

A Bach Christmas

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To the Director:

The elegance of Bach and the joy of Christmas come together in this wonderful arrangement for concert orchestra. Six holiday favorites—including "We Three Kings," "The First Noel," "Up on the Housetop," "O Christmas Tree" and "Joy to the World"—have been combined with five of the Bach family's most popular melodies, taken from Anna Magdalena's famous notebook. Each section in the orchestra gets a turn in the spotlight, enabling your students to experience Bach's greatest melodies. Entertaining and engaging, this magical piece is sure to get your audience into the spirit of the season!

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1	Trombone I.....	1
Flute I.....	1	Trombone II.....	1
Flute II.....	1	Tuba.....	1
Oboe.....	1	Timpani (opt.).....	1
Bassoon.....	1	Percussion (Triangle, Sus. Cymbal, Snare Drum, Sleigh Bells, Orchestra Bells).....	2
B♭ Clarinet I.....	1	Violin I.....	8
B♭ Clarinet II.....	1	Violin II.....	8
B♭ Bass Clarinet.....	1	Viola.....	5
F Horn I.....	1	Cello.....	5
F Horn II.....	1	String Bass.....	5
B♭ Trumpet I.....	1		
B♭ Trumpet II.....	1		

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Minuet in G Minor **Moderato**

Flutes
I
II

Oboe
p

B♭ Clarinets
I
II
(Ob.)
p

Bassoon
(Opt. Bass Clarinet)
p

F Horns
I
II

B♭ Trumpets
I
II

Trombones
I
II

Tuba

Timpani (Opt.)
(A, D, E)
Tri.

Percussion
(Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum, Sleigh Bells, Orchestra Bells)
p

Violins
I
II

Viola
pizz.

Cello
pizz. p

String Bass
p

8 *We Three Kings*

6 7 1. only 9 10 11

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Sus. Cym. scrape *p*

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello *arco*

Str. Bass *arco*

p

12 13 14 15 16 a2 17

Fls. I II *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B♭ Cls. I II *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

F Hns. I II *mp* a2

B♭ Tpts. I II *mp* a2

Trbs. I II *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Timp. *mp*

Perc. *mp*

Vlns. I II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Cello *mp*

Str. Bass *mp*

The musical score is arranged in systems. The first system includes Flutes (Fls.), Oboe (Ob.), B♭ Clarinets (B♭ Cls.), and Bassoon (Bsn.). The second system includes Flute Horns (F Hns.), B♭ Trumpets (B♭ Tpts.), Trombones (Trbs.), and Tuba. The third system includes Timpani (Timp.) and Percussion (Perc.). The fourth system includes Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). Measures 12-15 show various melodic and harmonic developments. Measure 16 is marked with a box and 'a2', indicating a repeat or a specific articulation. Measure 17 continues the musical flow. Dynamics are marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano) for several instruments. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

18 19 20 21 22 23

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cts. I II

Bsn.

f mf

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

f mf

Timp.

Perc.

w/ mallets *p* *f*

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f mf

24 25 26 27 28 29

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II *mf*

Bb Tpts. I II *mf*

Trbs. I II *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello

Str. Bass

30 31 32 33 34 35

Fls. I II *f*

Ob. *f*

Bb Cls. I II *f*

Bsn. *f*

F Hns. I II *f*

Bb Tpts. I II *f*

Trbs. I II *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp. *f*

Perc. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlns. I II *f*

Vla. *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

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36 37 38 39 40 41

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. Snare Drum *f*

Vlins. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

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O Christmas Tree
A Tempo

Rit.

A Tempo

42 43 44 45 46 47

Fls. I II

Ob.

B♭ Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

B♭ Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

to Bells

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48 a2 49 50 51 52 53

Fls. I II *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bb Cls. I II *mf* a2

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II a2

Trbs. I II a2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. Bells *mf*

Vlns. I II

Vla. 4 4 4

Cello

Str. Bass

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60 61 62 63 64 65

Fls. I II *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bb Cls. I II *mf*

Bsn.

F Hns. I II *mf*

Bb Tpts. I II *mf*

Trbs. I II *mf*

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass *mf*

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66 67 68 69 70 71

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlrs. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mf *f* *p* *mp*

a2 *mf* *f* *p*

mf *f* *p*

mf *f* *p*

p *f* *p*

f *p* *mp*

f *mp*

Tri.

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78 Rit. 79 80 A Tempo 81 82 83

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II a2

Bsn. f

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II a2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Sleigh Bells f

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

*March in D
Up on the Housetop*

84 85 a2 86 87

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cts. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. Snare

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

This is a page from a musical score for a band and orchestra. The page number '16' is in the top left. The title 'March in D Up on the Housetop' is in the top right. The score is for measures 84 through 87. The instruments are arranged in staves: Flutes (Fls.), Oboe (Ob.), B-flat Clarinets (Bb Cts.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Flute Horns (F Hns.), B-flat Trumpets (Bb Tpts.), Trombones (Trbs.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.) with a Snare drum, Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. A large red diagonal watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid across the center of the page. The music includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'a2' (second octave). Measure numbers 84, 85, 86, and 87 are indicated at the top of their respective measures.

Fls. I II (a2) 88 89 90 91 92 93 *f*

Ob. *f* a2

B♭ Cls. I II *f*

Bsn. *f*

F Hns. I II *f*

B♭ Tpts. I II *f*

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp. *f*

Perc.

Vlins. I II

Vla. *v*

Cello

Str. Bass

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score, page 17, containing measures 88 through 93. The music is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The instrumentation includes Flutes (I and II), Oboe, B♭ Clarinets (I and II), Bassoon, French Horns (I and II), B♭ Trumpets (I and II), Trombones (I and II), Tuba, Timpani, Percussion, Violins (I and II), Viola, Cello, and String Bass. Measures 88-93 are shown. A large red watermark 'Preview requires purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

98 99 100 101

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II a2

Bsn. mf

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. mf

Vlins. I II

Vla. mf

Cello mf sim.

Str. Bass mf sim.

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Joy to the World

102 103 104 105

Fls. I II *mf*

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II *a2* *mf*

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Musette in D

Fls. I II *f* *a2* 106 107 108 109

Ob. *f*

Bb Cls. I II *f* *a2*

Bsn. *f*

F Hns. I II *f* *a2*

Bb Tpts. I II *f* *a2*

Trbs. I II *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp.

Perc.

Vlms. I II *f*

Vla. *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

114 a2 115 116 117 118 (h)

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlms. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

119 120 121 122 123

Fls. I II

Ob.

Bb Cls. I II

Bsn.

F Hns. I II

Bb Tpts. I II

Trbs. I II

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vlms. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

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a2

a2

V V

V V