

Nancy Zeltsman's Recommended Solo Marimba Literature (as of 5/14/21)

Beginner

Carulli, Ferdinando	<i>Andante</i> (transcr. Kite)
Peters, Mitchell	<i>Sea Refractions</i>
Peters, Mitchell	<i>Waves</i>
Pimental, L./Moore, J.	<i>The Solo Marimbist, Vol. 1</i>
Stilke, Denis	<i>Marimba Magic (24 Marimba Duets for One Marimba)</i> (Good for duo sight-reading, or could be played as solos. www.codamusic.eu)

Beginner to Intermediate

Brown, Thomas A.	<i>Mexican Murals</i>
DeLancey, Charles	<i>Rosewood Blues</i>
Gomez, Alice	<i>Marimba Flamenca</i>
Gottry, Josh	<i>Irrelevant</i>
Houliff, Murray	<i>Two Pieces</i>
Pimental, L./Moore, J.	<i>The Solo Marimbist, Vol. 2</i>
Rosauro, Ney	<i>Seven Brazilian Children Songs</i>
Tyson, Blake	<i>A cricket sang and set the sun</i>
Wittiber, Benjamin	<i>Autumn Marimba</i>
Zeltsman, Nancy	<i>Four-Mallet Marimba Playing</i>
Zivkovic, Nebojsa J.	<i>Funny Mallets, Book 1</i>

Intermediate

Bergamo, John	<i>Five Short Pieces for Marimba</i>
Chopin, Frédéric	<i>Valse Brillante Op.34, N° 2</i> (arr. Jeremy Muller)
Cotto, Orlando	<i>Marimba For An Angel</i>
Finley, Benjamin	<i>Evergreen</i>
Glennie, Evelyn	<i>Three Chorales</i>
Lymon, Antonio C.	<i>Of Thoughts and Thinking</i>
O'Meara, Rich	<i>Restless</i>
Romanski, Kevin	<i>Life on the River</i>
Schmitt, Matthias	<i>Ghanaia</i>
Séjourné, Emmanuel	<i>Nancy</i>
Spencer, Julie	<i>After the Storm</i>
Wahlund, Ben	<i>With Sunshine in His Face</i>
Zeltsman, Nancy	<i>Four-Mallet Marimba Playing</i>
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Intermediate to Advanced

Abe, Keiko	<i>Ancient Vase</i> (from 1st collection)
Abe, Keiko	<i>Memories of the Seashore</i> (from 1st collection)
Abe, Keiko	<i>Prism</i> (from 2nd collection)
Andriessen, Louis	<i>Mouse Running</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Berg, Daniel	<i>Over the Moon</i>

Berg, Daniel	<i>December</i>
<i>Black Women Composers: A Century of Piano Music (1893-1990)</i> [anthology of piano works: many readily adaptable to marimba]	
Blume, Gernot	<i>Preface</i>
Carlton, Jude	<i>Tune for Nep</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Carno, Zita	<i>Suite for a Marimba with a Mind of Its Own</i>
Chen, Yi	<i>Jing Marimba</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Burritt, Michael	<i>October Night</i>
Edwards, Ross	<i>Marimba Dances</i>
Espel, Guillo	<i>Zamba para escuchar tu silencio</i>
Fountain, Keeghan	<i>Skipping Stones</i>
Friedman, David	<i>Air Sculpture</i>
Friedman, David	<i>Between Dusk and Dawn</i>
Friedman, David (Arr.)	<i>The Christmas Song</i> (by Mel Torme/Robert Wells)
Friedman, David	<i>Izgalom</i>
Friedman, David	<i>Trying to Say Good-bye</i>
Friedman, David	<i>Valse Binaire</i>
Grom, Ian	<i>Quintessence</i>
Haddad, Ed	<i>Have You Met Lydia?</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Hersch, Fred	<i>Chorinho Picante</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Hersh, Howard	<i>Run!</i>
Hillborg, Anders	<i>Two Pieces for Solo Marimba</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Honstein, Robert	<i>hymning</i>
Jaeger, David	<i>Lyrics</i>
Jones, Darren	<i>Two Little Movements</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Kinkelder, Dolf de	<i>Touch</i>
Levitan, Daniel	<i>Opening Day</i> (mvmt. II from Suite N° 2)
Levitan, Daniel	<i>The Rollover</i>
Lorandi, Gaetano	<i>Riflessi de Raggi Lunari</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Mackey, Steven	<i>Beast</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Metcalf, Joanne	<i>Floating and Grooving</i>
Muramatsu, Takatsuga	<i>Land</i>
Naidoo, Shaun	<i>Diarby</i> (with electronics)
Naito, Akemi	<i>Memory of the Woods</i>
Netzer, Osnat	<i>Taksim</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Okatani, Kaori	<i>Three Colors for Solo Marimba</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Randall, J. K.	<i>through Lapland</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Rafalides, Christos	<i>New Day</i> (for marimba and vocals)
Sammut, Eric	<i>Ameline</i>
Séjourné, Emmanuel	<i>Katamiya</i> (from <i>Internationale Soli für Percussion: 7 Stücke für Marimba</i>)
Simon, Paul	<i>Amulet</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Spencer, Julie	<i>Chelsea Window</i>
Spencer, Julie	<i>Pink Elisa Spring</i>
Spencer, Julie	<i>White Squirrel</i>
Stasack, Jennifer E.	<i>Six Elegies Dancing</i>

Stout, Gordon	<i>Beads of Glass</i>
Stout, Gordon	<i>Two Mexican Dances</i>
Stout, Gordon	<i>Wood That Sings</i>
Stucky, Steven	<i>Dust Devil</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Tan, Alvina	<i>Danson?</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Trevino, Ivan	<i>Songbook Vol. 1</i>
Tywniuk, Derek	<i>For Dean Primmer</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Ung, Chinary	<i>Cinnabar Heart</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Wallen, Errollyn	<i>Remember, Marimba</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Wiener, Ruud	<i>Capriccio Cristallino</i>
Yoshioka, Takayoshi	<i>Suite for Marimba N° 1, 2 & 3</i>
Zeltsman, Nancy	<i>Black Velvet</i>
	<i>Four-Mallet Marimba Playing</i>
Zivkovic, Nobojsa J.	<i>Il Canto Del Gondolieri</i> (from <i>Funny Marimba, Book 2</i>)
Zivkovic, Nobojsa J.	<i>Northwind</i> (from <i>Funny Marimba, Book 2</i>)

Advanced

Aldridge, Robert	<i>From My Little Island</i>
Aldridge, Robert	<i>The Zebra</i> (IMM, vol.1)
Bley, Carla	<i>Over There</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Carlsen, Philip	<i>Susurrus</i>
Chen, Hsin-Yi (Sharon)	<i>Sea of Trees</i>
Chen, Hsin-Yi (Sharon)	<i>The Swallow</i> (Traditional Chinese)
Chen, Hsin-Yi (Sharon)	<i>Variations on 'Little Golden Oriole'</i>
Cole, Elliot	<i>Bloom Suite</i>
Dessner, Bryce	<i>Tromp Miniature</i>
Druckman, Jacob	<i>Reflections on the Nature of Water</i>
Ewazen, Eric	<i>Northern Lights</i>
Gardner, Alexandra	<i>Ayehli</i> (for marimba and sampled sounds)
Hatzis, Christos	<i>Fertility Rites</i> (with electronics)
Ishii, Maki	<i>Hiten-Seido III, op. 75</i>
Jolas, Betsy	<i>Morning Thoughts</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Lee, Thomas Oboe	<i>Préludios...</i>
Mackey, Steven	<i>See Ya Thursday</i>
Maggio, Robert	<i>Songs from the Wood</i>
Mays, Lyle	<i>Mindwalk</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Miki, Minoru	<i>Time for Marimba</i>
Muhl, Erica	<i>Tremor</i>
Rolfe, James	<i>The Connection</i> (with speaking, 1 performer)
Rolfe, James	<i>Sticky</i> (IMM, vol. 2)
Schuller, Gunther	<i>Three Small Adventures</i> (IMM, vol. 1)
Singleton, Alvin	<i>Argorui VI</i>
Smart, Gary	<i>The Seasons</i>
Spencer, Julie	<i>Brothers in Peace</i>
Sueyoshi, Yasuo	<i>Mirage pour Marimba</i>
Wallin, Rolf	<i>Realismos Mágicos</i>

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Four-Mallet Marimba Playing
Ultimatum I

Extremely Difficult

Andriessen, Louis
Bennett, Richard Rodney
Fujikura, Dai
Heider, Werner
Klatzow, Peter
Lansky, Paul
Levitan, Daniel
Michalek, Shawn
Schuller, Gunther
Schwantner, Joseph
Thomas, Andrew
Viñao, Alejandro

Woodpecker (with tuned temple blocks & wood blocks)
After Syrinx II
repetition/recollection
Laudate Lignum
Dances of Earth and Fire
Three Moves
Marimba Singular
black and blue
Marimbology
Velocities
Merlin
Khan Variations

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