



Praeludium

from *Holberg Suite, Op. 40*

EDVARD GRIEG (1843–1907)

Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 3 1st Flute
- 3 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 3 1st B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 3 2nd B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 3 3rd B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 2 B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone
- 1 B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone
- 1 E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st B $\flat$ Trumpet
- 3 2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet
- 3 3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet

- 2 1st F Horn
- 2 2nd F Horn
- 2 1st Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- 2 3rd Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Optional String Bass
- 2 Mallet Percussion
(Bells/Xylophone)
- 1 Timpani
- 2 Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2
(Triangles [2]/Tambourine)

SUPPLEMENTAL AND WORLD PARTS

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- E $\flat$ Alto Clarinet
- Baritone Treble Clef
- 1st Horn in E $\flat$
- 2nd Horn in E $\flat$
- 1st Trombone in B $\flat$ Bass Clef
- 2nd Trombone in B $\flat$ Bass Clef
- 3rd Trombone in B $\flat$ Bass Clef
- 1st Trombone in B $\flat$ Treble Clef
- 2nd Trombone in B $\flat$ Treble Clef
- 3rd Trombone in B $\flat$ Treble Clef
- Baritone in B $\flat$ Bass Clef
- Tuba in E $\flat$ Bass Clef
- Tuba in E $\flat$ Treble Clef
- Tuba in B $\flat$ Bass Clef
- Tuba in B $\flat$ Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Edvard Grieg was one of several Scandinavian composers who were commissioned to write a commemorative piece for the bicentennial celebration of the birth of the “Molière of the North,” the Norwegian writer Ludvig Baron Holberg (1684–1754). Grieg called his set of short piano pieces *From Holberg’s Time*, and gave his first performance of the piano work in Bergen, Norway in December of 1884. The following year he transcribed the work for string orchestra, which is how it is best known today.

The work is based on the musical style of Holberg’s own time. Grieg uses the Baroque forms of Prelude, Sarabande, Gavotte, Air and Rigaudon (all French dances, with the exception of the standard introductory Prelude) and gives the pieces his own magical touch, making them fresh and with strong romantic feelings. “Praeludium” is the first movement of Grieg’s *Holberg Suite*.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The introduction sets a very percussive figure (♩♩♩), which is heard throughout the entire movement. Although this rhythm drives the entire work, there are times when it is used as soft background pulsations under the delicate melodies. The metronome marking for this arrangement is set at Allegro ♩ = 120; however, the tempo should be adjusted as needed depending on the technical ability of the ensemble.

The percussion effects have been added to enhance and ornament the piece but they are to be kept in the background at all times. Pay careful attention to the articulations and sudden dynamic changes. The winds should use light tonguing throughout the arrangement unless marked otherwise. At measures 15, 16, 44, and 71, make certain that the turn trills, encountered frequently in Baroque music, are performed correctly and that it sounds as if one player is playing them.

There are several spots where the dynamic level is marked fortissimo. However, the ensemble should not overpower and maintain balance and good tone quality even during the louder passages. In addition, as it is the case with all performances, keep in mind that the acoustic nature of the room will come into play, as it is as much part of the music as the notes on the page.

Victor Lopez

FULL SCORE
Approx. Duration - 3:15

Allegro ♩ = 120

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Flutes 1 2 *fp* *a2*

Oboe *fp*

Bassoon *fp*

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3 *fp* *a2*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *fp*

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2 *fp* *a2*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone *fp*

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *fp*

Allegro ♩ = 120

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3 *fp*

F Horns 1 2 *fp*

Trombones 1 2 3 *fp*

Euphonium *fp*

Tuba *fp*

Optional String Bass *fp*

Mallet Percussion (Bells/Xylophone) *f* *Bells & Xyl.*

Timpani *f* *Tune: B♭, Eb*

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) *f* *S.D.* *lightly throughout* *B.D.*

Percussion 2 (Triangles [2]/ Tambourine) *pp*

1 2 3 4

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Fls. 1 2 *cresc.* *f*

Ob. *cresc.* *f*

Bsn. *cresc.* *fp*

Cls. 1 2 3 *cresc.* *fp*

B. Cl. *cresc.* *fp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *cresc.* *f*

T. Sax. *cresc.* *fp*

Bar. Sax. *cresc.* *fp*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *cresc.* *fp*

Hns. 1 2 *cresc.* *f* *p*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *cresc.* *fp*

Euph. *cresc.* *fp*

Tuba *cresc.* *fp*

Str. Bass *cresc.* *fp* *pp*

Mlt. Perc. *cresc.* *f*

Timp. *cresc.* *f*

Perc. 1 *cresc.* *p*

Perc. 2 *cresc.* *p*

9 One player per part

Fls. 1 2 *p*

Ob.

Bsn. *(p)*

Cls. 1 *p*
2 3 *pp*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *p*
Solo

T. Sax. *p*

Bar. Sax. *p*

Tpts. 1
2 3 *(Cl. 2) pp*
(Cl. 3)

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1 2 3 *p*

Euph. *(p)*

Tuba *p*

Str. Bass *pizz.* *p*

Mlt. Perc. *pp*

Timp.

Perc. 1 *pp*

Perc. 2 *Trgls. (2-pitch) muted* *p*

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Fls. 1 2 *f* *All a2* *sfz* *f*

Ob. *f* *sfz* *f*

Bsn. *f* *sfz* *f*

Cls. 1 *f* *All* *sfz* *f*

2 3 *f* *a2* *sfz* *f*

B. Cl. *f* *sfz* *f*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *f* *All a2* *sfz* *f*

T. Sax. *f* *sfz* *f* (A. Sax. 2)

Bar. Sax. *f* *sfz* *f*

Tpts. 1 *f* *Play a2* *sfz* *f* (Ob.)

2 3 *f* *sfz* *f*

Hns. 1 *f* *sfz* *f*

2 *f* *sfz* *f*

Tbns. 1 2 *f* *sfz* *f*

3 *f* *sfz* *f*

Euph. *f* *sfz* *f*

Tuba *f* *sfz* *f*

Str. Bass *f* *sfz* *f* *arco*

Mlt. Perc. *f* *sfz* *f*

Timp. *f* *sfz* *f* *Change: Bb to Bb*

Perc. 1 *mp* *mf*

Perc. 2

Fls. 1 2 *a2* *p* *f*

Ob. *p* *f*

Bsn. *p* *f*

Cls. 1 *mp* *f*
2 3 *mp* *p* *f*

B. Cl. *p* *f*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *mp* *f*
Play

T. Sax. *p* *f* (A Sax. 2)

Bar. Sax. *p* *f*

Tpts. 1 *p* *f*
2 3 *a2* *p* *f* (Ob.)

Hns. 1 *p* *f*
2 *p* *f*

Tbns. 1 2 *a2* *p* *f*
3 *p* *f*

Euph. *p* *f*

Tuba *p* *f*

Str. Bass *p* *f*

Mlt. Perc. *f*

Timp. *f* Change: B♭ to B♭

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *p* *pp* *mf*

Tamb. *p*

25

Fls. 1 2 *p* *a2*

Ob. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Cls. 1 2 3 *mp* *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *mp* *Play* *mp* *a2*

T. Sax. *mp* *f* *b2*

Bar. Sax. *p* *f*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *p* *a2* *Play*

Hns. 1 2 *p* *f*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *p* *a2* *f*

Euph. *p* *f*

Tuba *p* *f*

Str. Bass *p* *f*

Mlt. Perc. *Xyl.* *f*

Timp. *f*

Perc. 1 *pp* *mf*

Perc. 2 *pp* *mf*

Fls. 1 2 *a2* *p* 31

Ob. *p*

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3 *a2* *p*

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2 *pp* *p*

T. Sax. *p*

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3 *a2*

Hns. 1 *p* 2 *p*

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

p lightly

31 32

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

33 *p* 34 *pp* 35 36

Fls. 1 2 *pp* *f* *a2*

Ob. *pp* *f*

Bsn. *pp* *f*

Cls. 1 2 3 *pp* *cresc.* *f*

B. Cl. *pp* *cresc.* *f*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *cresc.* *f*

T. Sax. *pp* *cresc.* *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *f* *a2*

Hns. 1 2 *pp* *f*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *f*

Euph. *pp* *f*

Tuba *pp* *f*

Str. Bass *pp* *f*

Mlt. Perc. *f* *+Bells*

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *f*

cresc. *f*

Fls. 1 2 **fz** **ff**

Ob. **fz** **ff**

Bsn. **fz** **ff**

Cls. 1 **fz** **ff** *div.* *a2* *tr*

2 3 **fz** **ff**

B. Cl. **fz** **ff**

A. Saxes. 1 **fz** **ff** *a2*

2 **fz** **ff**

T. Sax. **fz** **ff**

Bar. Sax. **fz** **ff**

Tpts. 1 **fz** **ff** *a2*

2 3 **fz** **ff**

Hns. 1 **fz** **ff**

2 **fz** **ff**

Tbns. 1 2 **fz** **ff**

3 **fz** **ff**

Euph. **fz** **ff**

Tuba **fz** **ff**

Str. Bass **fz** **ff**

Mlt. Perc. **fz** **ff**

Timp. **fz** **ff**

Perc. 1 **fz** **f**

Perc. 2 **fz** **f**

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Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

45 46 47 48

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

49 50 51 52

Fls. 1 2 ^{a2} 55 *p*

Ob. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Cls. 1 2 3 ^{a2} *p* *pp*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *p* *pp*

T. Sax. *p* *pp*

Bar. Sax. *p*

Tpts. 1 2 3 55 Solo *mp* *p* (Cl. 2) (Cl. 3)

Hns. 1 2 *p* *pp*

Tbns. 1 2 3 ^{a2} *p* *pp*

Euph. *p* *pp*

Tuba *p*

Str. Bass *p*

Mlt. Perc. *p*

Timp. *p*

Perc. 1 *p*

Perc. 2 (Tamb.) *p* *pp*

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. *p*

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl. *p*

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax. *p*

Bar. Sax. *p*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 *p*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba

Str. Bass *pizz.*

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *p*

Trgls. (2-pitch) muted

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Fls. 1 2 *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Ob. *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Bsn. *fz* *f* *ff*

Cls. 1 2 3 *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

B. Cl. *fz* *f* *ff*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

T. Sax. *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Bar. Sax. *fz* *f* *ff*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Hns. 1 2 *fz* *f* *ff*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *fz* *f* *ff*

Euph. *fz* *f* *ff*

Tuba *fz* *f* *ff*

Str. Bass *fz* *f* *ff* arco

Mlt. Perc. *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Timp. *fz* *f* *fz* *ff*

Perc. 1 *fz* *mf* *fz*

Perc. 2 *fz* *f* *fz*

rit. ritardando

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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