



Musette from Concerto Grosso No. 6

Opus 6, No. 6

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
 - 1 Violin I Concertino
 - 1 Violin II Concertino
 - 1 Cello Concertino
 - 8 Violin I Ripieno
 - 8 Violin II Ripieno
 - 5 Viola Ripieno
 - 5 Cello Ripieno
 - 5 String Bass Ripieno
 - 1 Keyboard
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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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Belwin/Pop String Editor

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The Handel op. 6 concerti are absolute gems of the Baroque string orchestra literature. While the parts to these concerti are widely available from a number of sources, the parts contain no bowing, fingering, articulation, or phrasing indications. Many orchestra directors do not have the time to prepare the parts that are available for purchase or download with these markings, yet without thorough editing it is extremely difficult to achieve a musically unified high-quality performance of these pieces. It is my hope that this edition will serve the needs of the string education community who are interested in performing these works.

The bowings are designed to keep players from drifting up to and remaining in the upper half of the bow. The bowings also aid in the execution of style and phrasing. It is well known that Handel and other Baroque composers provided minimal information in their scores regarding dynamics and phrasing, and yet we know from the writings of the time and from the research of scholars like Donnington, Hogwood, and others that the performance of Baroque music was filled with expression. Listening to the recordings of the great Baroque performance ensembles like the Academy of Ancient Music, the English Concert, Handel and Haydn Society, and others reveals a beauty and subtlety of phrasing and articulation.

Included in this edition are hairpins to indicate shaping and phrasing, and additional dynamic markings to aid in maintaining the overarching line and direction in the music. These markings are not intended to reinterpret Handel, modernize Handel, romanticize Handel, etc., etc. Rather, the intent is to communicate the musical ideas that are already present in the score in a more explicit manner than was common in the 18th century, by using our modern musical symbols for dynamic contrast, phrasing, and shaping.

Another addition is a separate double bass part that does not go below E₁, since most school basses lack extensions or a 5th string. Dynamic indications have been included in the keyboard part since most school groups will perform this on an electronic instrument capable of dynamic contrast.

Throughout the piece, the dot is used to indicate the note should be played 1/2 of its length, the dash to indicate full value, and the dash-dot to indicate 3/4 value—more length than space, but with some separation. In the opening section (mm. 1–80), the *continuo* line in the cello and bass should be played with some separation between notes, yet not overly staccato. This is indicated with the dash-dot articulation. The figure that first occurs in the violins in mm. 3–4 and repeats throughout the movement should be played so the half note in m. 3 carries into the downbeat of the 4th bar. Some orchestras like to put a slight separation between mm. 3 and 4; others prefer to connect the two measures. In mm. 49–50, the violin eighth notes should be tapered to the second note in each group with a little separation between groups, as indicated by the dot on the second note in each group. In m. 126, play beat 1 with a full quarter and allow a large breath between beats 1 and 2 to return to the character of the beginning.

I know that some of my colleagues will have different interpretive ideas than those presented in this edition, and I encourage them and their students to build from it—edit, change, delete, etc.—and become engaged in their own artistic interpretation of these great works of music. I hope you enjoy performing this great piece of Baroque literature.

Sincerely,

Michael Hopkins

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 6:00

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Larghetto (♩ = 80-84)

**Violins
concertino**

Violins concertino I and II staves. Both parts begin with a forte (*f*) dynamic and feature a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

**Cello
concertino**

Cello concertino staff. The part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

**Violins
ripieno**

Violins ripieno I and II staves. Both parts begin with a forte (*f*) dynamic and feature a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

**Viola
ripieno**

Viola ripieno staff. The part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

**Cello
ripieno**

Cello ripieno staff. The part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

**String Bass
ripieno**

String Bass ripieno staff. The part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

Keyboard

Keyboard staff. The part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melodic line with a crescendo and decrescendo. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid on the page.

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Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

5 6 7 8 9

8

8

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

sim.

sim.

sim.

Solo

10 11 12 13 14

15 Solo -2 Tutti -3

Vlns. con. I II

Cello con.

Vlns. rip. I II

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

15 16 17 18 19

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25 Solo

Vlns. con. I II

Vlns. rip. I II

Vla. rip.

Cello con. rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

24 25 26 27 28

mp mf

Solo

(V)

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Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con. rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

Tutti

Solo

f

mp

mf

tr

(V)

29 30 31 32 33 34

37

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

Tutti (V)

Tutti

Tutti

35 36 37 38 39

The musical score is arranged in a system of seven staves. The top staff is for Violins (con.), the second for Violins (rip.), the third for Viola (rip.), the fourth for Cello (con.), the fifth for Cello (rip.), the sixth for String Bass (rip.), and the seventh for Keyboard. The score is in 2/4 time and features a key signature of one flat. Measures 35 and 36 show a transition from piano (p) to pianissimo (pp) dynamics. Measure 37 is marked with a box containing the number 37. Measures 38 and 39 are marked with 'Tutti' and a 'V' symbol. A large red watermark reading 'Preview Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Vlns. con.
Vlns. rip.
Vla. rip.
Cello con.
Cello rip.
Str. Bass rip.
Keyboard

The musical score is arranged in systems. Each system contains staves for Violins (I and II), Viola, Cello (I and II), String Bass, and Keyboard. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The score includes dynamic markings (*mf*, *mp*, *f*) and articulation (trills, accents). A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Measures 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

45 46 47 48

The musical score is arranged in five systems. The first system contains Violins (concerto and ripieno) and Cello (concerto). The second system contains Violins (ripieno), Viola (ripieno), Cello (ripieno), and String Bass (ripieno). The third system contains the Keyboard. The score is for measures 45, 46, 47, and 48. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The tempo/mood is 'con.' (concento). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid on the score.

49

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

Solo

p *mp* *mf*

p *p* *mp*

p *p* *mp*

p *p* *mp*

p *p* *mp*

p *mp* *mf*

49 50 51 52 53

57 Tutti

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

54 55 56 57 58

Vlns.
con.

Violins I and II and Cello staves. Violins I and II are in treble clef, Cello in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. Violins I and II have dynamic markings *pp* and *mp*. Cello has a *sim.* marking. There are also *V* markings above the staves.

Cello
con.Vlns.
rip.

Violins I and II staves. Violins I and II are in treble clef. The key signature has two flats. Violins I and II have dynamic markings *pp* and *mp*. There are also *V* markings above the staves.

Vla.
rip.

Viola staff in alto clef. The key signature has two flats. It has a *sim.* marking.

Cello
rip.

Cello staff in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. It has a *sim.* marking.

Str. Bass
rip.

String Bass staff in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. It has a *sim.* marking and *-4* and *-1* markings below the staff.

Keyboard

Keyboard staff in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats.

59

60

61

62

65

Vlns.
con.

Violins I and II, Cello, and Keyboard staves. The Violins I staff has a *p* dynamic marking. The Cello staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction. The Keyboard staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

Vlns.
rip.

Violins I and II staves. The Violins I staff has a *p* dynamic marking. The Violins II staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

Vla.
rip.

Viola staff. The Viola staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

Cello
rip.

Cello staff. The Cello staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

Str. Bass
rip.

String Bass staff. The String Bass staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

65

Keyboard

Keyboard staff. The Keyboard staff has a *broader, but with separation* instruction.

63

64

65

66

Score for measures 67-70, featuring Vlns. con., Cello con., Vlns. rip., Vla. rip., Cello rip., Str. Bass rip., and Keyboard.

Vlns. con.
I: *pp*, *p*, *pp*
II: *p*, *pp*

Cello con.
I: *sim.*, *mp*
II: *p*, *pp*

Vlns. rip.
I: *p*, *pp*
II: *p*, *pp*

Vla. rip.
I: *sim.*, *mp*

Cello rip.
I: *sim.*, *mp*

Str. Bass rip.
I: *sim.*, *mp*

Keyboard
I: *mp*

Measures 67, 68, 69, 70 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

81 Tempo I (♩ = 80-84)

Vlns.
con.I
IICello
con.Vlns.
rip.I
IIVla.
rip.Cello
rip.Str. Bass
rip.

Keyboard

80

81

82

83

Vlns.
con.

Violins I and II and Cello part of the musical score. Violins I play a continuous eighth-note pattern. Violins II and Cello play a more melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

Vlns.
rip.

Violins I and II part of the musical score. Violins I play a continuous eighth-note pattern. Violins II play a more melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

Vla.
rip.

Viola part of the musical score. The Viola plays a melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

Cello
rip.

Cello part of the musical score. The Cello plays a melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

Str. Bass
rip.

String Bass part of the musical score. The String Bass plays a melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

Keyboard

Keyboard part of the musical score. The Keyboard plays a melodic line with some rests and fingerings indicated.

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84

85

86

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

87 88 89

The musical score is arranged in a system of staves. The top two staves are for Violins (I and II), with the first staff labeled 'Vlns. con.' and the second 'Vlns. rip.'. The next two staves are for Cello and Viola, with the third staff labeled 'Cello con.' and the fourth 'Vla. rip.'. The fifth staff is for String Bass, labeled 'Str. Bass rip.'. The bottom staff is for Keyboard. The score is written in 2/4 time and features various musical notations including notes, rests, and fingerings. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid across the score.

Vlns. con.
Vlns. rip.
Vla. rip.
Cello con.
Cello rip.
Str. Bass rip.
Keyboard

Musical score for measures 90-93. The score includes parts for Violins (concerto and ripieno), Viola (ripieno), Cello (concerto and ripieno), String Bass (ripieno), and Keyboard. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo/mood is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The score features various musical notations including eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark "Preview Only" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Measure numbers: 90, 91, 92, 93.

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

94 95 96

The musical score is arranged in a system of seven staves. The first five staves are for string instruments: Violins (con.), Cello (con.), Violins (rip.), Viola (rip.), and Cello (rip.). The sixth staff is for String Bass (rip.), and the seventh is for Keyboard. The score is written in 2/4 time and features various musical notations including notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Vlns.
con.I
IICello
con.Vlns.
rip.I
IIVla.
rip.Cello
rip.Str. Bass
rip.

Keyboard

97

98

99

100 -1 4 V V

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

p

cresc. poco a poco

100 101 102

Vlns.
con.

I *cresc. poco a poco*

II

Cello con.

Vlns.
rip.

I *cresc. poco a poco*

II

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

103

104

105

111

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

109 110 111

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The musical score is for measures 112, 113, and 114. It features five staves: Violins (I and II), Cello, Viola, and Keyboard. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score includes dynamic markings (*mf*, *f*), articulation marks (accents, slurs), and performance instructions (V, -2, 3). A large red watermark 'Preview Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Vlns. con.
I *mf* *f*
II *mf*

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.
I *mf* *f*
II *mf*

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

112 113 114

31

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

115 116 117

The musical score is for measures 115, 116, and 117. It features five staves: Violins (I and II), Viola, Cello, String Bass, and Keyboard. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The Violin I part starts with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 115, followed by a half note in measure 116, and a half note in measure 117. The Violin II part plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 115 and 116, then rests in measure 117. The Viola part plays a half note in measure 115, followed by a half note in measure 116, and a half note in measure 117. The Cello part plays a half note in measure 115, followed by a half note in measure 116, and a half note in measure 117. The String Bass part plays a half note in measure 115, followed by a half note in measure 116, and a half note in measure 117. The Keyboard part plays a half note in measure 115, followed by a half note in measure 116, and a half note in measure 117. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). A large red watermark reading 'Preview Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid on the score.

Vlns.
con.

First Violin (I) and Second Violin (II) staves. The first violin part features a melodic line with a fermata and a triplet of eighth notes. The second violin part provides harmonic support with a similar melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Cello
con.

Cello part (concerto). The cello provides a steady harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Vlns.
rip.

First Violin (I) and Second Violin (II) staves. The first violin part features a melodic line with a fermata and a triplet of eighth notes. The second violin part provides harmonic support with a similar melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Vla.
rip.

Viola part (rip.). The viola provides a steady harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Cello
rip.

Cello part (rip.). The cello provides a steady harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Str. Bass
rip.

String Bass part (rip.). The string bass provides a steady harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

Keyboard

Keyboard part. The keyboard provides a steady harmonic accompaniment with a melodic line. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. Performance markings include *legato* and a fermata.

118

119

120

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

121 122 123

The musical score is arranged in a system of staves. The top two staves are for Violins (Vlns.), with the first staff labeled 'I' and the second 'II'. The third staff is for Cello (Cello), and the fourth is for Viola (Vla.). The fifth and sixth staves are for Cello (Cello) and String Bass (Str. Bass), both labeled 'rip.'. The bottom staff is for the Keyboard. The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The measures are numbered 121, 122, and 123 at the bottom. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

124 *poco rit.* *tr* **Tempo I** (♩ = 80-84)

Vlns. con.
I *ff*
II *ff*

Cello con.
ff

Vlns. rip.
I *ff*
II *ff*

Vla. rip.
ff

Cello rip.
ff

Str. Bass rip.
ff

Keyboard
ff

124 125 126 127 128

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The musical score is arranged in a system with seven staves. The first three staves are for Violins (I and II) and Cello/Double Bass. The next three staves are for Violins (I and II), Viola, and Cello/Double Bass. The final staff is for Keyboard. The score is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. Measures 129-133 are shown. Measures 129-131 feature a melodic line in the Violins and Cello/Double Bass, with a sustained bass line in the Viola and Cello/Double Bass. Measures 132-133 feature a solo in the Violins and Cello/Double Bass, with a sustained bass line in the Viola and Cello/Double Bass. The score includes dynamic markings (p) and articulation (accents).

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

129 130 131 132 133

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The musical score is arranged in five systems. The first system contains Violins (I and II), Cello, and Viola. The second system contains Violins (I and II), Viola, Cello, and String Bass. The third system contains the Keyboard. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A large red watermark 'Preview Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Vlns. con.

Cello con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

134 135 136 137 138

141

Vlns. con.

Vlns. rip.

Vla. rip.

Cello con.

Cello rip.

Str. Bass rip.

Keyboard

Tutti

p

mp

sim.

141

139 140 141 142 143

Score for measures 144-147, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Cello, Viola, String Bass (Str. Bass), and Keyboard.

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I (Vlns. con.) and Violin II (Vlns. rip.) parts. Both parts start with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic. Violin I has a *V* (breath mark) above the first measure. Violin II has a *mp* (mezzo-piano) dynamic in the second measure.

Cello: Cello con. (Cello concertino) and Cello rip. (Cello ripieno) parts. Both parts start with a *V* (breath mark) above the first measure.

Viola: Viola rip. (Viola ripieno) part. Starts with a *V* (breath mark) above the first measure.

String Bass (Str. Bass): Str. Bass rip. (String Bass ripieno) part. Starts with a *V* (breath mark) above the first measure.

Keyboard: Keyboard part. Starts with a *V* (breath mark) above the first measure.

Measures 144, 145, 146, and 147 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

Vlns.
con.

I

II

Cello
con.

I

II

Vlns.
rip.Vla.
rip.Cello
rip.Str. Bass
rip.

Keyboard

152

*smooth**p**pp**sim.**broader, but with separation**mp**smooth**p**pp**sim.**broader, but with separation**sim.**broader, but with separation**mp**sim.**broader, but with separation**mp*

152

mp

148

149

150

151

152

musical score for measures 153 to 157, featuring multiple instruments and dynamic markings.

Instruments and Parts:

- Vlns. con. (Violins, Concerto)
- Vlns. rip. (Violins, Ripieno)
- Vla. rip. (Viola, Ripieno)
- Cello con. (Cello, Concerto)
- Cello rip. (Cello, Ripieno)
- Str. Bass rip. (String Bass, Ripieno)
- Keyboard

Dynamic Markings:

- p* (piano)
- pp* (pianissimo)
- sim.* (simile)
- f* (forte)
- mp* (mezzo-piano)

Measures: 153, 154, 155, 156, 157

Vlns.
con.I
IICello
con.

(V)

Vlns.
rip.I
IIVla.
rip.Cello
rip.

(V)

Str. Bass
rip.

(V)

Keyboard

rit.

tr

*p**p**p**p**p**p**p**p*

rit.

p

158

159

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161

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