

SELECTIONS

From

Vivaldi's String Concertos (cont.)

For

Alto, Tenor, Bass Trombone and Tuba

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MUSIC for the

BAROQUE BONE SQUAD

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About the Composer

The three great innovators of the 17th century, Monteverdi(1567-1643), Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Corelli (1653-1713) can easily be paired with the three masters of the 18th, Handel (1685-1759), Bach (1685-1750) and Vivaldi (1678-1741). The circumstances of the connections, however, differ greatly. From the operas of Monteverdi to the operas of Handel, there are two complete generations of composers, highlighted by the careers of Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676) and Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725), both of whom were quite famous during their lifetimes. From the sacred concertos of Gabrieli to the cantatas of Bach, there are also two generations of composers, represented most vividly by the careers of Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), a celebrated student of Gabrieli and Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), a much lesser known composer. In contrast, Corelli was not only alive, but in the prime of his career when Vivaldi started his own creative output. The first three Opus numbers of Vivaldi (sets of Trio Sonatas, Solo Sonatas and Concerti Grossi) mimic exactly the progression of Corelli's Op. 4-6, with all three owing much to the style of Corelli. The operatic and sacred compositions of Vivaldi are certainly underrated, though no one would claim he reached the level of Handel and Bach, the acknowledged masters of the two genres. His concerti, though, were of profound influence, particularly since he successfully developed the Concerto Grosso into a virtuoso solo concerto form that remains captivating to modern audiences. The examples in this collection are youthful compositions, undoubtedly written for his students at the "Ospedale della Pieta", an orphanage for young females that used his concerts as a major fund raising tool. These String Concertos closely resemble the Sinfonias first written as Preludes to Operas; eventually developing into the modern Symphony.

About the arranger

Bob Reifsnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** Vivaldi did indeed write continuo parts for all of these works, but their inclusion is hardly necessary to give a sense of completeness. As a result, public performance is highly encouraged.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the first and second parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** The string concertos were scored for two violins, viola and basso continuo. The original notes have been infrequently exchanged in these arrangements, since the four voices are almost always in four different ranges.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate a C tuba. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by a viola, trombone, cello and string bass, which offers a wonderful chamber music experience for a trombonist.
5. **Tempi-** All tempi are suggestions, not requirements. They are based on three tenets of Baroque performance:
 - A. triple tempi are faster than duple tempi
 - B. music with quarter and half notes as the fastest value have faster tempi
 - C. music with eighth and sixteenth notes as the fastest value have slower tempi
6. **Dynamics-** Only three dynamic levels are used in these arrangements (mf,mp,p) and they are also suggestions as well. If one wants to expand the dynamic range a bit, there is certainly no issue with using "f,mp,pp" instead. The use of dynamics here is almost never an indication of the relative importance of the four independent lines, in direct contrast to the use of dynamics in volumes 11-12 (Bach). Instead, the dynamics are meant to contrast musical sections.
7. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Allegro from RV138

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

mf *mp*

5 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

9 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

13 *mp*

18 *mf* *mp*

22 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

26 *mf*

31 *mp* *p*

35

mf *mp*

39

mf *mp* *p*

43

mf *mp*

48

mf *mp* *p* *mp*

52

mf *mp* *mf*

57

mp *mf*

62

mp

67

p *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

72

mp *p* *mp* *mf*

77



Allegro molto from RV140

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf *mp*

5 *mf* *mp* *p*

10 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

15 *mf*

20 *mp* *mp*

25 *p* *mp* *mf*

30 *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

35 *p* *mp*

40

mf *mp*

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, B-flat key signature. Measures 40-44. Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*.

45

p *mp* *mf*

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, B-flat key signature. Measures 45-49. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

50

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, B-flat key signature. Measures 50-54. Dynamics: none.

Allegro assai from RV140

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

mf *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

12

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

23

mf *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

36

mf *mp* *mf*

48

p *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

59

Andante molto from RV141

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 45$

mf mp

9

mf mp mf mp

17

p mf mp p

25

mp mf mp

33

mf mp p mf

42

Allegro molto from RV141

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 132

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

10 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

19 *p* *mf*

29 *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

38 *mf*

Bass Trombone

Andante from RV142

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 70$

Staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, common time. Measures 1-6. Dynamics: *p*.

7

Staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, common time. Measures 7-12. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*.

13

Staff 3: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, common time. Measures 13-14. Dynamics: none.

Allegro molto from RV142

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 110

mf mp mf

9

mp p mp mf

16

mf mp mf

22

mp

28

mf mp mf

Bass Trombone

Adagio from RV143

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60



p

5



40

mf *p*

45

mf *mp* *p* *mp*

49

p *mp*

54

mf

58

mp *mf* *p*

63

mp *p* *p*

68

mf

Allegro from RV145

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf *mp* *p*

10 *mf* *mp* *p* *mf*

19

28 *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf*

38 *mp* *p*

45 *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf*

55 *p* *mp* *mf*

64 *p* *mp* *mf*

74

Musical staff for measures 74-83. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings are placed below the staff: *mp* (measures 74-75), *mf* (measures 76-77), *mp* (measures 78-79), *p* (measures 80-81), *mp* (measures 82-83), *p* (measures 84-85), and *mp* (measures 86-87).

84

Musical staff for measures 84-87. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music continues with eighth-note patterns. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the staff at the beginning of measure 84. The staff concludes with a double bar line.

Bass Trombone

Presto from RV145

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

The first staff of music is in bass clef, 3/8 time, and B-flat major. It begins with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, including some beamed sixteenth-note passages. The staff concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign. Dynamic markings *mp*, *mf*, and *mp* are placed below the staff at various points.

12

The second staff of music continues the piece from measure 12. It features a dynamic marking of *mf* at the beginning. The notation includes sixteenth-note runs and eighth-note patterns. The staff ends with a double bar line. Dynamic markings *mp* and *mf* are placed below the staff.

Bass Trombone

Largo from RV150

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 75

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

8

mp *p* *mf*

16

p

Allegro from RV150

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

8
mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

15
p *mp* *mf*

22
mp *p* *mp* *mf*

29
mp *p*

36
mp *mf* *mp*

43
mf *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

51
mp *mf* *mp*

58

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), measures 58-64. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *mp*.

65

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), measures 65-68. Dynamics: *mf*.

Bass Trombone

Adagio from RV151

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

p *mp* *mf*

7

mp *p* *mp* *mf*

15

p

Allegro from RV151

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

$\text{♩} = 70$

mf *mp*

10

mf

20

mp *p* *mf*

31

mp

41

p *p* *mf*

52

Allegro from RV152

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 90

mf mp mf mp mf mp

8 mf mp p mp mf

17 mp p mp

26 mf mp p

36 mp mf mp p

44 mp p mp

53 mf mp mf mp mf mp mf

62 mp mf mp mf

70

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 7 measures of music. Dynamic markings: *mp*, *mf*, *mp*, *mf*, *mp*, *p*.

80

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 7 measures of music. Dynamic markings: *mp*, *mf*.

89

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 7 measures of music. Dynamic markings: *mp*, *p*, *mf*.

Andante from RV153

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 70

mf

5

p

10

mp

16

21

mf

25

mp

31

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Allegro from RV153

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf *mp* *p*

7
mf *mp* *p* *mf*

14
mp *mf* *p*

22
mf *mp*

29
p *mp* *p* *mp*

36
mf *mp*

43
mf *mp*

50
mp *p* *mf* *mp* *mf*

56

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 56-63. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mf*. The staff contains a sequence of notes with rests and slurs, indicating a melodic line.

64

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 64-71. Dynamics: *p*. The staff contains a sequence of notes with rests and slurs, indicating a melodic line.

Bass Trombone

Adagio from RV154

Vivaldi
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$\text{♩} = 60$

p

6

12

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Allegro from RV154

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 50

mf

6

mp p mf

13

mp p mp

20

mf mp p mf

25

mp p mp mf mp p

33

mf mp p mf

40

p mp mf

♩ = 50

46

mp p

52

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 52-59. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

60

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 60-61. Ends with a double bar line.

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Allegro from RV155

38

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, measures 38-41. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics are marked as *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *mp*.

42

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, measures 42-45. The music features sixteenth-note patterns. Dynamics are marked as *mf*.