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Ain't Got Rhythm

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Christopher Alexander

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from *Phineas and Ferb*



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About the Work

This groovy song from the hit Disney® TV series *Phineas and Ferb* will have your singers and audiences dancing in the aisles at your next performance. In the episode, the school librarian (a former rock band drummer) argues he is not able to make music anymore unbeknowningly rapping and creating a stomp-like rhythm groove, inspiring the students in the library to erupt into excited mayhem. This message of hope and changing one's self view should be the focus of your singers...and having fun!

About the Arranger



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to local solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.



NEW GENERATION CHORAL SERIES

These original compositions and arrangements were written for **The New Generation Singers** of St. Joseph, Missouri.

This singing youth group has been traveling across the United States and Canada with their annual sermons-in-song since 1970 — over 50 years!

Proceeds from this choral series will go directly to benefit The New Generation Singers.

For more information about The New Generation Singers, visit ngsingers.com.

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from "Phineas and Ferb"

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With a funky groove (♩ = 100)

repeat 3x

mf (spoken)

SOLO #1

Musical notation for SOLO #1 in 4/4 time, key of D major. The staff shows a rest for the first two measures, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The final measure contains two eighth notes marked with an 'x' (representing a drum hit).

Snare Drum or other percussion

repeat 3x

So you're

SOLO #2

Musical notation for SOLO #2 in 4/4 time, key of D major. The staff shows a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The final measure contains two eighth notes marked with an 'x'.

With a funky groove (♩ = 100)

repeat 3x

PIANO

Musical notation for PIANO in 4/4 time, key of D major. The staff shows a rest for the first two measures, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The final measure contains two eighth notes marked with an 'x'.

3

Vocal line musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "say-ing that you don't have rhy-thm, but lis-ten what you're do-ing right there! With a". The notation includes 'x' marks above notes to indicate rhythmic emphasis.

3

Piano accompaniment musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The right hand plays a simple harmonic accompaniment, and the left hand plays a bass line.

It is the director's discretion to designate the venue's aesthetics for the soloists and choir to utilize and (using drumsticks) create individual rhythms in performance. At the least, basic staging should be one drum at center stage. Ideally Solo #2 should play the drum part while singing, but if this is not possible a separate percussionist should be used.

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stamp and a book, you've got a real nice hook- sounds to me like you've got rhy-thm to spare.

mf (spoken)

5

I have

7

no i - dea_ what you're talk - ing a - bout. I've got as much rhy-thm as that chair. What

9

hap-pened to me_ was a tri-ge-er_ but I don't have to be a mil-lionaire. Look, I

(sung)

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11

Musical notation for the first system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

got a sweet deal go-ing on here, I got all the books that I can read. All these

11

Piano accompaniment for the first system.

13

Musical notation for the second system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

sweet old la - dies and this car-pet from the eight-ies, what more can a li-brar-i-an need?

13

Piano accompaniment for the second system.

15

Musical notation for the third system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

mf

f (spoken, directed at Soloist #2)

Be - sides, I ain't got

15

Piano accompaniment for the third system.

SHHHH

f (spoken, directed at Soloist #2)

15

Piano accompaniment for the third system.

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16

mf

16

rhy - thm. No, I ain't got rhy - thm. Said I ain't got

(sung) mf unis.

He ain't got rhy - thm, he ain't got rhy - thm,

16

mf

18

(spoken)

You're

18

mf

rhy - thm. I ain't got rhy - thm!

He ain't got rhy - thm, he ain't got rhy - thm,

18

mf

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20

kid-ding me, right? You're- kid-ding me. Don't you see what you are do-ing right there? That's a

20

20

22

wick-ed move you were start-ing to move. Mis-ter, you've got rhy-thm times ten.

(spoken)

22

I think, per-

22

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24

haps that you're not list - 'ning, I find it te - di - ous ___ to re - peat. It's

24

Ooh

24

26

(sung)
no big crime, I just can't keep time. I'm tell - ing you I've lost the beat. I don't

26