

Concerto di Bravura

(Double Bass Concerto #3)

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In G major for bass in orchestra tuning (E-A-d-g)
Transcribed from the A major manuscript for bass and piano

Giovanni Bottesini
(1821-1889)

Andante mosso

Contrabass

Andante mosso

Piano

4

Pno.

7

Pno.

*) The E $\flat$ (Mi $\flat$) in this chord does not have an accidental in the manuscript, but there is also no courtesy accidental on the E that begins bar 4 which Bottesini almost always indicates. If one of the two places is incorrect, it is likely that the E on the last beat of m.3 should be an E $\flat$. This would also be only one of two possible wrong notes in the entire score so Bottesini may very well have meant for it to be an E $\flat$ as written.

9

Pno.

cresc.

sf

p

11

Pno.

sf

14

Cb.

a piacere

Pno.

sf p

17

Cb.

Pno.

sf

20

Cb.

Pno.

22

Cb.

Pno.

24

Cb.

Pno.

26 **I° tempo**

Cb.

Pno.

p

29

Cb.

Pno.

31

Cb.

Pno.

33

Cb.

Pno.

Detailed description of the musical score: The score consists of four systems, each with a Cello (Cb.) and Piano (Pno.) part. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'I° tempo'. The piano part provides a steady accompaniment of chords, often with eighth-note patterns in the bass. The cello part has rests in measures 26-28, then enters in measure 29 with a melodic line. In measure 31, the cello part changes to a treble clef. The system ends at measure 33 with a double bar line.

36 **Recitativo**

Cb.

Pno.

sf

38

Cb.

Pno.

40

Cb.

Pno.

sf

42

Cb.

Pno.

sf

44

Cb.

Pno.

46

Cb.

Pno.

49

Cb.

Pno.

Cadenza

Cadenza

p

51

Cb.

Pno.

(attacca)

(attacca)

67

Cb.

Pno.

3 3 3 3 3 3

70

Cb.

Pno.

3 3 3 3 3

73

Cb.

Pno.

3 3 3 3 3

76

Cb.

Pno.

3 3 3 3

79

Cb.

Pno.

Measures 79-82: Cb. part features a descending half-note line (G2, F#2, E2, D2). Pno. part features a complex arpeggiated pattern in the right hand and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

83

Cb.

Pno.

Measures 83-86: Cb. part features a complex, fast-moving melodic line with many sixteenth notes. Pno. part features a complex, fast-moving arpeggiated pattern in the right hand and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

84

Cb.

Pno.

86

Cb.

Pno.

89

Cb.

Pno.

91

Cb.

Pno.

*) In m.88 and 89 there are no notes written on beat 1 and 2 in the piano part. If the performers decide this was an oversight the notes can be copied from m.84 and 85.

93

Cb.

Pno.

95

Cb.

Pno.

97

Cb.

Pno.

100

Cb.

Pno.

*) The C# (Do#) is printed as just a C in the manuscript.

102

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

f

106

Cb.

Pno.

f

109

Pno.

112

Pno.

114

Pno.

116

Pno.

118

Pno.

120

Pno.

122

Pno.

126

Pno.

132 **Andante**

Cb.

Pno.

Andante

p

134

Cb.

Pno.

136

Cb.

Pno.

138

Cb.

Pno.

tr

f

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a Cello (Cb.) and Piano (Pno.) duo. It consists of four systems of staves, each with a cello staff on top and a piano grand staff (treble and bass clef) below. The tempo is marked 'Andante' at the beginning of the first system. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). Measure numbers 132, 134, 136, and 138 are indicated at the start of their respective systems. The piano part has a consistent eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand. The left hand of the piano part has a bass line with some rests. The cello part has melodic lines, including a trill in measure 138 and triplets in measure 136. Dynamics include piano (*p*) and forte (*f*).

140

Cb.

Pno.

142

Cb.

Pno.

144

Cb.

Pno.

146

Cb.

Pno.

148

Cb.

Pno.

150

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

153

Cb.

Pno.

155

Cb.

157

Cb.

Pno.

159

Cb.

Pno.

161

Cb.

Pno.

163

Cb.

Pno.

*) The vertical alignment of the notes in the manuscript appear to indicate that, until the end of the movement, the bass and piano should align these 32nd notes with the 16ths in the bass part, but not when there are 16th notes in the piano part.

165

Cb.

Pno.

167

Cb.

Pno.

169

Cb.

Pno.

171

Cb.

Pno.

173

Cb.

Pno.

175

Cb.

Pno.

177

Cb.

Pno.

Segue

Segue

179 **Allegretto**

Pno. *ff* *p* *calando*

184

Pno. *p*

191

Cb. *3*

Pno.

196

Cb.

Pno.

200

Cb.

Pno.

205

Cb.

Pno.

210

Cb.

Pno.

215

Cb.

Pno.

poco rit.

a tempo

poco rit.

a tempo

colla parte

219

Cb.

Pno.

224

Cb.

Pno.

229

Cb.

Pno.

sf

stringendo

stringendo

235

Cb.

Pno.

236

Cb.

Pno.

240

Cb.

Pno.

243

Cb.

Pno.

247

Cb.

Pno.

250

Cb.

Pno.

6

253

Cb.

Pno.

256

Cb.

Pno.

*)

259

Cb.

Pno.

262

Cb.

Pno.

265

Cb.

Pno.

268

Cb.

Pno.

271

Cb.

Pno.

274

Cb.

Pno.

sf

278

Cb.

Pno.

283

Cb.

Pno.

ff

288

Cb.

Pno.