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Arr.: Bertrand Moren

Johann Strauss II

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Johann Strauss II (Arr.: Bertrand Moren)

English:

Composed in 1868, *Unter Donner und Blitz* is one of Johann Strauss II's most spectacular polkas. True to its evocative title, the work unleashes electrifying energy, alternating brilliant outbursts with passages of sparkling agility. Sharp rhythms and striking dynamic effects vividly portray rumbling thunder and flashes of lightning across the sky.

Typical of Strauss's style, the piece combines melodic elegance with rhythmic precision while maintaining the irresistible lightness of the Viennese festive tradition. The brilliant and contrasting writing sustains excitement throughout, leading to a dazzling conclusion.

Bertrand Moren's arrangement faithfully preserves the sparkling and theatrical spirit of the original while enhancing its colors and contrasts. This version offers a fresh perspective on this fast polka, a true musical firework of the Romantic repertoire.

Français:

Composée en 1868, *Unter Donner und Blitz* est l'une des polkas les plus spectaculaires de Johann Strauss II, maître incontesté de la musique viennoise. Fidèle à son titre évocateur, l'œuvre déploie une énergie fulgurante, alternant éclats brillants et passages d'une vivacité étincelante. Le rythme incisif et les effets dynamiques saisissants traduisent avec humour et virtuosité l'image du tonnerre grondant et des éclairs fendant le ciel.

Caractéristique du style de Strauss, la pièce allie élégance mélodique et précision rythmique, tout en conservant une légèreté irrésistible propre à la tradition festive viennoise. L'écriture, brillante et contrastée, maintient une tension permanente jusqu'à une conclusion éclatante.

L'arrangement de Bertrand Moren respecte l'esprit pétillant et théâtral de l'original, tout en mettant en valeur ses couleurs et ses contrastes. Cette version permet de redécouvrir toute la fougue et le panache de cette polka rapide, véritable feu d'artifice musical du répertoire romantique.

Deutsch:

Die 1868 komponierte Polka *Unter Donner und Blitz* zählt zu den spektakulärsten Werken von Johann Strauss II. Ganz im Sinne ihres klangvollen Titels entfaltet das Stück eine elektrisierende Energie und wechselt zwischen brillanten Ausbrüchen und funkelnder Beweglichkeit. Prägnante Rhythmen und markante dynamische Effekte zeichnen eindrucksvoll das Grollen des Donners und das Aufflammen der Blitze nach.

Typisch für den Stil von Strauss verbindet das Werk melodische Eleganz mit rhythmischer Präzision und bewahrt dabei die unwiderstehliche Leichtigkeit der Wiener Festtradition. Die brillante und kontrastreiche Gestaltung hält die Spannung bis zu einem glanzvollen Schluss aufrecht.

Das Arrangement von Bertrand Moren wahrt den spritzigen und theatralischen Charakter des Originals und hebt zugleich seine klanglichen Farben und Kontraste hervor. Diese Fassung ermöglicht eine neue Begegnung mit dieser schnellen Polka – einem wahren musikalischen Feuerwerk der romantischen Epoche.



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Johann Strauss II

**B $\flat$ BASS
CLARINET**

A


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First staff of music, treble clef, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of several measures with various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) and rests. Dynamics include *cresc.* (crescendo), *f* (forte), and *p* (piano).

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, followed by a measure with a quarter rest and a quarter note. The notation includes slurs, ties, and dynamic markings such as *f* (forte).

B



The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is written on a single staff in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (half), A3 (half), G3 (half), F#3 (half), E3 (half), D3 (half), C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (half), G2 (half), F#2 (half), E2 (half), D2 (half), C2 (half), B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (half), E1 (half), D1 (half), C1 (half), B0 (half), A0 (half), G0 (half), F#0 (half), E0 (half), D0 (half), C0 (half), B-1 (half), A-1 (half), G-1 (half), F#-1 (half), E-1 (half), D-1 (half), C-1 (half), B-2 (half), A-2 (half), G-2 (half), F#-2 (half), E-2 (half), D-2 (half), C-2 (half), B-3 (half), A-3 (half), G-3 (half), F#-3 (half), E-3 (half), D-3 (half), C-3 (half), B-4 (half), A-4 (half), G-4 (half), F#-4 (half), E-4 (half), D-4 (half), C-4 (half), B-5 (half), A-5 (half), G-5 (half), F#-5 (half), E-5 (half), D-5 (half), C-5 (half), B-6 (half), A-6 (half), G-6 (half), F#-6 (half), E-6 (half), D-6 (half), C-6 (half), B-7 (half), A-7 (half), G-7 (half), F#-7 (half), E-7 (half), D-7 (half), C-7 (half), B-8 (half), A-8 (half), G-8 (half), F#-8 (half), E-8 (half), D-8 (half), C-8 (half), B-9 (half), A-9 (half), G-9 (half), F#-9 (half), E-9 (half), D-9 (half), C-9 (half), B-10 (half), A-10 (half), G-10 (half), F#-10 (half), E-10 (half), D-10 (half), C-10 (half), B-11 (half), A-11 (half), G-11 (half), F#-11 (half), E-11 (half), D-11 (half), C-11 (half), B-12 (half), A-12 (half), G-12 (half), F#-12 (half), E-12 (half), D-12 (half), C-12 (half), B-13 (half), A-13 (half), G-13 (half), F#-13 (half), E-13 (half), D-13 (half), C-13 (half), B-14 (half), A-14 (half), G-14 (half), F#-14 (half), E-14 (half), D-14 (half), C-14 (half), B-15 (half), A-15 (half), G-15 (half), F#-15 (half), E-15 (half), D-15 (half), C-15 (half), B-16 (half), A-16 (half), G-16 (half), F#-16 (half), E-16 (half), D-16 (half), C-16 (half), B-17 (half), A-17 (half), G-17 (half), F#-17 (half), E-17 (half), D-17 (half), C-17 (half), B-18 (half), A-18 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Trio

C



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Polka Schnell Op. 324

Johann Strauss II

Arr.: Bertrand Moren

Vivo ♩ = 154

A

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Piano

The musical score is for the polka 'Unter Donner und Blitz' by Johann Strauss II, arranged by Bertrand Moren. It is in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major, and tempo is Vivo (♩ = 154). The score is divided into four systems, each with a B♭ Bass Clarinet part and a Piano part. The first system (measures 1-8) includes a section marked 'A' starting at measure 5. The second system (measures 9-17) features a crescendo in the piano part. The third system (measures 18-26) continues the piano accompaniment. The fourth system (measures 27-34) concludes the piece. Dynamics include forte (f), piano (p), crescendo (cresc.), and accents.

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Musical score for measures 36-43. The score is in 3/4 time and features a piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the end of the system.

44

B

Musical score for measures 44-51. The score is in 3/4 time and features a piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the beginning of the system.

52

Musical score for measures 52-60. The score is in 3/4 time and features a piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present at the beginning of the system. A first ending bracket is shown above the melody line, leading to a second ending bracket.

61

Trio

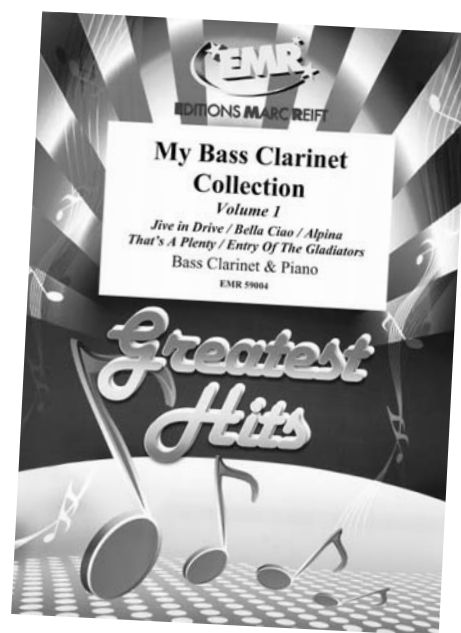
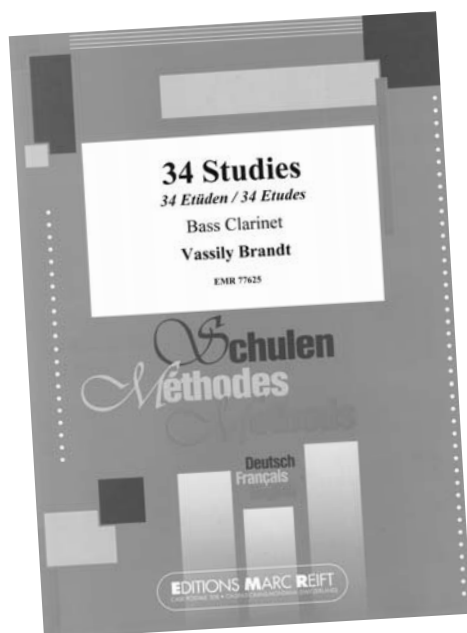
C

Musical score for measures 61-68. The score is in 3/4 time and features a piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the beginning of the system.

69

Musical score for measures 69-76. The score is in 3/4 time and features a piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the beginning of the system.

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