

Sonata for Trumpet  
in B Flat, Strings, and  
Organ, Opus 2., No. 3a.  
By Walter Braxton  
Conductor's Score

Sonata for Trumpet in B Flat, Strings, and Organ Opus 2, No. 3a.  
By Walter Augustus Braxton, b. April 29, 1952 at 3:44pm

I. Andantino funèbre, ♩ = 69, 25mm., common time, a minor, pp. 1-4.

II. Arioso con brioso, ♪ = 72, 41mm., common time, mm. 1-29,  
compound duple meter, time, mm. 30-41, pp. 5-10.  
D Flat Major: mm. 1-16  
D Major: mm. 17-29  
C Major: mm. 30-41

III. Grave, ♩ = 63, 28mm., six/four, time, mm. 1-9, compound duple  
meter, time, mm. 10-16, common time, mm. 17-28. pp. 11-14.  
C Major: mm. 1-19  
C sharp minor: mm. 20-28

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A three movement cycle of the ripieno sonata type of concerto form was influential, without the expansive distinction of tutti and solo alternatives to my solo sonata for trumpet in B flat, strings and organ. Each movement subsists of any self-sufficient, potentially independent segment of the larger musical composition, and it is the principal division which is self-evident in terms of key and tempo signatures, or of structure and form.

The prevailing romantic tendency in the course of events or conditions, from a mental impulse, determines the mood and the boundary of the aforementioned aesthetic. The allowance for the quantity of the aesthetic depends upon the commitment of what is shared within the central content of an idea. The fragmentary reiteration of identical musical ideas in adjacent materials delineates the availability of literature in absolute and programmatic presentation.

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Opus 2., No. 3a.

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Andantino funèbre,  $\text{J} = 69$

I.

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Trp.  
in  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violon-  
cello

Double  
Bass

Trp.  
in  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violon-  
cello

Double  
Bass

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8

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

12

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass



16

Trp. in B Flat      ff

Vn. 1      ff

Vn. 2      ff

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

Trp. in B Flat      mp

Vn. 1      p

Vn. 2      p      unisono

Va.      p      unisono

Violoncello

Double Bass



4.

24

Trp.  
in  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violon-  
cello

Double  
Bass

This is a handwritten musical score page for orchestra or band. The score is numbered 24 at the top left. The instrumentation listed is Trombone (in B Flat), Violin 1, Violin 2, Cello, and Double Bass. The music is written on five staves of five-line staff paper. The Trombone part has a treble clef and a sharp sign, indicating B-Flat major. The other instruments (Violin 1, Violin 2, Cello, Double Bass) have a treble clef. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of measure 24.

Arioso con briosso,  $\delta = 72$

II.

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5.

Trp. in BFlat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

Trp. in BFlat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

*Arioso con briosso,  $\delta = 72$*

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6.

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

ff

ff

ff unisono

ff

ff

ff

ff



13

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

17

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

*divisi*

*f unisono*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

21

Trp. in  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

25

Trp. in  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

$J = J.$ 

29

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

$J = J.$  ff

divisi

f

$f$  unisono

33

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

$f$

unisono

divisi



37

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

41

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

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Grave,  $\text{J} = 63$

III.

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Trp. int.  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

5

Trp. int.  
B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

This is a handwritten musical score for a string quartet (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello) and brass (Trumpet in B Flat). The score is in 2/4 time, key signature of G major (two sharps), and tempo Grave, J = 63. The score consists of two systems of music. In the first system, the trumpet part has a melodic line with grace notes and slurs. The strings provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. In the second system, the trumpet continues its melodic line, and the strings play more complex harmonic patterns. Dynamics like f (forte) and p (pianissimo) are indicated throughout the score.



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9

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

*d = d*

*d = d* unisono

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

13

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

*ff*

*divisi*



13.

Largemente,  $\text{J}=84$ 

Trp. in B Flat 17

$\text{G}^{\#} \text{A} \text{B} \text{C} \text{D} \text{E} \text{F} \text{G}$

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

Trp. in B Flat 21

$\text{G}^{\#} \text{A} \text{B} \text{C} \text{D} \text{E} \text{F} \text{G}$

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass



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25

Trp. in B Flat

Vn. 1

Vn. 2

Va.

Violoncello

Double Bass

This is a handwritten musical score page. At the top right is the page number '14.'. The score begins with measure 25, indicated by a large '25' at the start of the first staff. The first staff is for 'Trp. in B Flat', written in a soprano clef with a key signature of four sharps. The second staff is for 'Vn. 1', the third for 'Vn. 2', the fourth for 'Vn. 1', the fifth for 'Vn. 2', and the sixth for 'Vn. 1'. The seventh staff is for 'Double Bass', which also includes 'Violoncello' and 'Vn. 1' in parentheses. The eighth staff is for 'Vn. 2'. The ninth staff is for 'Vn. 1'. The score consists of two measures. Measure 25 starts with a dynamic of **f**. Measure 26 starts with a dynamic of **ff**. Various note heads and stems are present, along with rests and grace notes. Measure 26 concludes with a fermata over the bass line.