff uses 2/4, 3/4, 2/4, 3/4, 3/4, and 2/4. The fourth staff uses 3/4, 3/4, 2/4, 3/4, 3/4, and 4/4, ending with a whole note rest.

**FOUR** Mallet Exercises

**3a. Major Chords**

♩ = 110 - 220

The musical score for 'Major Chords' consists of five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a tempo marking of ♩ = 110 - 220. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains 6 measures of chords. The second staff is in 2/4 time and contains 6 measures. The third staff is in 3/4 time and contains 6 measures. The fourth staff is in 2/4 time and contains 6 measures. The fifth staff is in 3/4 time and contains 6 measures, ending with a whole note chord.

### 3b. Inversions - Learn in All Keys



### 4a. Single Independent & Alternating

♩ = 60 - 160



### 4b. Broccoli

♩ = 50 - 110



### 5a. Bucket of Bob

♩ = 155+

3 4 1 2

1 2 4 3

### 5b. Bob Variations

#### Double Laterals

3 4 1 2    3 4 2 1    1 2 3 4    1 2 4 3

#### Triple Laterals

1 2 1 4 3 4    2 1 2 3 4 3

#### Rhythmic Variations

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⑤                      ⑥                      ⑦                      ⑧

⑨                      ⑩                      ⑪