

# Unter Donner und Blitz

*Thunder And Lightning / Tonnerre et éclairs, Polka Schnell Op. 324*

Clarinet & Piano

Arr.: Bertrand Moren

**Johann Strauss II**

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## **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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# B $\flat$ CLARINET

## Johann Strauss II

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**Vivo ♩ = 154**

A

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*p*

*cresc.*

 $f_p$ 

*cresc.*

 $f_p$ 
$$f$$
$$f$$

**B**

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1.

 $\sqrt{2}$ 

## Trio

C

$$mf$$

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A

B♭ Clarinet

Piano

*f* *p* *p*

9

*cresc.* *f* *p* *cresc.*

*cresc.* *f* *p* *cresc.*

18

*f* *p* *f* *p*

27

*f* *f*

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The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in three systems. The first system consists of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a single measure with a whole rest. The second system consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The treble staff contains a single measure with a whole rest. The bass staff contains a single measure with a whole rest. The third system consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The treble staff contains a single measure with a whole rest. The bass staff contains a single measure with a whole rest. The score is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics 'The Rose Tree' are written below the staves.

44 **B**

The musical score for measures 44-51 is as follows:

Measure 44: **B** (boxed). The right hand plays a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, G32, A32, B32, C33, D33, E33, F#33, G33, A33, B33, C34, D34, E34, F#34, G34, A34, B34, C35, D35, E35, F#35, G35, A35, B35, C36, D36, E36, F#36, G36, A36, B36, C37, D37, E37, F#37, G37, A37, B37, C38, D38, E38, F#38, G38, A38, B38, C39, D39, E39, F#39, G39, A39, B39, C40, D40, E40, F#40, G40, A40, B40, C41, D41, E41, F#41, G41, A41, B41, C42, D42, E42, F#42, G42, A42, B42, C43, D43, E43, F#43, G43, A43, B43, C44, D44, E44, F#44, G44, A44, B44, C45, D45, E45, F#45, G45, A45, B45, C46, D46, E46, F#46, G46, A46, B46, C47, D47, E47, F#47, G47, A47, B47, C48, D48, E48, F#48, G48, A48, B48, C49, D49, E49, F#49, G49, A49, B49, C50, D50, E50, F#50, G50, A50, B50, C51, D51, E51, F#51, G51, A51, B51, C52, D52, E52, F#52, G52, A52, B52, C53, D53, E53, F#53, G53, A53, B53, C54, D54, E54, F#54, G54, A54, B54, C55, D55, E55, F#55, G55, A55, B55, C56, D56, E56, F#56, G56, A56, B56, C57, D57, E57, F#57, G57, A57, B57, C58, D58, E58, F#58, G58, A58, B58, C59, D59, E59, F#59, G59, A59, B59, C60, D60, E60, F#60, G60, A60, B60, C61, D61, E61, F#61, G61, A61, B61, C62, D62, E62, F#62, G62, A62, B62, C63, D63, E63, F#63, G63, A63, B63, C64, D64, E64, F#64, G64, A64, B64, C65, D65, E65, F#65, G65, A65, B65, C66, D66, E66, F#66, G66, A66, B66, C67, D67, E67, F#67, G67, A67, B67, C68, D68, E68, F#68, G68, A68, B68, C69, D69, E69, F#69, G69, A69, B69, C70, D70, E70, F#70, G70, A70, B70, C71, D71, E71, F#71, G71, A71, B71, C72, D72, E72, F#72, G72, A72, B72, C73, D73, E73, F#73, G73, A73, B73, C74, D74, E74, F#74, G74, A74, B74, C75, D75, E75, F#75, G75, A75, B75, C76, D76, E76, F#76, G76, A76, B76, C77, D77, E77, F#77, G77, A77, B77, C78, D78, E78, F#78, G78, A78, B78, C79, D79, E79, F#79, G79, A79, B79, C80, D80, E80, F#80, G80, A80, B80, C81, D81, E81, F#81, G81, A81, B81, C82, D82, E82, F#82, G82, A82, B82, C83, D83, E83, F#83, G83, A83, B83, C84, D84, E84, F#84, G84, A84, B84, C85, D85, E85, F#85, G85, A85, B85, C86, D86, E86, F#86, G86, A86, B86, C87, D87, E87, F#87, G87, A87, B87, C88, D88, E88, F#88, G88, A88, B88, C89, D89, E89, F#89, G89, A89, B89, C90, D90, E90, F#90, G90, A90, B90, C91, D91, E91, F#91, G91, A91, B91, C92, D92, E92, F#92, G92, A92, B92, C93, D93, E93, F#93, G93, A93, B93, C94, D94, E94, F#94, G94, A94, B94, C95, D95, E95, F#95, G95, A95, B95, C96, D96, E96, F#96, G96, A96, B96, C97, D97, E97, F#97, G97, A97, B97, C98, D98, E98, F#98, G98, A98, B98, C99, D99, E99, F#99, G99, A99, B99, C100, D100, E100, F#100, G100, A100, B100, C101, D101, E101, F#101, G101, A101, B101, C102, D102, E102, F#102, G102, A102, B102, C103, D103, E103, F#103, G103, A103, B103, C104, D104, E104, F#104, G104, A104, B104, C105, D105, E105, F#105, G105, A105, B105, C106, D106, E106, F#106, G106, A106, B106, C107, D107, E107, F#107, G107, A107, B107, C108, D108, E108, F#108, G108, A108, B108, C109, D109, E109, F#109, G109, A109, B109, C110, D110, E110, F#110, G110, A110, B110, C111, D111, E111, F#111, G111, A111, B111, C112, D112, E112, F#112, G112, A112, B112, C113, D113, E113, F#113, G113, A113, B113, C114, D114, E114, F#114, G114, A114, B114, C115, D115, E115, F#115, G115, A115, B115, C116, D116, E116, F#116, G116, A116, B116, C117, D117, E117, F#117, G117, A117, B117, C118, D118, E118, F#118, G118, A118, B118, C119, D119, E119, F#119, G119, A119, B119, C120, D120, E120, F#120, G120, A120, B120, C121, D121, E121, F#121, G121, A121, B121, C122, D122, E122, F#122, G122, A122, B122, C123, D123, E123, F#123, G123, A123, B123, C124, D124, E124, F#124, G124, A124, B124, C125, D125, E125, F#125, G125, A125, B125, C126, D126, E126, F#126, G126, A126, B126, C127, D127, E127, F#127, G127, A127, B127, C128, D128, E128, F#128, G128, A128, B128, C129, D129, E129, F#129, G129, A129, B129, C130, D130, E130, F#130, G130, A130, B130, C131, D131, E131, F#131, G131, A131, B131, C132, D132, E132, F#132, G132, A132, B132, C133, D133, E133, F#133, G133, A133, B133, C134, D134,

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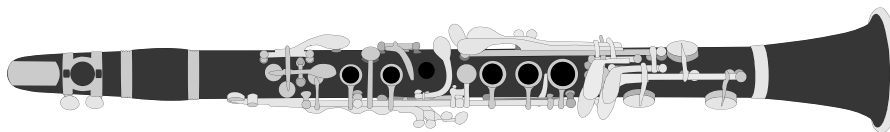
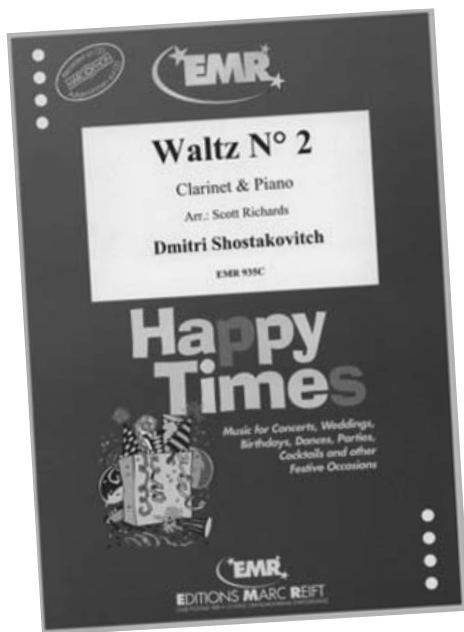
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61 **Trio**

The musical score for the Trio section, measures 61-68, is presented in three staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 61 begins with a treble clef staff containing a whole rest. The piano part (grand staff) starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano right hand plays a descending eighth-note scale (G4-F4-E4-D4-C4-B3-A3-G3) with a slur and a breath mark. The piano left hand plays a series of chords: G3-Bb3-D4, F3-Ab3-C4, and E3-Gb3-Bb3. Measure 62 continues the piano right hand's descending scale. Measure 63 features a piano right hand with a slur and a breath mark over a descending eighth-note scale. Measure 64 has a piano right hand with a slur and a breath mark over a descending eighth-note scale. Measure 65 is marked with a 'C' in a box, indicating a C-section. The piano right hand plays a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The piano left hand plays a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F3, and a quarter note E3. Measure 66 has a piano right hand with a slur and a breath mark over a descending eighth-note scale. Measure 67 has a piano right hand with a slur and a breath mark over a descending eighth-note scale. Measure 68 has a piano right hand with a slur and a breath mark over a descending eighth-note scale. The piano left hand plays a series of chords: G3-Bb3-D4, F3-Ab3-C4, and E3-Gb3-Bb3.

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