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English

One of the more intricate four-part fugues from J.S. Bach's monumental *The Art of Fugue*, *Contrapunctus VII* is a dazzling display of contrapuntal mastery. Bach weaves the main subject through every device of the fugal art — inversion, augmentation, diminution and stretto — stacking the theme upon itself in ever-shifting combinations of speed and direction.

The result is a dense yet exhilarating web of sound, in which the voices seem to pursue, overlap and answer one another without respite. Translated to the rich, warm tones of a euphonium and tuba quartet, this magnificent fugue gains a new depth and resonance, the low brass lending Bach's architecture a particular gravity and splendour. A demanding and rewarding work, equally fascinating to play and to hear.

Français

L'une des fugues à quatre voix les plus complexes de L'*Art de la fugue*, chef-d'œuvre monumental de J.S. Bach, le *Contrapunctus VII* est une éblouissante démonstration de maîtrise contrapuntique. Bach y fait passer le sujet principal par tous les artifices de l'art de la fugue — renversement, augmentation, diminution et strette —, superposant le thème à lui-même en des combinaisons sans cesse renouvelées de vitesse et de direction.

Il en résulte une trame sonore dense et exaltante, où les voix semblent se poursuivre, se superposer et se répondre sans répit. Transposée dans les sonorités riches et chaleureuses d'un quatuor d'euphoniums et tubas, cette fugue magnifique gagne en profondeur et en résonance, les cuivres graves conférant à l'architecture de Bach une gravité et une splendeur toutes particulières. Une œuvre exigeante et gratifiante, aussi fascinante à jouer qu'à écouter.

Deutsch

Eine der komplexesten vierstimmigen Fugen aus J.S. Bachs monumentaler *Die Kunst der Fuge*, ist der *Contrapunctus VII* eine überwältigende Demonstration kontrapunktischer Meisterschaft. Bach führt das Hauptthema durch alle Kunstgriffe der Fugentechnik — Umkehrung, Augmentation, Diminution und Engführung — und schichtet es in stets wechselnden Kombinationen von Tempo und Richtung über sich selbst.

Das Ergebnis ist ein dichtes und zugleich mitreissendes Klanggewebe, in dem die Stimmen einander unablässig zu verfolgen, zu überlagern und zu beantworten scheinen. In die reichen, warmen Klangfarben eines Euphonium-Tuba-Quartetts übertragen, gewinnt diese grossartige Fuge neue Tiefe und Resonanz, wobei die tiefen Blechbläser Bachs Architektur eine ganz besondere Schwere und Pracht verleihen. Ein anspruchsvolles und lohnendes Werk, das ebenso faszinierend zu spielen wie zu hören ist.

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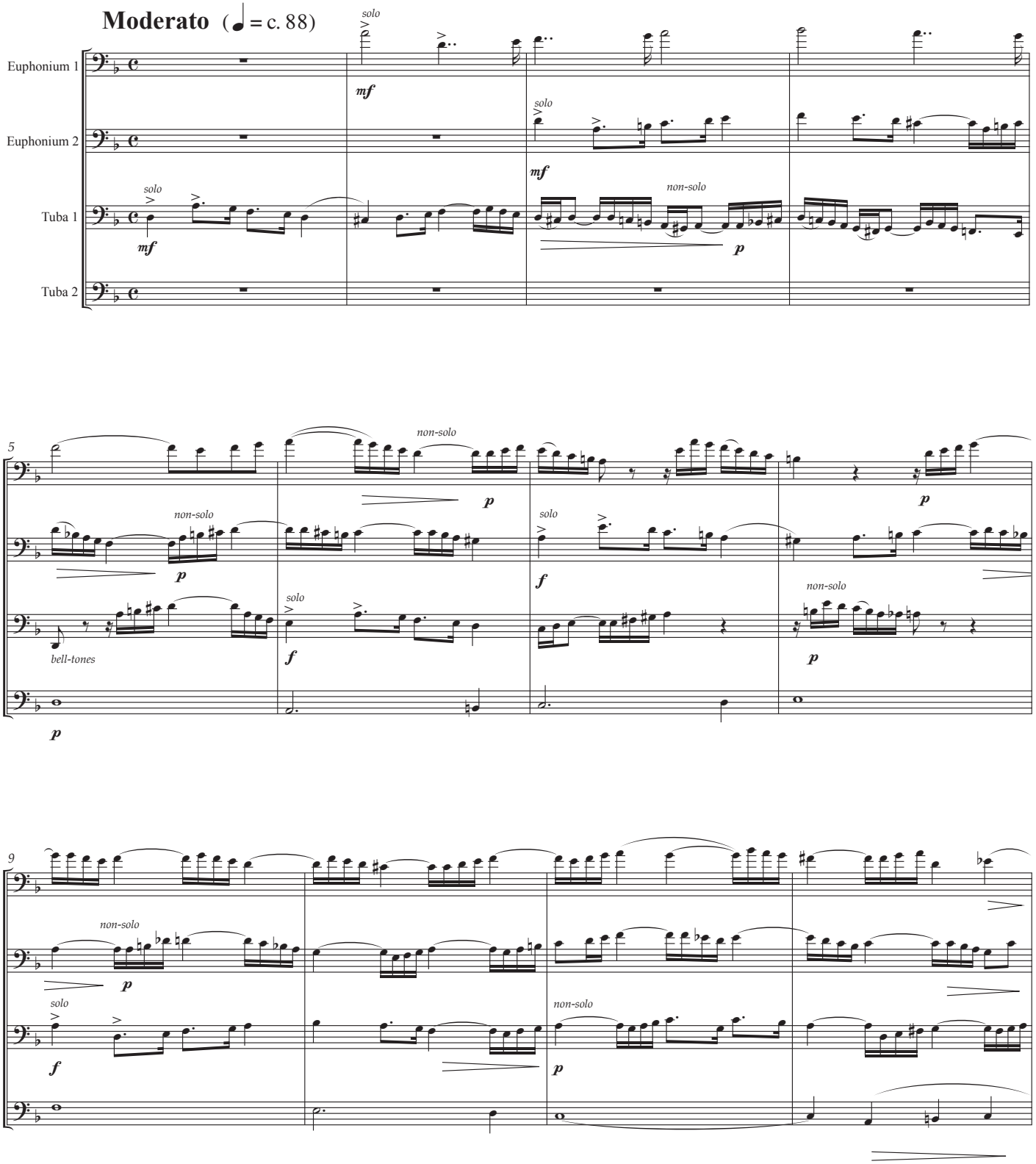
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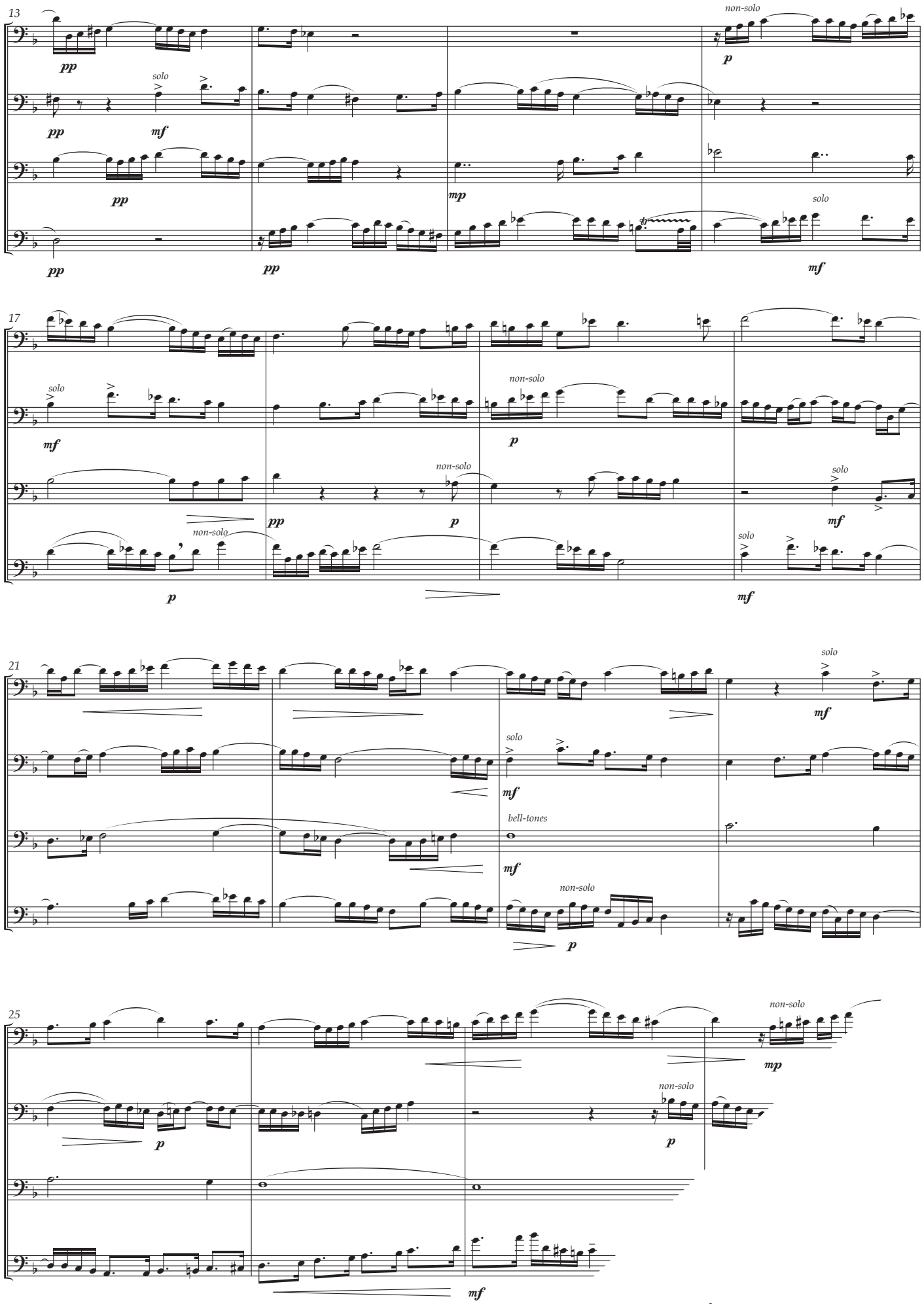
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Music for tuba solo and ensemble

TUBA SOLO

AGRELL Jeffrey — **Eccentric Dances** (1997 - 8')
TU78 — solo tuba

BRÄM Thüring — **Solo for Tuba** (2022 - 4')
TU221 — solo tuba

FORBES Michael — **The Grumpy Troll** (2013 - 6')
TU183 — tuba solo

Polar Vortex (2014 - 6')
TU192 — tuba solo

GALLAGHER Jack — **Sonata Breve** (1981 - 8')
TU70 — tuba solo

HAJDUSEK Boris — **Scherzino** (1999 - 5')
TU110 — tuba solo

KHOUDOYAN Adam — **Elégie**
TU2 — tuba solo

KRAFT William — **Encounters II** (1964 - 7')
TU17 — tuba solo

MASSON Askell — **Aeolus** (2003 - 3')
TU106 — tuba solo

Boreas (1999 - 5')
TU81 — tuba solo

PERFEITO Paulo — **Further Beyond** (2005 - 3'30)
TU118 — tuba solo

PLOG Anthony — **Postcards V** (2019 - 6')
TU210 — tuba solo

POWELL Morgan — **Midnight Realities**
TU75 — tuba solo

SLAVICKY Milan — **Echoes** (1981 - 11')
TU42 — tuba solo

STEVENS John — **Remembrance** (1995 - 7'20)
TU80 — tuba solo

Salve Venere, Salve Marte (1989 - 8')
TU37 — tuba solo

SZENTPALI Roland — **Caprices (No 1, 2, 3)** (1993-2003)
TU88 — for solo tuba

Variations on a Hungarian Children Song (1999 - 6'40)
TU89 — tuba solo

Variations on Brahms (2006 - 5')
TU121 — tuba solo

Visions (2010 - 10'30)
TU171 — tuba solo (and piano ad lib.)

TELEMANN Georg Philipp — **3 Fantasias** from 12 Fantasias for violin (1735 - 19')
TU212 — tuba solo (*arr. R. Szentpali*)

THUILLIER François — **Groove in Tours** (2010 - 4'30)
TU158 — tuba solo

ZBINDEN Julien-François — **Solissimo V (op. 94)** (2009 - 7'20)
TU151 — tuba solo

TUBA DUETS

ADJEMIAN Vartan — **Blues** (2010 - 7')
TU159 — 2 tubas, string quartet and piano

ALBERT Thomas — **Five**
TU56 — 2 tubas

CHOLET Jean-Christophe — **Complex**
ENS212 — tuba and euphonium

FORBES Michael — **6 Roundabouts (duets)** (2003 - 7')
TU103 — 2 tubas

GARRETT James A. — **Fantasia**
TU57 — 2 tubas

HANMER Paul — **Der blasende Holländer** (2008 - 5')
TU137 — 2 tubas and drums

KRUSH Jay — **Largo and Allegro**
TU74 — 2 tubas

PERFEITO Paulo — **BTT** (2004 - 4'30)
TU120 — 2 tubas and drum set

PINTO-CORREIA Andreia — **Adamastor** (2009 - 12')
TU155 — 2 tubas & orchestra or 2 tubas, piano and percussion

Teatro de Marionetas (2008 - 10')
TU139 — 2 tubas and percussion

PLOG Anthony — **Dialogue** (2009 - 1'20)
TU144 — 2 tubas

SAGLIETTI Corrado — **The Magic Tuba**
TU216 — 9 advanced duets for 2 tubas

STAMITZ Carl — **Duet** *(Long Newell H.)*
TU62 — 2 tubas

STEPTOE Roger — **Dourando as trevas** (2005 - 4'30)
TU136 — 2 tubas and vibraphone

SZENTPALI Roland — **3 Dances** (2007 - 22')
TU132b — 2 solo tubas and big band

K-1 (2010 - 6')
TU161 — 2 tubas and 6 trombones

THIBAULT Thierry — **Frères de la brume** (2004 - 8')
TU129 — saxhorn (euphonium), tuba and piano

TUBA TRIO

ANONYMOUS — **Dona Nobis Pacem**
TU64 — 3 tubas *(arr. Isbell Thomas)*

KERLL Johann Caspar von — **Canzona** (3')
TU73 — 3 tubas (or large ensemble) *(arr. Long Newell H.)*

TUBA QUARTET

ANONYMOUS — **Lute Dances** (ca 1550)
TU76 — 4 tubas *(arr. Baker John)*

BACH J. S. — **Fugue in G minor BWV 578** (1703-1707 - 2'30)
TU165 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas *(arr. Forbes Michael)*

BACH / BUSONI — **Chaconne** from Partita in D Minor for Solo Violin (1717 - 12')
TU224 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas *(arr. Forbes Michael)*

BEADELL Robert — **3 Sketches** (6')
TU67 — 4 tubas

COUPERIN François — **Les Baricades mistérieuses** (1717 - 3')
TU225 — 4 tubas *(arr. Forbes Michael)*

DE JONG Conrad — **Grab Bag**
TU69 — 4 tubas

FORBES Michael — **4 Miniatures** (2003 - 10'30)
TU102 — 2 euphonium / 2 tubas

Auburn is the Colour... (1995 - 5'40)
TU98 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Bass Is Loaded (2007 - 4')
TU153 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Bridge (2007 - 16')
TU154 — tuba quartet (2 euph, 2 tubas and opt. countertenor)

Concerto (2019 - 18')
TU223 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Consequences (1999 - 6')
TU97 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Cosmic Voyage (2002 - 5'40)
TU99 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Day At Sea (2017 - 8')
TU198 — 2 euphonium and 2 tubas

Deus Ex Machina (2019 - 4'30)
TU220 — 4 tubas

Street-Beat (2018 - 1'20)
TU206 — tuba quartet or 2 euphonium and 2 tubas

HUTCHINSON Terry — **Tuba Juba Duba** (1972)
TU58 — 4 tubas

IONEL Dumitru — **Quartet** (1968 - 2'30)
TU44 — 4 tubas

LISJAK Vanja — **Italian Suite** (2007 - 5'30)
TU134 — tuba quartet (2 euphoniums, 2 tubas)

SOUSA John Philip — **El Capitan**
TU61 — 4 tubas (*arr. Morris Winston R.*)

STEFFE W. — **Battle Hymn**
TU63 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas *(arr. Isbell Thomas)*

STEVENS John — **Diversions** (16')
TU30 — 4 tubas

Moondance
TU10 — 4 tubas

STEVENS Thomas — **Four Little Pieces** (2005 - 8'50)
TU100 — 4 tubas

STRUKOW Valery — **Tuba Quartett** (1984 - 8')
TU14 — tuba quartet

SZENTPALI Roland — **Birthday Quartet** (1995 - 7')
TU90 — 4 tubas

Homework (2012 - 18')
TU170 — for 4 tubas

THIBAULT Thierry — **Tuba-Bop** (2015 - 2'40)
TU190 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

Vagues à la Havane (2015 - 8')
TU189 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

VIVALDI / BACH — **Concerto in D minor BWV 596** (1711 - 11')
TU225 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas *(arr. Forbes Michael)*