

J. S. Bach

1685-1750

Concerto Brandenburgeois No. 6

Arranged for 5 recorders and basso continuo

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Score

Allegro

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Treble 1

Treble 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass

Basso continuo

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

9

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

Measures 9-12 of the musical score. The vocal parts (Tr1, Tr2, Tn1, Tn2, B) and piano (B.c.) are shown. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. Measures 9-12 show various melodic and harmonic developments across the parts.

13

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

Measures 13-16 of the musical score. The vocal parts (Tr1, Tr2, Tn1, Tn2, B) and piano (B.c.) are shown. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. Measures 13-16 show further melodic and harmonic developments, with some parts featuring more complex rhythmic patterns.

17

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

21

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

25

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

29

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

33

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

37

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

p

p

p

p

p

41

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

45

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

f

f

f

f

f

49

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

52

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

tr.

p

56

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

f

f

f

f

f

59

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

62

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

65

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

68

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

71

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

74

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

77

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

80

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

84

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

p

f

88

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

91

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

94

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

97

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

101

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

105

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

109

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

Tr1: Melodic line with trills (tr.) and eighth notes.

Tr2: Melodic line with trills (tr.) and eighth notes.

Tn1: Rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Tn2: Rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

B: Bass line with eighth notes.

B.c.: Grand staff with rests.

113

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

Tr1: Melodic line with trills (tr.) and eighth notes.

Tr2: Melodic line with trills (tr.) and eighth notes.

Tn1: Rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Tn2: Rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

B: Bass line with eighth notes.

B.c.: Grand staff with chords and eighth notes.

117

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

121

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

124

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

128

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

Adagio ma non troppo

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Treble 1

Treble 2

Bass

Basso continuo

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

13

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

This system contains measures 13 through 16. Tr1 has a rapid sixteenth-note run in measure 13, followed by a trill in measure 14. Tr2 has a descending eighth-note line in measure 13, followed by a trill in measure 14. The Bass line (B) has a steady eighth-note pattern. The Piano accompaniment (B.c.) features a sustained chord in measure 13 and a descending eighth-note line in measure 14.

17

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

This system contains measures 17 through 21. Tr1 has a trill in measure 17, followed by a descending eighth-note line in measure 18, and a trill in measure 19. Tr2 has a long note in measure 17, followed by a trill in measure 18, and a long note in measure 19. The Bass line (B) has a steady eighth-note pattern. The Piano accompaniment (B.c.) features a sustained chord in measure 17 and a descending eighth-note line in measure 18.

22

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

This system contains measures 22 through 25. Tr1 has a trill in measure 22, followed by a descending eighth-note line in measure 23, and a trill in measure 24. Tr2 has a long note in measure 22, followed by a trill in measure 23, and a long note in measure 24. The Bass line (B) has a steady eighth-note pattern. The Piano accompaniment (B.c.) features a sustained chord in measure 22 and a descending eighth-note line in measure 23.

26

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Measures 26-29. Tr1 and Tr2 play a melodic line with a trill at the end. B and B.c. provide harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

30

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Measures 30-33. Tr1 and Tr2 play a melodic line with a trill at the end. B and B.c. provide harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

34

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Measures 34-37. Tr1 and Tr2 play a melodic line with a trill at the end. B and B.c. provide harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

38

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Tr1: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

Tr2: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

B: Bass line with eighth notes and trills.

B.c.: Piano accompaniment with chords and trills.

42

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Tr1: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

Tr2: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

B: Bass line with eighth notes and trills.

B.c.: Piano accompaniment with chords and trills.

46

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

Tr1: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

Tr2: Melodic line with trills and eighth notes.

B: Bass line with eighth notes and trills.

B.c.: Piano accompaniment with chords and trills.

50

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

54

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

p

p

p

f

f

f

f

58

Tr1

Tr2

B

B.c.

p

p

p

pp

pp

pp

pp

Allegro

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Treble 1

Treble 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass

Basso continuo

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

7

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

10

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

12

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

15

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

17

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

20

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

23

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

26

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

29

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

31

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

34

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

37

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

40

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

43

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

46

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

49

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

51

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

54

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

56

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

58

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

61

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

63

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

66

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

69

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

72

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

75

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

77

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

80

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

82

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

85

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

88

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

91

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

94

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

96

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

99

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

This musical system covers measures 99 to 101. It features six staves: Tr1 (Trumpet 1), Tr2 (Trumpet 2), Tn1 (Tenor 1), Tn2 (Tenor 2), B (Baritone), and B.c. (Bassoon/Contrabassoon). The key signature is two flats. In measure 99, Tr1 and Tr2 play a melodic line with eighth notes, while the other instruments provide harmonic support with various note values. Measure 100 shows a continuation of these patterns with some rests. Measure 101 concludes the system with a final chordal structure.

102

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

This musical system covers measures 102 to 104. The instrumentation remains the same. Measure 102 begins with a rest for the first two measures, followed by a melodic entry in Tr1 and Tr2. Measures 103 and 104 continue the melodic and harmonic development, with various note values and rests across the ensemble.

105

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

108

Tr1

Tr2

Tn1

Tn2

B

B.c.

J. S. Bach's original work is written solely for low strings (2 viola da braccio, 2 viola da gambe, violoncello and violone). We've attempted to reflect that by transcribing for »low« recorders, i.e. 2 trebles, 2 tenors and bass plus a basso continuo instrument (e.g. violoncello, bassoon or C-bass recorder).

Stringed instruments have considerably greater range than recorders. Therefore we didn't just copy the original string parts to the recorders but instead made use of either transposing to another octave or splitting a musical phrase between several recorders depending on what seemed most musically reasonable to do. For example in case of a phrase starting at a high pitch and then later moving much lower we would choose to start a phrase (or a pair of phrases) in the higher instruments (trebles) and let the lower instruments (most often tenors) take over. By doing so we - as a secondary effect - have achieved a spreading of the »interesting« musical stuff more evenly between the instruments than in the original work having the main emphasis on the upper (viola da braccio) parts. The only unchanged part in our arrangement is the basso continuo part.

Generally we have transferred the slurs unchanged from the original score except for the cases of slurs spanning repeated 8th notes. These slurs are probably meant as bowing indications and hence don't make sense for recorders. In the recorder parts we have converted these slurs to accents but kept them unchanged in the basso continuo part as it probably will most often be played by a cello or viola da gamba.

In movement 2 the viola parts of the original work have been left unchanged apart from being transposed an octave up to make them playable on treble recorders. Contrarily several phrases of the violoncello part needed octave transpositions in order to adapt to the range of the F-bass recorder. Some of the octave transpositions are typeset with small types as alternatives, primarily in case of phrases containing low A-flats which are not playable on all F-bass recorders.

In movement 3 the pseudo pedal point 16th note phrases of the viola parts (bar 16-47 and 58-59) are difficult to play on recorders. The editors have therefore chosen to split the melodic lines and the pedal notes of these phrases such that the treble recorders play the melodic lines as 8th notes while the tenor recorders play the pedal notes as repeated 16th notes. A few places (bar 29 and 94) small size note heads indicate alternate notes for the tenor recorders.

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