

GMEA All-State Band Etude 2016

Symphonic Band (Grades 11-12)

Alto Sax

Required Scale Order:

G (E) - C (A) - F (D) - B \flat (G) - E \flat (C) - A \flat (F) - D \flat (B \flat) - G \flat (E \flat) - B (G \sharp /A \flat) - E (C \sharp /D \flat) - A (F \sharp /G \flat) - D (B)

Molto Espressivo $\text{♩} = 132$

mp

5 *f* *mp*

9 *f*

13 *mf* *p*

Presto, Leggiero ♩ = 184

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Presto, Leggiero' with a quarter note equal to 184 beats per minute. The score includes various dynamics: *f* (forte), *p* (piano), and *ff* (fortissimo). It features numerous triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) and slurs. The first six staves are marked with a hairpin crescendo line, indicating a gradual increase in volume. The seventh staff begins with a hairpin decrescendo line, indicating a gradual decrease in volume. The score includes a double bar line with repeat dots (//) in the fifth staff, where the tempo changes from 'molto rit.' (molto ritardando) to 'a tempo'. The piece concludes with a final note marked with an accent (>).