


Belwin

CONCERT FULL ORCHESTRA

VARIATIONS ON A THEME BY HANDEL

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INSTRUMENTATION

I Conductor	I 1st F Horn	I Timpani (A-D)
I 1st Flute	I 2nd F Horn	8 1st Violin
I 2nd Flute	I 3rd F Horn	8 2nd Violin
I 1st Oboe	I 4th F Horn	5 Viola
I 2nd Oboe	I 1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	5 Cello
I 1st B $\flat$ Clarinet	I 2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	5 String Bass
I 2nd B $\flat$ Clarinet	I 1st Trombone	
I 1st Bassoon	I 2nd Trombone	
I 2nd Bassoon	I 3rd Trombone	
	I Tuba	

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

Bob Phillips
Belwin/Pop String Editor



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The prevailing rhythmic feeling of the “Variations” is a smooth two-beat. For safety, it might be best to begin the piece conducting in 4. Switching into 2 will assist the performers in the feeling of the phrases and the horizontal motion of the work. Broad strokes in 4 might be utilized successfully at heavier sections, like 113. The charm of this work lies in the excellent construction and contrast in style and color. Students have always enjoyed playing it, because everyone gets the melody at some point and there are joyous solo passages for the upper woodwinds. I heard of one teacher who sponsored a “funny” poetry contest for the melody of the first 12 measures. The prize was small, but the poems showed creativity previously unknown and probably helped everyone feel the phrasing more easily.

The original version of *Variations on a Theme by Handel* was published by M. Witmark & Sons in 1958. This makes it highly likely that I played the premiere proofs, under my father’s direction, while in high school at Glens Falls (NY). The work continues to be among those listed by several states in their graded selections. Maurice C. Whitney (1909–1984) composed over 150 published works for school and church use. He directed the music department at Glens Falls for 25 years and, in 1966, was named “Teacher of the Year” in New York State and received an honorary doctorate from Elmira College. My sister Dale and I each chose Ithaca College as our undergraduate school because of our admiration for our father and his success. This edition has not changed a note from the original. Only a few articulations and some bowings have been added.

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Variations on a Theme by Handel

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 4:10

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Broadly (♩ = 66)

Flutes
I *f* *mf*
II

Oboe
I *f* 1. Solo *mf*
II

B♭ Clarinets
I *f* *mf*
II *f* *mf*

Bassoon
I *f* *mf*
II *f* *mf*

Horns in F
I *f* *mf*
II *f* *mf*
III *f* *mf*
IV *f* *mf* (Ob. I)

B♭ Trumpets
I *f* (Hn. II)
II *f*

Trombones
I *f*
II *f*
III *f*

Tuba
f

Timpani (A-D)
f (A-D)

Violins
I *f* *mf*
II *f* *mf*

Viola
f *mf*

Cello
f *mf*

String Bass
f *mf*

Broadly (♩ = 66)

f 1 2 3 4 *mf* 5

13

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mp

mp

mp

p

p

a2

prepare mute

prepare mute

prepare mute

f

mp

p

p

p

p

1.

1.

V

V

V

V

V

Fls. I *mf* *f*

Fls. II *mf* *f*

Ob. I *mf* *f*

Ob. II *mf* *f*

Cls. I *mf* *f* Solo *mp*

Cls. II *mf* *f*

Bsn. I *mf* *f*

Bsn. II *mf* *f*

Hns. I *mf* *f*

Hns. II *mf* *f*

Hns. III *mf* *f*

Hns. IV *mf* *f*

Tpts. I *mf* *f*

Tpts. II *mf* *f*

Tbns. I *mf* *f*

Tbns. II *mf* *f*

Tbns. III *mf* *f*

Tuba *mf* *f*

Timp. *mf* *f*

Vlns. I *mf* *f*

Vlns. II *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Cello *mf* *f*

Str. Bass *mf* *f*

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21

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

21

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Solo

mp

pp muted

pp muted

pp muted

p pizz.

p pizz.

p pizz.

p pizz.

p

21 22 23 24 25

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

26 27 28 29 30

33

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

1.

pp

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

mp

31 32 33 34 35

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Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

remove mute

remove mute

remove mute

a2

f

(Hn. I)

f

36 37 38 39 40

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Musical score for measures 41-45 of "The Rose Tree". The score is for five instruments: Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked "Allegretto".

The score begins with a large red watermark "Legal" diagonally across the page. The measures are numbered 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 at the bottom.

The instruments and their parts are:

- Violins I and II:** Both parts are marked *arco* and *mf*. Violin I has a fermata in measure 41. Violin II has a fermata in measure 41 and a *V* (Vibrato) marking in measure 43.
- Viola:** Marked *arco* and *mf*. It has a fermata in measure 41.
- Cello:** Marked *arco* and *mf*. It has a fermata in measure 41.
- String Bass:** Marked *arco* and *mf*. It has a fermata in measure 41 and a *div.* (divisi) marking in measure 45.

The melody is primarily carried by the Violins, with the Viola, Cello, and String Bass providing harmonic support. The music is in a minor key, as indicated by the B-flat key signature.

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

46 47 48 49 50

unison

III -1 I -2

4

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53

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

(Tbn. I)

Solo

mp

mp

mp

mp

mf

(Hn. I)

(Tbn. I)

(Tbn. III)

51 52 53 54 55

61

Vlns. I *p* *simile*

Vlns. II *p* *simile*

Vla. *p* *simile*

Cello *p* *simile*

Str. Bass *p pizz.*

61 62 63 64 65

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

66 67 68 69 70

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Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

71 72 73 74 75

mf *mp* *pizz.* *arco*

73

III -1

mf *mp* *pizz.* *arco*

73

81

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II *Play* *mf marcato*

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

81

Vlns. I II *mf marcato*

Vla.

Cello *mf marcato*

Str. Bass

81 82 83 84 85

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Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

marcato

mf marcato

mf marcato

mf marcato

86 87 88 89 90

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Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mf marcato

a2

mf marcato

mf marcato

91 92 93 94 95

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I (Vla.) II *mp*

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass *mf*

97 98 99 100

[illegible]

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

marcato

mf marcato

a2

106 107 108 109 110

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113

Fls.

Ob.

Cls.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts.

Tbns.

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

113

sempre marcato

div.

[illegible]

125

Fls. I II

Ob. I II

Cls. I II

Bsn. I II

Hns. I II III IV

Tpts. I II

Tbns. I II III

Tuba

Timp.

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Solo *mp*

(Vla.) *p*

a2

p *sostenuto*

p *sostenuto*

p *sostenuto*

p *sostenuto*

125

121 122 123 124 125

[illegible]

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