

SELECTIONS

From

Vivaldi's String Concertos (concluded)

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 Reifsnnyder, 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 RV156

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 90

mf *mp* *p* *mf*

5 *mp* *p* *mf*

8 *mp* *p*

11 *mf* *mp* *p*

14 *mp* *p*

17 *mp* *mf* *mp*

21 *p* *mf* *mp*

25 *p* *mf* *mp*

28

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 28. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*.

32

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 32. Dynamics: *mf*.

35

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 35. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*, *mp*.

39

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 39. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *mp*.

43

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 43. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *mp*.

46

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 46. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

50

Musical staff 7: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 50. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mf*.

54

Musical staff 8: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 54. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mf*.

58

Musical staff 9: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, starting at measure 58. Dynamics: *mp*.

62

p *mf* *mp* *p*

67

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

71

mp *p* *mf*

76

Trombone 1

Largo from RV157

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 75$

The musical score is written for Trombone 1 in bass clef, 3/4 time, and B-flat major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *p* and ends with *mp*. The second staff starts at measure 8 with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The third staff starts at measure 16 with dynamic markings of *mp*, *p*, and *mf*. The fourth staff starts at measure 25 and ends with a double bar line.

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Allegro from RV157

Vivaldi

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♩ = 90

Musical staff 1, measures 1-5. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The music begins with a whole rest in measure 1, followed by a quarter rest in measure 2. In measure 3, a quarter note G3 is followed by eighth notes A3, B3, and C4. In measure 4, eighth notes D4, E4, and F4 are followed by a quarter note G4. In measure 5, eighth notes A4, B4, and C5 are followed by a quarter note D5. The dynamic marking *mf* is centered below the staff.

6

Musical staff 2, measures 6-8. The staff continues in bass clef with a key signature of one flat and common time. Measure 6 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 7 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 8 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *mp* is centered below the staff.

9

Musical staff 3, measures 9-11. Measure 9 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 10 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 11 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *p* is centered below the staff.

12

Musical staff 4, measures 12-14. Measure 12 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 13 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 14 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *p* is centered below the staff.

15

Musical staff 5, measures 15-17. Measure 15 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 16 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 17 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *mp* is centered below the staff.

20

Musical staff 6, measures 20-22. Measure 20 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 21 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 22 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *mf* is centered below the staff.

25

Musical staff 7, measures 25-27. Measure 25 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 26 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 27 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *mp* is centered below the staff.

28

Musical staff 8, measures 28-30. Measure 28 contains eighth notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4. Measure 29 contains eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5. Measure 30 contains eighth notes B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6. The dynamic marking *p* is centered below the staff.

32

mp

37

mp

41

mf

46

mp *p*

51

mp

Allegro molto from RV158

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf

5

mp *mf* *mp* *p*

9

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

13

mp *mp*

17

mf *mp* *p* *mp*

21

mf *mp* *mf*

25

mp *mf*

29

mp *mf* *mp* *mf*

33

mp *p* *mp*

36

mf *mp* *mf*

40

mp *mf* *p*

44

mp *mf*

48

mp *mf* *mp*

51

mf

55

mp *mf* *mp*

59

p *mp* *mf* *mp*

63

mf *mp* *mf* *p*

67

mp *mf* *mp* *p*

71

mp *mf*

Trombone 1

Adagio from RV159

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♩ = 60

p *mp*

5

mf *p*

Allegro from RV159

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩. = 50

mp

9 *mf* *mp* *mf*

19 *mp*

29 *mf*

40 *mp* *mf*

50 *mp* *p* *mf*

61 *mp* *mf*

Trombone 1

Andante from RV160

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 70

sempre p

6

11

16

Allegro from RV160

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

♩ = 90

mf *mp*

4 *mf* *mp*

8 *mf* *mp* *mf*

12 *p*

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

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

27 *mf* *mp* *mf*

32 *mp* *mf*

38

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 38. The staff contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs and accents. Dynamic markings *mp* and *mf* are present below the staff.

43

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 43. The staff contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs and accents.

48

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 48. The staff contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs and accents, ending with a double bar line.

Trombone 1

Largo from RV161

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♩ = 50



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Trombone 1

Allegro molto moderato from RV163

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf mp mf

6

mp p

11

mp mf mp

16

p mf

20

mf

26

mp p

32

mf

36

mf

41



Trombone 1

Adagio from RV164

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60

p *mp* *mf* *mp*

8

p

Trombone 1

Allegro from RV164

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩. = 60

p *mf*

11 *p*

20 *mf*

28 *p* *mf*

39 *p*

50 *mf*

61 *mp* *mp*

72 *p* *p*

Trombone 1

Allegro from RV166

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

mf

6

p

12

mp *p*

18

mp *mf*

24

mp

29

mp

Trombone 1

Adagio from "Al Santo Sepolcro"

RV169

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60

p

7

mp

13

mf

19

mp *p*

Allegro from "Al Santo Sepulcro"

RV169

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

mf *p*

6

mp

12

p

18

p *mf*

24

mf *mp* *mp*

29

p *mf*

34

p *p*

39

mf