# 5 Concert Pieces for Vibraphone

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#### Notice:

These pieces can be played as a solo or duo. They can also serve as the basis for ensemble versions. Occasionally the score can be a bit complex in the beginning. In the case of "Albatrosse", it is expected to be played to the students and repeated by them with the hint: "...and this is what it looks like in the musical notes".

All pieces try to make the characteristics and peculiarities of the vibraphone audible and physically tangible from the start.

Whether it is the full width of the instrument in "Albatrosse", the typical music box sounds in "Windspiel", the pulsating, drum-like rhythms in "Metro Al Madina", the depth of sound in "Choral 21°" or the guitar-like song accompaniment in "Just Another Popsong" - each piece offers focal points and basics for the development of one's own technical etudes.

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– Solo + Optional Accompaniment –

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#### "Albatrosse"

Similar to the wide flap of the Albatross' wings the range of the vibraphone is felt in the first line of the piece.

In the second line, its feet splash in flight over the surface of a large lake. Here it may come to a musical action, in which the tempo of the eighths may be varied freely. Finally, one tone remains standing clear and well formulated.

The song-like part in the third and fourth line describes the landscape, the surroundings of the lake and ends with a view into the distance.

Lines 5 and 6 let the Albatrosses circle over the lake again.

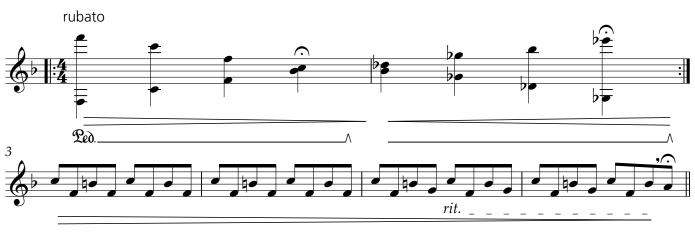
In line 7 they glide through the thermals of the mountain slopes, then glide over the lake again in lines 8 and 9 and "tread" with their feet one last time on the water.

Finally, the concert pitch A sounds.





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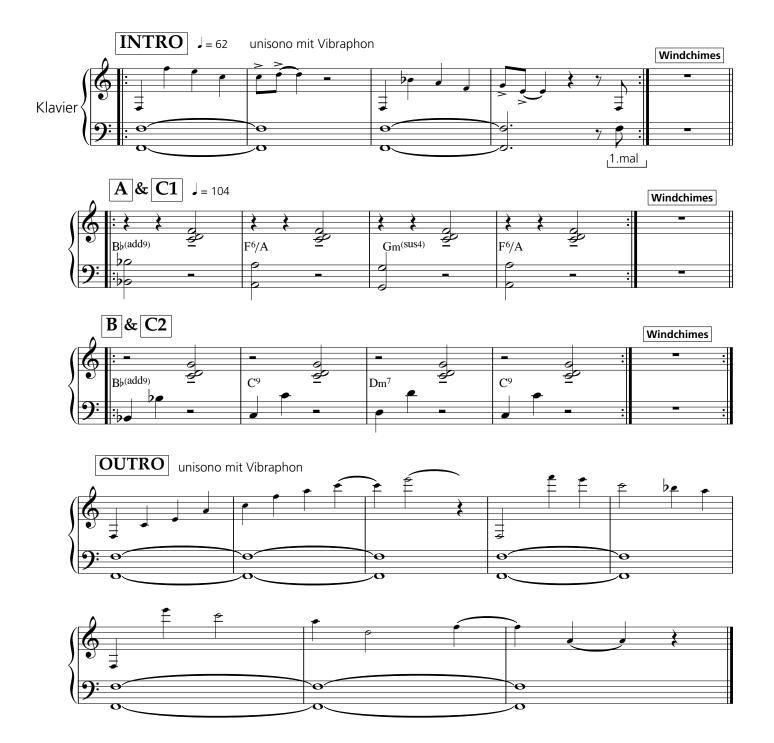
#### "Windspiel"

The music is inspired by the dreamy play of big windchimes. It is dedicated to the various damping techniques of vibraphone playing: mallet-, wipe-, finger- and pedal-dampening. The dynamic balance between mallets 1, 2 and 3 has to be worked out in a flowing, undulating movement of the hands. The "Windchimes" - fermatas are not only a sparkling sound event, but also serve to prepare for the next part.

This is also a good moment to make eye contact with one another.

Piano accompaniment: Second voices, atmospheres and groove patterns can be played according to the chords. The accompanying draft is the basis for possible duo, trio or ensemble parts to be worked on in class.

FORM: Intro | A | B | C1 + C2 (ohne Windchimes) | Intro | C1 (ohne Windchimes) | Outro





## **WINDSPIEL**

Music by X = Schlägeldämpfen / \* = Wisch-DämpfenKarl Matthias Goebel ° = erst alle Töne klingen lassen, dann mit Finger nacheinander dämpfen Windchimes J = 62 maestoso  $\bigcirc$ <u>₹</u> 1.mal Windchimes = 104 andante leggiero () 1.mal Windchimes 11 mf D.C. al Coda p 20  $\bigcirc$ optional: Motor On = 104 mf 28 32 meno mosso 37 Zimbel / Windchime pp

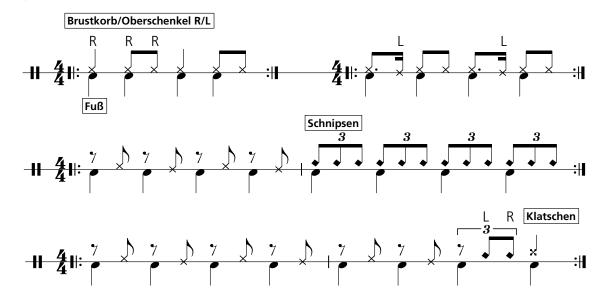
#### "Metro Al Madina"

The music was created on a tour with the Tabadoul Orchestra in Beirut during an extended tour. The "Metro Al Madina" is located on the 1st basement level on the vibrant Hamra Street. The melody plays with a scale that is often attributed to the Far East, the "harmonic minor scale starting a fifth down", or HM5 for short. The pulse of the city is played in the feet, the lyricisms of the local people are played in

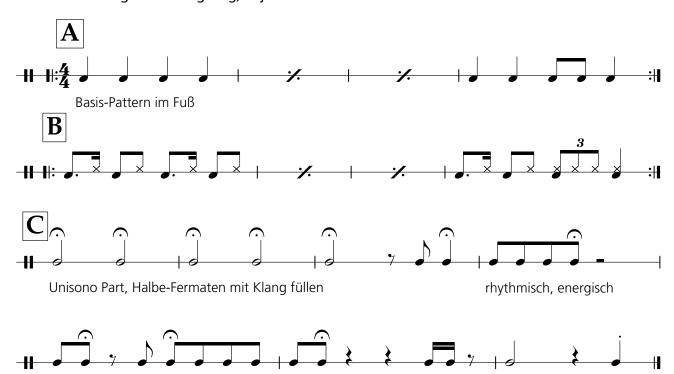
the hands. The piece ends mysteriously, eccentrically and abruptly. It reflects life in Beirut.

With the accompanying pattern B and the rhythm of the melody, second and third voices up to an ensemble can be worked out very quickly. Foot pattern A is also often adopted by the audience.

#### • Bodypercussion Warm Up



- Optionale tonale Begleitung: Pedalton F (Takt 1-4) & A (Takt 5-8) | Unisono (ab Takt 9)
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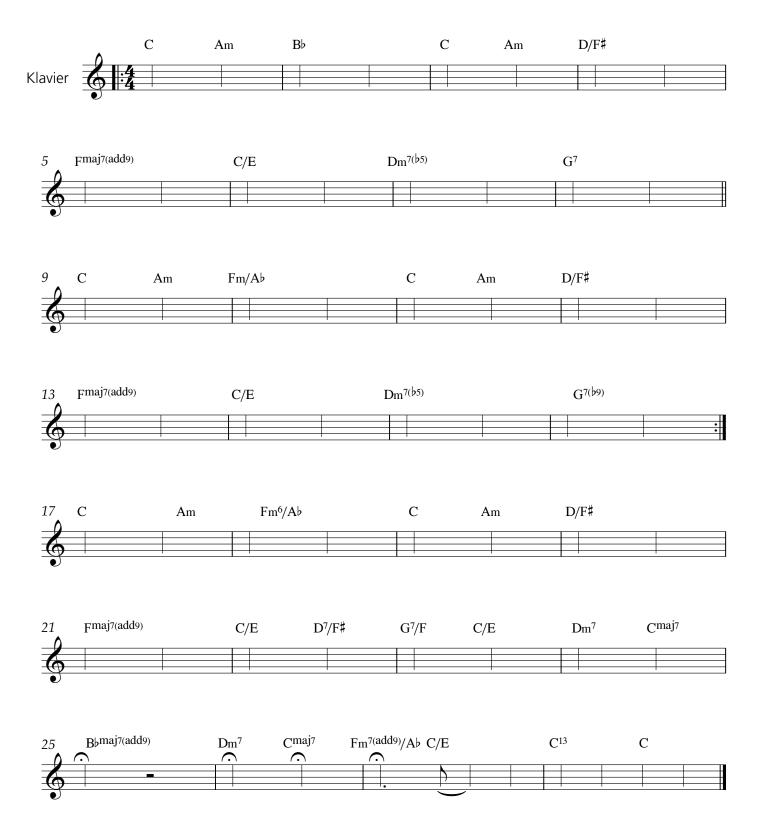




#### "Choral 21°"

Chants are often associated with churches. This chorale takes place in a location that the players choose themselves. For this purpose, everyday background noise is recorded and played back with a smartphone while "Choral 21°" is being

played on the vibraphone at the same time. Melody and bass make up the "chords"; the pedal is consistently "legato" and can be played close to the sound bars.



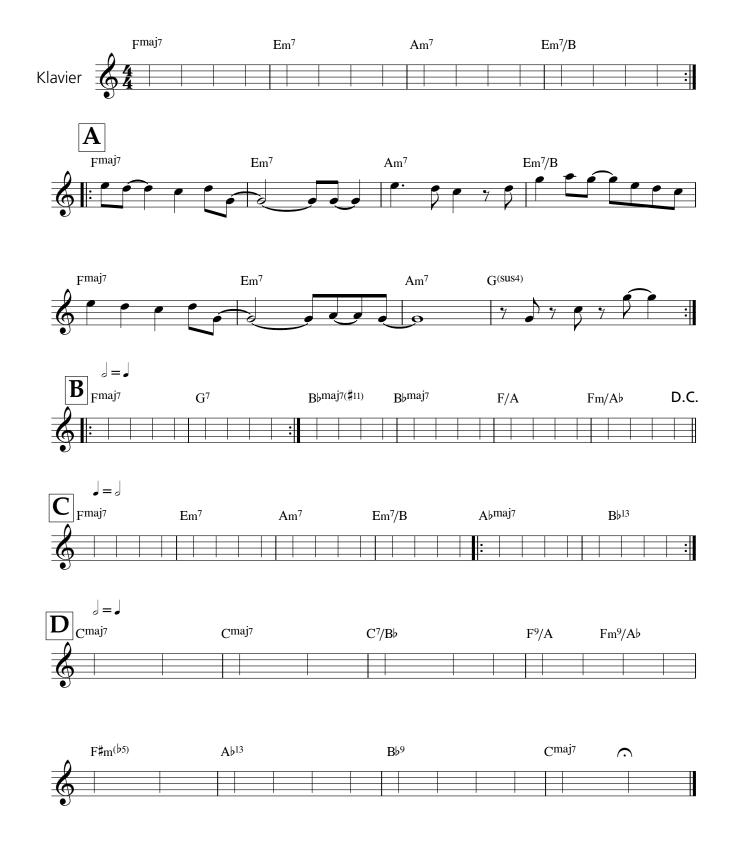


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#### "Just Another Popsong"

Four mallets from the start? Why not! In this pop song, all clichés are fulfilled: poppy chords in the middle section with a half-time feel, catchy melody, ostinati and atmospheric chords at the end. This song is the entry into the supreme discipline of vibraphone playing: self-accompanied solo playing.







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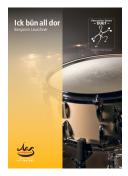
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