

SELECTIONS

From

VIVALDI'S L'ESTRO ARMONICO OP. 3, Nos. 7-12

For

Alto, two Tenors, Bass Trombone and Tuba

Arranged by

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MUSIC for the

BAROQUE POSAUNE PLATOON

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About the Composer

The three great innovators of the 17th century, Monteverdi(1567-1643), Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Corelli (1653-1713) can easily be paired with the three masters of the 18th, Handel (1685-1759), Bach (1685-1750) and Vivaldi (1678-1741). The circumstances of the connections, however, differ greatly. From the operas of Monteverdi to the operas of Handel, there are two complete generations of composers, highlighted by the careers of Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676) and Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725), both of whom were quite famous during their lifetimes. From the sacred concertos of Gabrieli to the cantatas of Bach, there are also two generations of composers, represented most vividly by the careers of Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), a celebrated student of Gabrieli and Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), a much lesser known composer. In contrast, Corelli was not only alive, but in the prime of his career when Vivaldi started his own creative output.

The first three Opus numbers of Vivaldi (sets of Trio Sonatas, Solo Sonatas and Concerti Grossi) mimic exactly the progression of Corelli's Op. 4-6, with all three owing much to the style of Corelli. His operatic and sacred compositions are certainly underrated, though no one would claim he reached the level of Handel and Bach, the acknowledged masters of these two genres. His concerti, though, were of profound influence, particularly since he successfully developed the Concerto Grosso into a virtuoso solo form that remains totally captivating to modern audiences. This opus is where that development started reaching its maturity, thus providing a model for all future composers who wrote for the genre.

About the arranger

Bob Reifsnnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** This volume was created to add to the public performance repertoire of the low brass choir. Ideally, the first tenor part should be performed on a smaller bore instrument, thus providing as much contrast of color as possible.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully also serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the top three parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** When needed, the solo and tutti parts have been combined in these arrangements to allow the music to be performed by five players. The disadvantage of this approach is that the concerto grosso style is not always readily apparent. There is also quite a bit of octave displacement to keep the individual parts within the comfortable range of the performing instrument and to establish the alto trombone as the highest voice.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate a C tuba. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by a viola, two trombones, cello and string bass, which offers a wonderful chamber music experience for the trombonists involved.
5. **Tempi-** All tempi are suggestions, not requirements. They are based on three tenets of Baroque performance:
 - A. triple tempi are faster than duple tempi
 - B. music with quarter and half notes as the fastest value have faster tempi
 - C. music with eighth and sixteenth notes as the fastest value have slower tempi
6. **Dynamics-** Only three dynamic levels are used in these arrangements (mf,mp,p) and they are also suggestions as well. If one wants to expand the dynamic range a bit, there is certainly no issue with using "f,mp,pp" instead. The use of dynamics often indicates a contrast between passages originally scored for the solo instruments alone and those scored for everyone
7. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Andante from Op. 3, No. 7

Vivaldi

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♩ = 80

mf *mp*

7 *mp* *mf*

15 *p*

22 *p*

27 *mp* *p* *mp*

33 *mf* *mp* *mf*

39

47 *mp*

55

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 55. The staff contains a sequence of notes with slurs and dynamic markings *mf* and *mp*.

64

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 64. The staff contains a sequence of notes with slurs.

Trombone 1

Adagio from Op. 3, No. 7

Vivaldi

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♩ = 60



p

7



Trombone 1

Allegro from Op. 3, No. 7

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 90$

mp *p* *mp* *p*

4

mp *mf*

9

p

16

mp *mf* *p*

21

p

27

mf *mp*

33

p *mf* *p*

37

mf

42

mp *mp*

46

mf *mp* *p* *mf*

52

mf

58

p *mp* *mf*

63

mf

Allegro from Op. 3, No. 8

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mf *mp* *mf*

5 *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

11 *mf* *mp*

16 *p* *mp*

21 *mp*

25 *mp* *mf* *mp*

29 *p* *mp*

33 *mf* *mp*

37

p *mf*

Musical staff 37-40: Bass clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat). Measure 37 starts with a rest, followed by eighth notes. Measure 38 has a slur over a group of notes. Measure 39 has a rest, followed by eighth notes. Measure 40 continues with eighth notes.

41

mp *p*

Musical staff 41-44: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 41 has eighth notes. Measure 42 has eighth notes. Measure 43 has eighth notes. Measure 44 has eighth notes.

45

mp *p*

Musical staff 45-48: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 45 has eighth notes. Measure 46 has eighth notes. Measure 47 has eighth notes. Measure 48 has eighth notes.

50

mp *p*

Musical staff 50-53: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 50 has eighth notes. Measure 51 has eighth notes. Measure 52 has eighth notes. Measure 53 has eighth notes.

54

mp *mf* *mp* *p*

Musical staff 54-57: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 54 has eighth notes. Measure 55 has eighth notes. Measure 56 has eighth notes. Measure 57 has eighth notes.

59

mp *mf*

Musical staff 59-62: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 59 has eighth notes. Measure 60 has eighth notes. Measure 61 has eighth notes. Measure 62 has eighth notes.

63

mp *p* *mf*

Musical staff 63-67: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 63 has eighth notes. Measure 64 has eighth notes. Measure 65 has a half note. Measure 66 has a half note. Measure 67 has eighth notes.

68

Musical staff 68-73: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 68 has a half note. Measure 69 has a half note. Measure 70 has a half note. Measure 71 has a half note. Measure 72 has a half note. Measure 73 has a half note.

74

mf

Musical staff 74-77: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Measure 74 has eighth notes. Measure 75 has eighth notes. Measure 76 has eighth notes. Measure 77 has eighth notes.

Trombone 1

Larghetto e Spiritoso from Op. 3, No. 8

Vivaldi

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♩ = 80

mp *p*

6

p *mf*

11

16

p

21

26

mf *mp* *mf*

31

p

37

mf

Finale from Op. 3, No. 8

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

8

16

22

29

36

42

47

p *mp*

mf *p*

mf

p *mf*

mf *mf*

mf

p *mf*

mf *mf*

p

53

mf *p*

59

mf

64

mp *mf*

70

Trombone 1

Allegro from Op. 3, No. 9

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mf

5

mp

10

mf mp p mp mf

14

mf

20

mf

27

mp mf

32

mf

Trombone 1

Larghetto from Op. 3, No. 9

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 80

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-6. Dynamics: *mp*, *mp*.

7

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 7-14. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*.

15

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 15-22. Dynamics: *p*, *p*.

23

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 23-30. Dynamics: *mf*.

Trombone 1

Finale from Op. 3, No. 9

Vivaldi
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♩. = 60

mp *mf*

10

21

mf *mp*

31

41

mf

51

mf *mp*

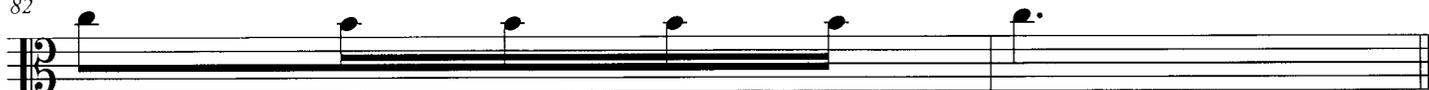
63

mf *p*

73

p *mf*

82



Allegro from Op. 3, No. 10

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mp

5

mf mp p mf mp p mf

11

mp p mf mp p

17

mf mp p

21

mf mp p mf mp

27

p mp mf

31

mp mf mp

35

mf

Trombone 1

Largo from Op. 3, No. 10

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 80

The musical score is written for Trombone 1 in a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The dynamics are marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the first measure, *p* (piano) for the second measure, and *mp* for the third measure. The second staff starts at measure 7 and features a *p* dynamic for the first measure and *mp* for the second measure. The third staff starts at measure 14 and concludes with a double bar line.

48

mp

54

mf *mp*

60

mp *mp*

67

p

73

mf *mp* *p* *mp*

79

mf *mp*

87

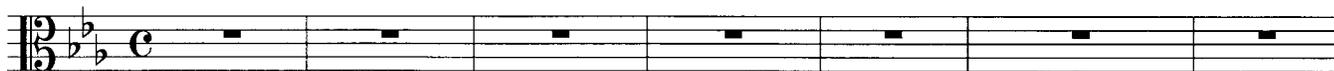
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Allegro from Op. 3, No. 11

Vivaldi

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♩ = 90



8



14



20



25



30



35



41



47

p *p*

52

mf

57

mp *mp* *mp*

Adagio ♩=60

62

p *mf* *mp* *p*

67

Trombone 1

Largo from Op. 3, No. 11

Vivaldi
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$\text{♩} = 50$

mp *p*

4

7

10

13

16 *mp*

19

Finale from Op. 3, No. 8

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mf

5

p

10

mf *mp* *p*

15

mp *mp*

19

mp *p*

24

mf

30

mp *p*

34

p *mf*

39

mp

43

p *mf* *mp* *mf*

48

p

55

mp *mf* *mp*

60

p

Trombone 1

Allegro from Op. 3, No. 12

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

1 *mf*

5 *mp* *p*

9 *mf*

13 *mf*

20

25 *mf*

32 *mf*

39

Largo from Op. 3, No. 12

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

mp

5
mp

10
p *p*

15
p

20
mp *p*

25
p *mp*

30
mf

Finale from Op. 3, No. 12

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnnyder

$\text{♩} = 50$

1 *mf*

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-6. Dynamics: *mf*.

7 *p* *mp* *mf*

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 7-12. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

13

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 13-20. Dynamics: none.

21 *mf* *p*

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 21-27. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*.

28 *mp* *mf*

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 28-33. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*.

34 *mp*

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 34-40. Dynamics: *mp*.

41

Musical staff 7: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 41-46. Dynamics: none.

47 *mf* *p*

Musical staff 8: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 47-54. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*.

55

mf