

# SELECTIONS

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## “Sacrae Symphonaie (1597) of Giovanni Gabrieli

for two choirs of

Alto, Tenor, Bass Trombone and Tuba

arranged by

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## About the Composers

Two of the great innovators of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643), spent the greater part of their careers employed at the Cathedral of San Marco in Venice. Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), the greatest German composer of the seventeenth century, studied with both of them, making Venice the most important musical center of the early Baroque.

Gabrieli is revered by all brass players for his 42 extant compositions in 4-22 parts of predominantly antiphonal brass music, intended to take advantage of the three balconies located in the sanctuary of San Marco. In his music, we see the finest early examples of "concertato style", where every imaginable musical contrast was utilized (voice-instrument, fast-slow, duple-triple meter, high-low, loud-soft, strings-brass, etc.) This collection includes several of those 42 works.

Monteverdi also used the "concertato style" frequently in his sacred music, but he is much more famous for the development of the "monadic style" in his operas, which first introduced the "recitative" to contemporary audiences and later firmly established the "recitative-aria" approach that dominated operatic composition right up to Wagner. In this collection, though, the music is drawn from his secular madrigals, the most important historical collection illustrating the transition from Renaissance polyphony to Baroque Homophony.

Schutz first studied with Gabrieli and embraced the antiphonal "concertato" style in his early music. However, the ravages of a major plague and the Thirty Years War severely depleted his musical resources, making that form of expression impossible. He returned to Venice at the age of 44 to learn the monadic techniques of Monteverdi and incorporated this new approach into his compositions (the arrangements used in this collection come from that period). Late in his career, he returned once again to the antiphonal "concertato" style and wrote perhaps his most glorious compositions, influencing all who followed.

## 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-** These works are designed to add to the performance repertoire of the low brass choir.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully also serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the top four 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-** There is quite a bit of octave displacement to keep the individual parts within the comfortable range of the performing instruments and to establish the alto trombone as the highest voice.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate the use of a C tuba for the fifth part. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by two violas, two trombones, two celli and two string basses. This offers wonderful chamber music practice for the trombonists involved, especially if a sacbut is to be used for the second parts.
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. In this collection, however, the original dynamic markings for "Sonata pian e forte" were kept intact.
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.

# Canzon primi toni

from Sacrae Symphoniae (1597)

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♩ = 75

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 1-6. Dynamics: *p*

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 7-12. Dynamics: *mf*

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 13-19. Dynamics: *p*

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 20-25. Dynamics: *mf*

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 26-31. Dynamics: *p*, *p*, *mf*

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 32-37. Dynamics: *mp*

Musical staff 7: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 38-43. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*. Tempo change: ♩ = 50

Musical staff 8: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature, measures 44-48. Dynamics: *p*

Canzon primi toni

♩ = 75

51

*mf*

♩ = 50

57

*mp*

♩ = 75

63

*mp*

70

*mf*

75

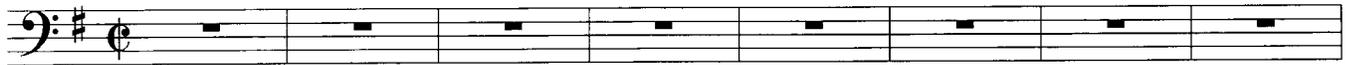
# "Canzona Septimi Toni No. 1"

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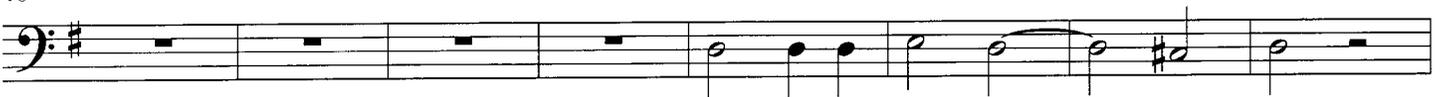
$\text{♩} = 80$



9



18



*p*

26



$\text{♩} = 40$

32



*p*

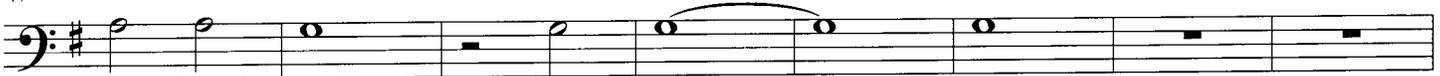
$\text{♩} = 80$

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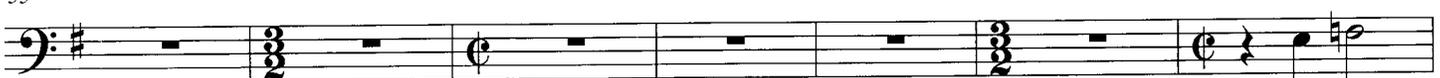


*mf*

47



55



*p*

"Canzona Septimi Toni No. 1"

62

Musical staff 62-68: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of eighth and quarter notes with some rests.

69

Musical staff 69-74: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of eighth and quarter notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *mf* is present at the end of the staff.

$\text{♩} = 40$

75

Musical staff 75-81: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *p* is present at the end of the staff.

82

Musical staff 82-88: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *mf* is present at the end of the staff.

$\text{♩} = 80$

90

Musical staff 90-96: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *mp* is present at the end of the staff.

97

Musical staff 97-104: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

105

Musical staff 105-112: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. Dynamic markings *mp* are present at the beginning and middle of the staff.

113

Musical staff 113-119: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *mf* is present at the beginning of the staff.

$\text{♩} = 40$

120

Musical staff 120-126: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. A dynamic marking *p* is present at the end of the staff.

"Canzona Septimi Toni No. 1"

$\text{♩} = 80$

127

Musical staff 127-134. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes and rests. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the staff towards the end of the line.

135

Musical staff 135-141. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes and rests, including a long slur. A dynamic marking of *mp* is placed below the staff towards the end of the line.

142

Musical staff 142-147. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes and rests. The staff ends with a double bar line and a 3/2 time signature.

148

Musical staff 148-153. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes and rests. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the staff towards the beginning of the line.

154

Musical staff 154-159. Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes and rests, including a long slur. The staff ends with a double bar line.

# Canzon Septimi Toni (No. 2)

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$\text{♩} = 100$

*p*

7

*mf*

$\text{♩} = 50$

14

*p*

$\text{♩} = 100$

22

*mp*

30

*p*

*mp*

37

*mp*

45

*mp*

52

*mf*



126

Musical staff 126: Bass clef, 8 measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The second measure is a whole rest. The third measure is a whole rest. The fourth measure contains a quarter note D2, followed by a sixteenth note triplet (C2, B1, A1), and a quarter note G2. The fifth measure contains a quarter note F2 and a quarter note E2. The sixth measure contains a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The seventh measure contains a quarter note A1, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F2. The eighth measure contains a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, and a quarter note C2. The dynamic marking *mf* is centered below the staff.

132

Musical staff 132: Bass clef, 8 measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The second measure contains a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The third measure contains a quarter note A1, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F2. The fourth measure contains a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, and a quarter note C2. The fifth measure contains a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, and a quarter note G2. The sixth measure contains a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The seventh measure contains a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The eighth measure contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The dynamic marking *mp* is centered below the staff.

140

Musical staff 140: Bass clef, 8 measures. The first measure is a whole rest. The second measure contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The third measure contains a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The fourth measure contains a quarter note A1, a quarter note G2, and a quarter note F2. The fifth measure contains a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, and a quarter note C2. The sixth measure contains a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, and a quarter note G2. The seventh measure contains a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The eighth measure contains a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The dynamic marking *mf* is centered below the staff.

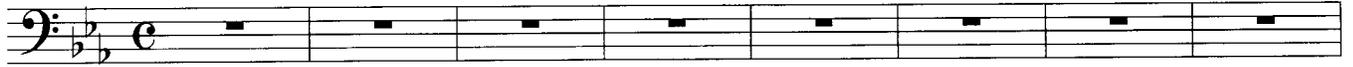
# Canzon Noni Toni

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$\text{♩} = 100$



9



*p*

17



*mf*

$\text{♩} = 50$

24



31



*p*

*mf*

39



$\text{♩} = 100$

47



55



*p*

*p*





54

$\text{♩} = 50$

62

*mp*

$\text{♩} = 100$

70

*mf*

76

*mp*

*mf*

82

# Sonata pian e forte

from Symphoniae Sacrae (1597)

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♩ = 90



9



17



23



29



36



42



48



54

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of two flats, starting at measure 54. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *p* and *f*.

61

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of two flats, starting at measure 61. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *p* and *f*.

67

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, key signature of two flats, starting at measure 67. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *f* and *p*.

72

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, key signature of two flats, starting at measure 72. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic marking *f*.

77

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, key signature of two flats, starting at measure 77. The staff contains a sequence of notes ending with a double bar line.