

# Benjamin SCHROEN

Nothing is known of the facts of this composer's life. The name, *Schroen*, which is fairly common, is of Northwest German - Dutch origin and means a cloth-cutter. It is likely that he was one of many German musicians who moved to Russia in the late 19th century, and that records of him were lost in the chaos of the Russian Revolution in 1915.

It would seem to have been Schroen's last work, or at least his last to make it into *Hofmeister*. A set of *Drei Salonstücke* for trumpet and piano, comprising *Heimkehr*, *Ljubotschka* and *Andante sostenuto*, was published by *Rahter (Hamburg)* in 1885 and is currently available from *Simrock/Benjamin*. These pieces currently appear in the syllabuses of several European conservatories. 6 *Morceaux caracteristiques* for cornet and piano published in 1880, also by *Rahter*, comprise *Herbstlied*, *Mazurka*, *Romanze*, *Serenade*, *Polonaise* and *Elégie*. An excellent performance of *Elégie* is currently found on You-Tube.

The hybrid Sonata - Fantasy evolved from Beethoven's example during the 19th century, two of the most notable are by Joachim Raff, *Fantaisie - Sonata Op168 (1871)* and by Aleksandr Scriabin, *Sonate-fantaisie (1886)*. A significant feature of the 'Fantasy' genre is the appearance of 'interruptions' in which the formal structure of the sonata is mixed with elements of a more 'improvisatory' nature. Frequent use of diminished 7th chords is also common<sup>[1]</sup>, as in this work by Schroen, which is on an altogether smaller scale than the above examples. It is written in the same virtuoso style as compositions of that period by Joseph Serafin Alschausky, and though quite challenging, it is fully idiomatic for the trombone. There is a passing 'reference' to the *Concerto* by Rimsky-Korsakov, and it is just possible that Schroen might have been familiar with that work as a trombonist himself. There are also some stylistic similarities to the *Fantasia for Trombone and Organ Op.58* composed in the mid-19th century by Friedrich August Belcke (1795 – 1874).

This edition has been prepared from a transcription for tuba by John Spencer that was published in the USA in 1938. I have corrected some obvious mistakes in the piano part.

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[1] Hayashida, Mami, "FROM SONATA AND FANTASY TO SONATA-FANTASY: CHARTING A MUSICAL EVOLUTION" (2007). University of Kentucky Doctoral Dissertations. Paper 488.  
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# Fantasy Sonata, Op. 40

for Tuba or Bass Trombone and Piano

Benjamin Schroen  
edited by Keith Jones  
and Gordon Cherry

Allegro con brio ♩ = 132

Tuba

Piano

*mf* *cresc.*

*f*

5

Recit.

*cresc.*

*ff*

Rec.

8

a Tempo

*mf*

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Quasi andante ♩ = 84

*dolce*

22

Measures 22-24 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. The score is in E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. Measure 22 features a melodic line in the bass staff and a chordal accompaniment in the treble and bass staves. Measure 23 continues the melodic development. Measure 24 shows a more complex texture with multiple voices in the piano part. Dynamic markings include *Reo.* and *p*. A *dolce* marking is present above the staff.

25

Measures 25-27 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. Measure 25 features a melodic line in the bass staff and a chordal accompaniment in the treble and bass staves. Measure 26 continues the melodic development. Measure 27 shows a more complex texture with multiple voices in the piano part. Dynamic markings include *p* and *Reo.*. A *dolce* marking is present above the staff.

28

Measures 28-30 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. Measure 28 features a melodic line in the bass staff and a chordal accompaniment in the treble and bass staves. Measure 29 continues the melodic development. Measure 30 shows a more complex texture with multiple voices in the piano part. Dynamic markings include *f* and *p*. A *dolce* marking is present above the staff.

48

Ben marcato

marcato

Leg.

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Leg.

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60

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in three systems. The first system consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: 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, 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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, E134, F#134, G134, A134, B134, C135, D135, E135, F#135, G135, A135, B

99

Poco piu mosso  $\text{♩} = 96$ 

Measures 99-100 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. The score is in B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Poco piu mosso' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute. The music features a complex texture with multiple staves. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and ties. The left hand has a bass line with slurs and ties. The bottom staff shows a series of chords marked with 'Ped.' and asterisks.

101

Measures 101-102 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. The score continues with the same key and time signature. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and ties. The left hand has a bass line with slurs and ties. The bottom staff shows a series of chords marked with 'Ped.' and asterisks.

103

Measures 103-104 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. The score continues with the same key and time signature. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and ties. The left hand has a bass line with slurs and ties. The bottom staff shows a series of chords marked with 'Ped.' and asterisks. The music features a complex texture with multiple staves. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and ties. The left hand has a bass line with slurs and ties. The bottom staff shows a series of chords marked with 'Ped.' and asterisks.

113

, *accel.*

Measures 113-116 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. Measure 113 features a bass line with a half note B-flat and a half note G, followed by a half note F and a half note E. The piano part has a complex, fast-moving melody in the right hand, primarily consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 114 continues the piano melody. Measure 115 shows the piano part with a series of chords, marked *accel.*. The bass line has a half note D and a half note C. Measure 116 concludes the section with a final chord in the piano part and a half note B-flat and a half note A in the bass line.

117

*ff*

Measures 117-120 of the Fantasy Sonata Op. 40. Measure 117 features a bass line with a half note B-flat and a half note G, followed by a half note F and a half note E. The piano part has a series of chords, marked *ff*. Measure 118 continues the piano chords. Measure 119 shows the piano part with a series of chords, marked *ff*. The bass line has a half note D and a half note C. Measure 120 concludes the section with a final chord in the piano part and a half note B-flat and a half note A in the bass line.