

VARIATIONS ON PAGANINI

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Instrumentation

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8 - Violin 1
8 - Violin 2
5 - Viola
5 - Violoncello
5 - Double Bass

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Dr. McCashin earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in violin performance from Louisiana State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the University of Arizona. He regularly presents seminars and lectures in the areas of conducting pedagogy and violin performance physiology. Dr. McCashin's conducting schedule includes appearances with professional orchestras as well as district, regional, and state honor orchestras.

Dr. McCashin maintains a busy schedule adjudicating at state and national levels. He is the national chair for the American String Teachers Association Merle Issac Composition Competition.

About the Music

Paganini, violin virtuoso from the late 1700s and early 1800s, was thought of as a magician or devil due to the extreme difficulty of the music he wrote and performed during his lifetime. His solo caprices for violin were, and still are, considered to be some of the most difficult works ever written for the instrument. Paganini's *Caprice No. 24 in A Minor* has been the basis for numerous works for orchestra, chamber musicians, and soloists for nearly 170 years.

This familiar and engaging theme has been carefully constructed into a series of five variations. The theme, unique in presentation, and the following variations offer a delightful variety of meters, rhythms, and moods for the intermediate to advanced string orchestra. The arrangement may serve as a terrific opener or closer for any concert.

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Allegro moderato

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Violin 1 *pizz.* *mf* *arco* *sfz*

Violin 2 *pizz.* *mf* *arco* *sfz*

Viola *div. pizz.* *mf* *arco* *sfz*

Violoncello *pizz.* *mf* *arco* *sfz*

Double Bass *pizz.* *mf* *arco* *sfz*

9 10 11 12 13 14

Vln. 1 *pizz.* *mp*

Vln. 2 *pizz.* *mp*

Vla. *pizz.* *mp*

Vcl. *pizz.* *mp*

D.B. *pizz.* *mp*

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

div. (as needed) *arco* *sfz*

arco *div. (as needed)* *sfz*

arco *div. (as needed)* *sfz*

arco *sfz*

arco *sfz*

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Più mosso - Theme

Score for measures 25-29. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measure 25: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note G4 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note G3 (mf). Vcl. and D.B. play a half note G2 (pizz.).

Measure 26: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note A4 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note A3. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note A2.

Measure 27: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note B4 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note B3. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note B2.

Measure 28: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note C5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note C4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note C3.

Measure 29: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note D5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note D4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note D3.

Score for measures 30-34. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measure 30: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note E5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note E4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note E3.

Measure 31: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note F5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note F4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note F3.

Measure 32: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note G5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note G4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note G3.

Measure 33: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note A5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note A4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note A3.

Measure 34: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note B5 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note B4. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note B3.

Score for measures 35-39. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measure 35: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note C6 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note C5. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note C4.

Measure 36: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note D6 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note D5. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note D4.

Measure 37: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note E6 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note E5. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note E4.

Measure 38: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note F6 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note F5. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note F4.

Measure 39: Vln. 1 and 2 play a half note G6 (pizz.). Vln. 1 has *mp*. Vla. plays a half note G5. Vcl. and D.B. play a half note G4.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

40 *sfz* 41 *mf* 42 43 44

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

45 46 47 48 *sfz* 49 *mp* **Vivace**

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

50 51 52 53 54

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

55 56 57 58 59

arco

61 Heavy Waltz

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

60 62 63 64

div. (as needed)

div.

mf

mf

f

div.

f

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

65 66 67 68 69

f

sempre

mf

f

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

70

71

72

73

f

div. (as needed)

mp

(if low extension)

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

75

76

77

78

79

div.

81 **Scherzo** Lightly, at the tip

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

80

82

83

84

p

div. (as needed)

p

div.

p

div.

p

85 86 88

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

89 90 91 92

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

mf

93 94 95 96

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

f

div. (as needed)

97 **Adagio Religioso** upper voices like a pipe organ

Score for measures 97-104. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measure 97: Vln. 1 (p), Vln. 2 (p, div.), Vla. (p), Vcl. (mf), D.B. (mf). Vln. 1 and Vla. have a fermata over the first measure.

Measures 98-104: Vln. 1 and Vla. continue with long notes. Vln. 2 has a fermata over measures 98-100. Vcl. and D.B. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Score for measures 105-112. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measures 105-112: Vln. 1 and Vla. continue with long notes. Vln. 2 has a fermata over measures 105-107. Vcl. and D.B. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Score for measures 113-120. Instruments: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B.

Measures 113-120: Vln. 1 and Vla. continue with long notes. Vln. 2 has a fermata over measures 113-115. Vcl. and D.B. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

121 Tarantella

121 122 124 125

Vln. 1 *mp* *p*

Vln. 2 *mp* *p*

Vla. *p*

Vcl. *mp* *f*

D.B. *mp* *f*

126 127 128 129 130

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

131 133 135 136

Vln. 1 *f* *mf*

Vln. 2 *f*

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f* *mf*

D.B. *mf*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

137 138 139

accelerando poco a poco

accelerando poco a poco

accelerando poco a poco

accelerando poco a poco

accelerando poco a poco

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

142 143 144 145

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

146 147 148 149

147 Presto

div. (as needed)

div. (as needed)

div. (as needed)

div. (as needed)

div.