



Gavotte

From the Holberg Suite

By Edvard Grieg

Arranged by Jan Farrar-Royce

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
 - 8 1st Violin
 - 8 2nd Violin
 - 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
 - 5 Viola
 - 5 Cello
 - 5 String Bass
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Transcribed from the original piano version for string orchestra by the composer himself, this suite is a staple of string ensemble repertoire. Perfectly set for young players, this will become a classic for your library.

PROGRAM NOTES

The *Holberg Suite, Op. 40*, written in 1884 by Edvard Grieg, was based on 200-year-old dance forms that were popular when his fellow Danish-Norwegian playwright, Ludvig Holberg, was born. The gavotte—a dance that began at the French Court during the Baroque—begins with a half-measure upbeat. This placement of the strongest beat (and dance step) on the third note reinforces the movement of “step-hop-land,” which is the gavotte step. Gavottes can be played more slowly, but never faster than dancers can do the step many times in a row.

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 - 2:10

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Allegretto (♩ = 110)

Violins

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

The first system of the musical score for 'Gavotte' features five staves. The top two staves are for Violins I and II, both in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The third staff is for Viola (Violin III) in alto clef. The fourth and fifth staves are for Cello and String Bass, both in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. All parts begin with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing slurs and accents. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Vlins.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It features the same five staves as the first system. The music continues with similar rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes. The large red watermark 'Preview Only' remains overlaid diagonally across the score.

10

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

pizz.

9 10 11 12 13

16

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

14 15 16 17 18

Vlns.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Vlns.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

33

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

29 30 31 32 33

mf

mf

mf

mf

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

34 35 36 37 38

f

f

f

f

42

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

39 40 41 42 43

mf

mf

mf

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

44 45 46 47 48

f

f

f div.

f

f

Vlns.
I
II

**Vla.
(Vln. III)**

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

49 50 51 52 53

Vlns.
I
II

**Vla.
(Vln. III)**

Cello

Str. Bass

54 55 56 57 58