

DANCES FROM TERPSICHORE

I. La Bourée

II. Pavane

III. Spagnoletta and Courante

COMPILED BY MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

Arranged by

Carrie Lane Gruselle

Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Violin 3
- 5 Viola (Violin T.C.)
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass
- 1 Tenor Drum
- 1 Piano

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The Arranger

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About the Music

In the year 1612 German composer Michael Praetorius published a collection of more than 300 dances from the period, scored for either 4 or 5 voices, without specifying instrumentation. The collection was titled *Terpsichore* after the muse of the dance from Greek mythology. This is an arrangement in three movements of four of the dances in the collection.

- A bourée is a lively French dance, usually in cut time and with a pick-up in the melody.
- Originating in southern Europe, the pavane has been described using these words: slow, stately, ceremonial, courtly, processional.
- Spagnoletta or españoleta is a dance originating in Spain. Many spagnolettas use the same melodic and rhythmic motives.
- And finally, a courante is a "running dance".

Each voice has moments of rhythmic independence so attention to counting is crucial. Also, great attention must be payed to accidentals, as the lines between major and minor are routinely blurred, as was the style of the period.

All three movements should be felt and conducted with 2 beats per measure.

Minimum shifting is required only in the bass; otherwise it is entirely in first position.

The tenor drum (or, tabor, bodhran, tambourine, etc.) is optional but truly adds to the Renaissance flavor.

For a creative illustrated treatise on the significance of dance in the Renaissance, see the English translation of Arbeau's book *Orchesography*, published in 1596 (prior to *Terpsichore*) which inspired Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite* (1926).

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