



Variations on a Theme by Haydn

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INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor	1 3rd F Horn	1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
1 1st Flute	1 4th F Horn	1 Timpani (G-C-D)
1 2nd Flute	1 1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	1 Percussion I (Triangle)
1 Oboe	1 2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	8 1st Violin
1 1st B $\flat$ Clarinet	1 3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet	8 2nd Violin
1 2nd B $\flat$ Clarinet	1 1st Trombone	5 Viola
1 B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet	1 2nd Trombone	5 Cello
1 Bassoon	1 3rd Trombone	5 String Bass
1 1st F Horn	1 Tuba	
1 2nd F Horn		

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The original Brahms' setting of the Haydn theme is in B $\flat$ Major and lasts for approximately 17 minutes. The repeat signs in the first 46 measures of this paraphrase may be considered optional. They are there to reflect Brahms' instructions when he adapted the "Chorale St. Antoni" for his variations. If the repeats are observed, it will add about two minutes to the performance time. This work has a very linear style, with long lines and sinewy inner parts moving in counterpoint. The character of the music changes quite radically, beginning at measure 110. The triplets begin a marcato section, which carries through to the grandiose ending. Some portions of the piece have phrases, which might be shown more successfully with a two-beat from the podium. One of our chief goals, as music educators, should be to offer "aesthetic experiences" for our students as often as possible. Masterpieces like those adapted by Merle Isaac and others need to be included in the repertoire presented to school groups. Hopefully, you will enjoy the beauty and craft of Mr. Brahms with your orchestra!

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This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony, featuring various instruments. The score is marked with dynamics like *pp*, *p*, *mf*, and *mf'*. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

The instruments listed on the left are:

- Fls. (Flutes)
- Ob. (Oboes)
- Cls. (Clarinets)
- B. Cl. (Bass Clarinet)
- Bsn. (Bassoon)
- Hns. (Horns)
- Tpts. (Trumpets)
- Tbns. (Trombones)
- Tuba
- Mlt. Perc. (Mallet Percussion)
- Timp. (Timpani)
- Perc. I (Percussion I)
- Vlns. (Violins)
- Vla. (Viola)
- Cello
- Str. Bass (String Bass)

The score is divided into two systems, with measures 25 through 32 visible. The first system ends at measure 30, and the second system begins at measure 30. The page number 30 is visible in the top right corner.

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Vlins. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlins. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

dolce
p
(Flute I)
p
dolce
p
quasi pizz.
p
dolce
p
dolce
p
dolce
p
pizz.
mp
1/2 4 1

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

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Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

mp

72

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlins. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

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Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlins. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

Fls. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *p*

Fls. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *p*

Ob. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *p*

Cls. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Cls. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

B. Cl. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* (Bsn. II)

Bsn. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Hns. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Hns. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Hns. III *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Hns. IV *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tpts. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tpts. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tpts. III *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tbns. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tbns. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tbns. III *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Tuba *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Mlt. Perc. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Timp. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Perc. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp*

Vlins. I *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* *pizz.*

Vlins. II *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* *pizz.*

Vla. *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* *pizz.*

Cello *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* *pizz.*

Str. Bass *sf* *p* *sf* *p* *pp* *pizz.*

89 90 91 92 93 94 95

96 **Tempo primo**

96

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

112

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130

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

131 132 133 134 135

Fls. I II

Ob.

Cls. I II

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II III

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. I

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

136 137 138 139 140

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(V)

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