

THE HIGHLAND/ETLING FIRST PHILHARMONIC SERIES

La Rejouissance

(from "Royal Fireworks Music")

George F. Handel

Arranged by Richard Meyer (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

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| 1 — Conductor Score | 1 — Trombone |
| 1 — Flute | 1 — Tuba |
| 1 — Oboe | 1 — Timpani (G-C) |
| 1 — Bassoon | 2 — Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) |
| 1 — B $\flat$ Clarinet I | 8 — Violin I |
| 1 — B $\flat$ Clarinet II | 8 — Violin II |
| 1 — B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet | 3 — Violin III (Viola ) |
| 1 — E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone | 5 — Viola |
| 1 — F Horn | 5 — Cello |
| 1 — B $\flat$ Trumpet I | 5 — String Bass |
| 1 — B $\flat$ Trumpet II | 1 — Piano Accompaniment |



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PROGRAM NOTES

One of the last and greatest of Handel's orchestral works, his *Royal Fireworks Music* was commissioned for an English ceremony to celebrate the end of the long and unpopular War of the Austrian Succession. Plans for the festivities were to include a tremendous display of fireworks and music of matching brilliance. Handel wished to use string instruments as well as warlike brass and winds, but the king declared that he wanted no "fiddles." The first page of the original manuscript score reflects the king's taste, calling for 24 oboes, 9 horns, 9 trumpets, 3 timpani, 12 bassoons and a newly invented instrument, the contrabassoon. Subsequent performances included string instruments, added by Handel after the premiere. As far as the fireworks were concerned, the official celebration on the evening of April 27, 1749, was not a success—many fuses of the rockets would not light, and the huge scaffolding from which the fireworks were launched caught fire!

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

There are six movements to the *Royal Fireworks Music*, of which "La Rejouissance" is the fourth. In addition to wonderful "tutti" writing, the string section and wind section are featured on their own in this colorful arrangement, which makes a perfect opener to any concert. The dynamics found here are the arranger's. Since performance practices in Handel's time were much less standardized than modern practices, teachers may wish to alter the dynamics (or solicit suggestions from students) to fit their own taste. All string parts are playable in first position, with optional shifting for Violin I and String Bass. Combine this festive movement with the *First Philharmonic* arrangements of Handel's "Hornpipe" and "Hallelujah Chorus" for a wonderful suite honoring the great Baroque master!

La Rejouissance

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 1:30

(from "Royal Fireworks Music")

George F. Handel (1685-1759)

Arranged by Richard Meyer

Allegro (♩ = 88)

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinets
I
II

E♭ Alto Saxophone

Bassoon
(B♭ Bass Clarinet)

F Horn

B♭ Trumpets
I
II

Trombone

Tuba

Timpani
(G-C)

Percussion
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
S.D.
B.D.

Violins
I
II

Viola
(Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Allegro (♩ = 88)

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Fl.

Ob.

I
Cls.

II

A. Sax.

Bsn.
(B. Cl.)

Hn.

I
Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

I
Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

6 7 8 9 10 11

17

*Violin II should play lower octave only if Violin I plays their lower octave.

25

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

A. Sax.

Bsn.
(B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

25

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

25 26 27 28 29 30

This musical score page contains measures 25 through 30. The instruments are arranged in two systems. The first system includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinets I and II (Cls.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.), Bassoon/Bass Clarinet (Bsn. (B. Cl.)), Horn (Hn.), Trumpets I and II (Tpts.), Trombone (Trb.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), and Percussion (Perc.). The second system includes Violins I and II (Vlns.), Viola/Violin III (Vla. (Vln. III)), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score features various musical notations including eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as 'V' (forte) and '4' (quadruplo). A large red watermark reading 'Preview Only Requires Purchase' is oriented diagonally from the bottom-left to the top-right across the entire page.

Fl. 37

Ob. *mf*

Cls. I *mf*

II *mf*

A. Sax. *mf*

Bsn. (B. Cl.) *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tpts. I *mf*

II *mf*

Trb. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Perc. *mf*

Vlns. I *mf* V (Winds) 37

II *mf* V (Winds)

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf* V (Winds)

Cello *mf* V

Str. Bass *mf* V

31 32 33 34 35 36 37

Fl.

Ob.

I
Cls.

II

A. Sax.

Bsn.
(B. Cl.)

Hn.

I
Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

I
Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

38 39 40 41 42 43

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Fl. *cresc.* *ff* *rit.*

Ob. *cresc.* *ff*

Cl. I *cresc.* *ff*

Cl. II *cresc.* *ff*

A. Sax. *cresc.* *ff*

Bsn. (B. Cl.) *cresc.* *ff*

Hn. *cresc.* *ff*

Tpts. I *cresc.* *ff*

Tpts. II *cresc.* *ff*

Trb. *cresc.* *ff*

Tuba *cresc.* *ff*

Timp. *cresc.* *ff*

Perc. *cresc.* *ff*

Vlns. I *cresc.* *ff* *rit.*

Vlns. II *cresc.* *ff*

Vla. (Vln. III) *cresc.* *ff*

Cello *cresc.* *ff*

Str. Bass *cresc.* *ff*

50 *cresc.* 51 52 *ff* 53 54 55 56

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