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from Samson and Delilah Op. 47

F Horn & 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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F HORN

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Recitativo

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4

G.P.



A Allegro moderato (♩ = 120)



11



17



22



29



34



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Recitativo

F Horn

f (Freely)

Piano

f

G.P.

A

Allegro moderato (♩ = 120)

dim

mp

p

mp

7

15

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

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22

Measures 22-27 of the musical score. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase marked *mf*. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

28

Measures 28-34 of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase marked *cresc poco a poco*. The piano accompaniment maintains a similar texture, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand providing a rhythmic foundation.

35

Measures 35-41 of the musical score. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line features a triplet marked *f*. The piano accompaniment has a dense chordal texture in the right hand, marked *f*, and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand, marked *p*. A section marker **B** is present above the vocal line.

42

Measures 42-47 of the musical score. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is mostly silent, with rests. The piano accompaniment continues with a rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

48

Measures 48-53 of the musical score. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase marked *p cresc*. The piano accompaniment features a dense chordal texture in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand.

56 **C**

Musical score for measures 56-64. The system is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The music is in 2/4 time and features a complex melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

65

Musical score for measures 65-72. The system continues the previous system, maintaining the forte (*f*) dynamic and the same melodic and rhythmic patterns.

73

Musical score for measures 73-80. The system continues the previous system, maintaining the forte (*f*) dynamic and the same melodic and rhythmic patterns.

81

Musical score for measures 81-88. The system continues the previous system, maintaining the forte (*f*) dynamic and the same melodic and rhythmic patterns.

D

89

Musical score for measures 89-96. The system is marked with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The music is in 2/4 time and features a complex melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Musical score for measures 97-103. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a half note marked *dim*. The piano accompaniment has a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand, with a *dim* marking at the end of the system.

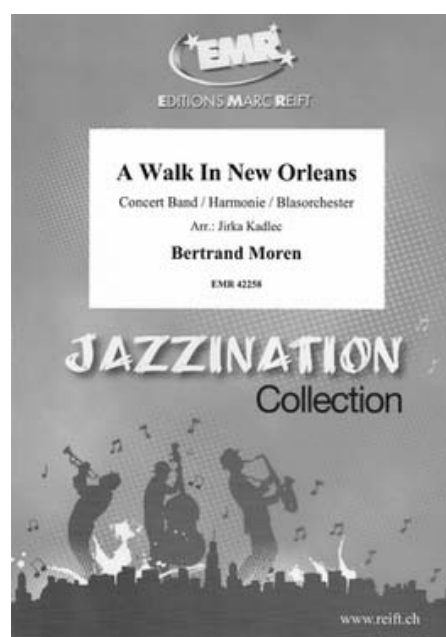
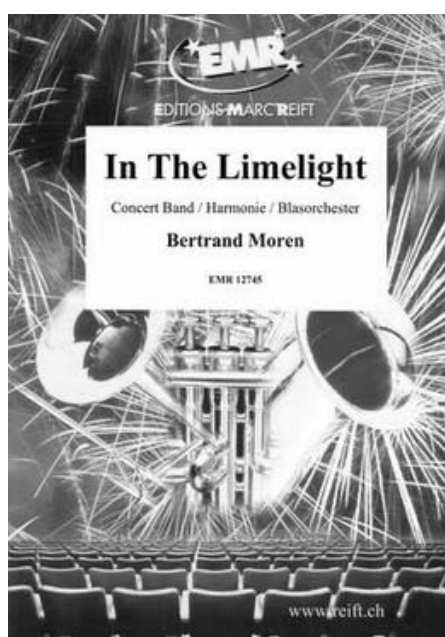
Musical score for measures 104-110. The vocal line has a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a half note marked *mf*. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand, with a *mf* marking at the start of the system.

Musical score for measures 111-118. The system is marked **E**. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a half note marked *mp malincolico*. The piano accompaniment has a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand, with a *mp* marking at the start of the system.

Musical score for measures 119-126. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a half note. The piano accompaniment has a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Musical score for measures 127-133. The system is marked **F**. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth notes, and ending with a half note. The piano accompaniment has a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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