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from Samson and Delilah Op. 47

Bassoon & Piano

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English: The *Bacchanale* from the opera *Samson and Delilah* is one of Camille Saint-Saëns's most celebrated orchestral works. Heard at the beginning of the third act, it depicts the lavish feast of the Philistines in honour of their god Dagon while Samson is held captive. Inspired by the colours and rhythms associated with the East, the music creates a captivating atmosphere in which sinuous melodies intertwine with an irresistible dance pulse. The work is distinguished by its rich musical writing, striking contrasts, and a gradual build-up to a spectacular climax. Saint-Saëns displays an exceptional gift for orchestration and theatrical expression, creating a vivid and compelling sonic landscape. Brilliant, sensuous, and highly virtuosic, the *Bacchanale* remains a cornerstone of the concert repertoire, captivating audiences with its infectious energy and dazzling musical brilliance.

Français: Extraite de l'opéra *Samson et Dalila*, la *Bacchanale* est l'une des pages les plus célèbres de Camille Saint-Saëns. Située au début du troisième acte, elle évoque la fête somptueuse donnée par les Philistins en l'honneur de leur dieu Dagon, tandis que Samson est retenu prisonnier. Inspirée par les couleurs et les rythmes de l'Orient, cette musique déploie une atmosphère envoûtante, où les mélodies sinueuses se mêlent à une pulsation de danse irrésistible. L'œuvre se distingue par la richesse de son écriture, ses contrastes saisissants et sa montée progressive vers un final d'une intensité spectaculaire. Alternant passages mystérieux, épisodes lyriques et explosions d'énergie, elle traduit toute la tension dramatique de la scène. Saint-Saëns y fait preuve d'un remarquable sens de la couleur musicale et du théâtre, créant une fresque sonore d'une grande force évocatrice. À la fois brillante, sensuelle et virtuose, la *Bacchanale* demeure une pièce incontournable du répertoire de concert. Son souffle dramatique, sa vitalité rythmique et son éclat musical continuent de captiver les interprètes comme le public, plus d'un siècle après sa création.

Deutsch: Die *Bacchanale* aus der Oper *Samson et Dalila* zählt zu den bekanntesten Orchesterwerken von Camille Saint-Saëns. Zu Beginn des dritten Aktes schildert sie das prächtige Fest der Philister zu Ehren ihres Gottes Dagon, während Samson gefangen gehalten wird. Inspiriert von orientalischen Klangfarben und Rhythmen entfaltet die Musik eine betörende Atmosphäre, in der sich geschwungene Melodien mit einem unwiderstehlichen Tanzrhythmus verbinden. Das Werk besticht durch seinen Farbenreichtum, wirkungsvolle Kontraste und eine kontinuierliche Steigerung bis zu einem eindrucksvollen Finale. Saint-Saëns beweist dabei sein außergewöhnliches Gespür für Orchestrierung und theatralische Wirkung und erschafft ein eindrucksvolles Klanggemälde von großer Ausdruckskraft. Glanzvoll, sinnlich und virtuos zugleich gehört die *Bacchanale* bis heute zu den Höhepunkten des Konzertrepertoires und fasziniert das Publikum durch ihre mitreißende Energie und ihre musikalische Strahlkraft.



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BASSOON

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Recitativo

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A Allegro moderato (♩ = 120)

3



11



17



22



29



35



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Recitativo

Bassoon *f* (Freely)

Piano *f*

G.P. A **Allegro moderato** (♩ = 120)

dim *mp* *p* *mp*

7

15

cresc. *mf* *cresc.* *mf*

Measures 22-27 of the musical score. The bass staff begins with a *mf* dynamic marking. The piano part features a series of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand.

Measures 28-34 of the musical score. Both the bass and piano staves are marked with *cresc poco a poco*. The piano part continues with complex chordal textures.

Measures 35-41 of the musical score. Measure 35 includes a triplet in the bass staff and a section labeled **B**. Dynamics include *f* and *p*. The piano part features dense chordal patterns.

Measures 42-47 of the musical score. The bass staff is mostly empty, while the piano part continues with rhythmic chordal patterns.

Measures 48-53 of the musical score. The bass staff begins with a *p cresc* marking. The piano part features a consistent rhythmic pattern of chords.

56 **C**

Measures 56-64. The score is in 2/4 time, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo). The bass line features a continuous eighth-note pattern with accents. The treble line consists of chords, with a crescendo hairpin starting at measure 56. The piano part is mostly silent, with some activity in the final measures.

65

Measures 65-72. The bass line continues with eighth-note patterns and accents. The treble line shows a crescendo leading into measure 72, which has a sharp key signature change. The piano part remains mostly silent.

73

Measures 73-80. The bass line continues with eighth-note patterns and accents. The treble line features chords, with a crescendo hairpin starting at measure 73. The piano part is mostly silent, with some activity in the final measures.

81

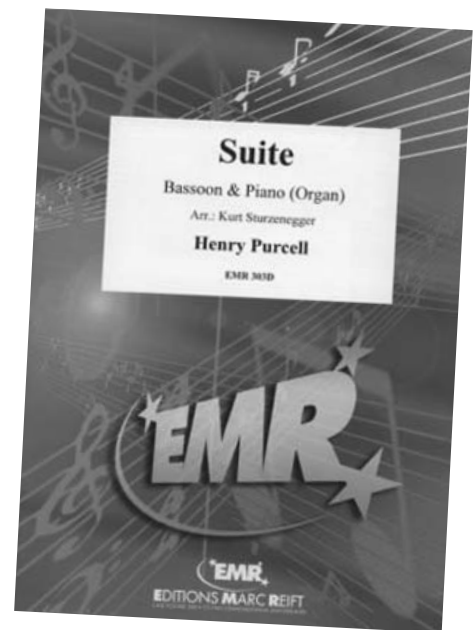
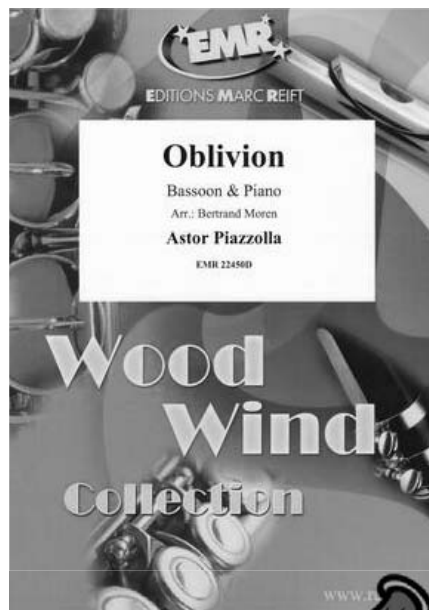
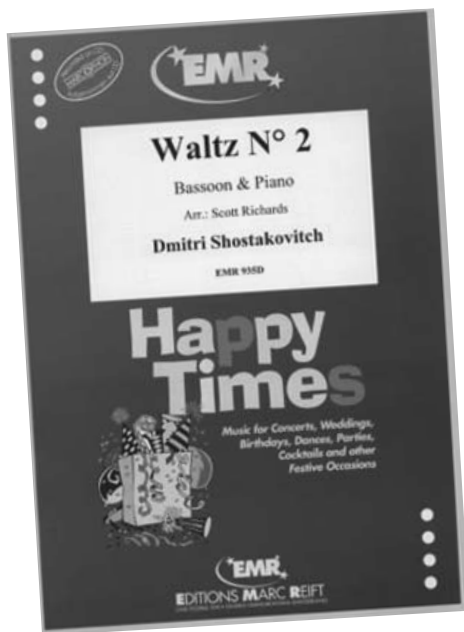
Measures 81-88. The bass line features a continuous eighth-note pattern with accents. The treble line consists of chords, with a crescendo hairpin starting at measure 81. The piano part is mostly silent, with some activity in the final measures.

89

D

Measures 89-96. The score is in 2/4 time, marked with a 'D' (Diminuendo). The bass line features a continuous eighth-note pattern with accents. The treble line consists of chords, with a diminuendo hairpin starting at measure 89. The piano part is mostly silent, with some activity in the final measures.

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