



Allegro Vivo

from Concerto Grosso Opus 6, #5

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL
Arranged by TIM McCARRICK

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

This vibrant and full-sounding allegro is definitely one of Handel's "greatest hits." It practically sparkles as violins trill in harmony, and vigorous scalewise passages crescendo into exciting new sections! Throughout the Baroque Musical Era (1600–1750), it was common to borrow musical themes from your own works (and even, occasionally, from others!). In this case, some of the music in this exciting Allegro comes from an aria in the opera, *Imeneo* (HWV 41), that Handel had written some 17 years earlier. And three of the movements also recycle thematic material from the Overture to the *Ode for St. Cecilia's Day* (HWV 76), causing some scholars to call this "St. Cecilia's Concerto."

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Synchronizing trills between first and second violins may be a new challenge for your violins, but there are many ways to improve trills. One way is to simply pick a trill, like the first one, and have them play it as 8th notes, then triplets, then four 16ths, and so on. The goal is to always be together and to reach the point where they can do this regularly without sounding like "sneakers in the dryer!" This provides a teaching opportunity to discuss the performance practices of the time; most agree that trills in this era began from the top note. Although, some say that this is only for cadence points—something for you and your group to investigate? And most of all, make sure you and your students enjoy this piece. It is one of the high points of Handel's string writing, and in this arrangement all cellists and violinists get to be "concerti" players.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 2:45

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Allegro vivo (♩ = 120)

Violins

I *f*

II *f*

Viola (Violin III)

f

Cello

mf

String Bass

mf 1 2 3 4

Vlns.

I *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf*

II *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf*

Vla. (Vln. III)

ff *mf* *ff* *mf*

Cello

V

Str. Bass

V

5 6 7

Violins I

Violins II

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

8

9

Only Purchase

Vlns.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

10 11

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 12 and 13 are shown. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 2/4.

Violins I and II play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. The Cello and String Bass play a bass line.

Measure 12: Violins I and II play eighth notes. Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. Cello and String Bass play a bass line.

Measure 13: Violins I and II play eighth notes. Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. Cello and String Bass play a bass line.

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 14, 15, and 16 are shown. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 2/4.

Violins I and II play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. The Cello and String Bass play a bass line.

Measure 14: Violins I and II play eighth notes. Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. Cello and String Bass play a bass line. Dynamics: *mp*.

Measure 15: Violins I and II play eighth notes. Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. Cello and String Bass play a bass line. Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 16: Violins I and II play eighth notes. Viola (Vln. III) plays a melodic line. Cello and String Bass play a bass line. Dynamics: *mf*.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

17 18 19 20

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

21 22 23

23

Score for measures 24 and 25, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measure 24: Violins I and II play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents. Viola and Cello play a pattern of eighth notes with ties. String Bass plays a single eighth note.

Measure 25: Violins I and II continue the rhythmic pattern. Viola and Cello play a pattern of eighth notes with ties. String Bass plays a single eighth note.

Score for measures 26 and 27, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measure 26: Violins I and II play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents. Viola and Cello play a pattern of eighth notes with ties. String Bass plays a single eighth note.

Measure 27: Violins I and II play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents. Viola and Cello play a pattern of eighth notes with ties. String Bass plays a single eighth note.

29

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

28

29

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

30

31

Score for measures 32 and 33, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I and Violin II parts. Violin I features a melodic line with accents and a key signature change to B-flat in measure 33. Violin II provides a rhythmic accompaniment.

Viola (Vln. III): A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

Cello: A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

String Bass (Str. Bass): A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic movement.

Measures 32 and 33 are shown. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the score.

Score for measures 34 and 35, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I and Violin II parts. Violin I features a melodic line with accents and a key signature change to B-flat in measure 35. Violin II provides a rhythmic accompaniment.

Viola (Vln. III): A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

Cello: A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

String Bass (Str. Bass): A single staff part, primarily playing a rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic movement.

Measures 34 and 35 are shown. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the score.

Score for measures 36-38, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass.

Measures 36, 37, and 38 are shown. The Vlns. I and II parts feature complex rhythmic patterns and accents. The Vla. (Vln. III) part includes fingerings (Hi 4, Hi 3, Hi 1, 2) and accents. The Cello and Str. Bass parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes and accents.



Score for measures 39-42, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass.

Measures 39, 40, 41, and 42 are shown. The Vlns. I and II parts feature complex rhythmic patterns and accents. The Vla. (Vln. III) part includes fingerings (1, 1) and accents. The Cello and Str. Bass parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes and accents.



Score for measures 43-46, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I (I) and Violin II (II) parts. Violin I includes trills (tr) and fingerings -1 and -2.

Viola (Vln. III): Part for the third violinist.

Cello: Part for the cello.

Str. Bass: Part for the string bass.

Measures 43, 44, 45, and 46 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

Score for measures 47-49, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I (I) and Violin II (II) parts. Dynamic markings include *mf* and *f*.

Viola (Vln. III): Part for the third violinist. Dynamic markings include *mf* and *f*.

Cello: Part for the cello. Dynamic markings include *mf* and *f*.

Str. Bass: Part for the string bass. Dynamic markings include *mf* and *f*.

Measures 47, 48, and 49 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

51

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

50 51 52

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

53 54

57

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

55 56 57

ff

ff

ff

ff

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

58 59 60

f

f

f

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

61 62

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

63 *f* 64

I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
(Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass

65 66 67

This musical score segment covers measures 65, 66, and 67. It features five staves: Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). Measures 65 and 66 contain dense, fast-moving sixteenth-note passages in the upper strings, with accents (>) placed above many notes. The Viola and lower strings (Cello and Bass) provide a more rhythmic accompaniment. Measure 67 shows a transition with some notes marked with a 'V' (breath mark or breath accent) and a fermata over the final notes.

68
I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
(Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass

68 69 70

This musical score segment covers measures 68, 69, and 70. The instrumentation remains the same. Measure 68 is marked with a box containing the number 68. Dynamic markings are present: *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *ff* (fortissimo). The upper strings play sixteenth-note patterns, while the lower strings play a more rhythmic accompaniment. Measures 69 and 70 continue this pattern, with dynamic markings alternating between *mf* and *ff*. A 'V' (breath mark or breath accent) is placed above some notes in the lower strings.

Score for measures 71-73, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 71-73 show a transition from *ff* to *mf* dynamics. The Violins and Viola parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages, while the Cello and String Bass parts play a steady eighth-note pattern.

Measures 71, 72, and 73 are marked with *ff* and *mf* dynamics. The Violins and Viola parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages, while the Cello and String Bass parts play a steady eighth-note pattern.

Score for measures 74-75, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 74-75 show a transition from *ff* to *mf* dynamics. The Violins and Viola parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages, while the Cello and String Bass parts play a steady eighth-note pattern.

Measures 74 and 75 are marked with *cresc.* dynamics. The Violins and Viola parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages, while the Cello and String Bass parts play a steady eighth-note pattern.

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

76 77 78

Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The score includes dynamic markings like *f* and *molto rit.*, and articulation like *tr* and *V*.