ADVENTURES OF HAROLD

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WITH CROTALES

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BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S BOOK
"HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON"
BY CROCKET JOHNSON

NOTES ABOUT THE PIECE

THIS PIECE IS A MUSICAL INTERPRETATION OF CROCKETT JOHNSON'S ILLUSTRATIONS IN THE CHILDREN'S BOOK, "HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON."

THE BOXED NUMBERS IN THE SCORE CORRESPOND WITH PAGE NUMBERS IN THE BOOK. THE PUBLICATION DOES NOT CONTAIN PAGE NUMBERS; HOWEVER, THE FIRST PAGE OF WRITING, WHICH SHOWS HAROLD DRAWING A SINGLE PURPLE LINE AND LOOKING UP, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PAGE 1. EVERY INDIVIDUAL PAGE IS A NEW NUMBER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PAGES 48 AND 49, WHICH EACH CONTAIN A DOUBLE-PAGE SPREAD. PAGE 48 IS THE FIRST FULL DOUBLE-PAGE CITY SCAPE, AND PAGE 49 IS THE SECOND FULL DOUBLE-PAGE CITY SCAPE.

DURING PERFORMANCE, THE ILLUSTRATIONS SHOULD BE PROJECTED ON A SCREEN, WITHOUT THE ACCOMPANYING TEXT. NO WORDS SHOULD APPEAR ON THE SCREEN, ONLY HAROLD AND HIS DRAWINGS. A SECOND PERSON IS REQUIRED TO TURN THE PAGES OF THE PROJECTION ACCORDING TO THE INDICATIONS IN THE SCORE.

THE SCORE ALTERNATES BETWEEN METERED AND FREE SECTIONS. A DOUBLE BARLINE ALWAYS SEPARATES METERED AND UNMETERED SECTIONS.

The majority of metered sections default to a metronome mark of J=132. The exception is at 25, where the tempo is lowered to J=90.

THE UNMETERED SECTIONS SHOULD BE RELAXED AND UNHURRIED. TAKE YOUR TIME WITH THE BOWED CROTALES.

IN GENERAL, EACH TIME A ROLLED NOTE APPEARS, IT SHOULD BE ROLLED USING ONE HAND, WITH MALLETS ABOVE AND BELOW THE BAR. THIS ROLLED NOTE REPRESENTS HAROLD'S PURPLE LINE. THE BOWED CROTALE REPRESENTS THE MOON. EACH TIME THE BOWED CROTALE SOUNDS, HAROLD IS LOOKING UP AT THE MOON.

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