

George Gershwin

Three Preludes

symphony orchestra arrangement: Hans Erlich

FULL SCORE

INSTRUMENTATION

3 Flutes (1, 2 doubling Piccolo)
2 Oboes
English Horn
3 Clarinets (A, B♭)
2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon

4 Horns (F)
3 Trumpets (B♭)
3 Trombones
Tuba

Timpani
Percussion (3 players):
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Tam-Tam
Cymbal (suspended)
Triangle
Tambourine
Xylophone
Glockenspiel
Wood Block

Harp (or Piano)

String Orchestra

Score in C.
Duration: ca. 8 minutes

THREE PRELUDES

I

George Gershwin (arr. Hans Erblich)

Allegro ben ritmato e deciso (♩=86)

A

Flute 1
Flute 2
Flute 3
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
English Horn
Clarinet 1 (Bb)
Clarinet 2 (Bb)
Clarinet 3 (Bb)
Bassoon 1
Bassoon 2
Contrabassoon
Horn 1 (F)
Horn 2 (F)
Horn 3 (F)
Horn 4 (F)
Trumpet 1 (Bb)
Trumpet 2 (Bb)
Trumpet 3 (Bb)
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Bass Trombone
Tuba

Wah wah mute
no mute
p con licenza

ff
f
p

Allegro ben ritmato e deciso (♩=86)

A

Timpani
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Percussion 3
Harp

Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Cymbal
snare drum stick
sempre non arpeggiato

ff
f dim.

Allegro ben ritmato e deciso (♩=86)

A

Violins I
Violins II
Violas
Cellos
Basses

pizz. non div.
pizz. non div.
pizz. non div.
pizz.
sim.
arco
div.
arco
non div.

ff
f

B

FL. 1 *decresc.*

FL. 2

FL. 3

Ob. 1 *p* *f*

Ob. 2 *p* *f*

Eng. Hn. *p* *f* *ff* bells up *decresc.*

Cl. 1 *decresc.* *ff* bells up *decresc.*

Cl. 2 *decresc.* *ff* bells up *decresc.*

Cl. 3 *decresc.* *ff* bells up *decresc.*

Bsn. 1 *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *decresc.*

Bsn. 2 *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *decresc.*

Cbsn. *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *decresc.*

Hn. 1 (F) *pp cresc.* *f*

Hn. 2 (F) *pp cresc.* *f*

Hn. 3 (F)

Hn. 4 (F)

Tpt. 1 (Bb) *p* *f*

Tpt. 2 (Bb) *p* *f*

Tpt. 3 (Bb) *p* *f*

Trb. 1 *f* *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *mf*

Trb. 2 *f* *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *mf*

Trb. 3 *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *mf*

Tuba *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *mf* *f dim.*

Timp. *mf*

S. D. *p* *f*

B. D. *ppp*

Cym. *pp cresc.* *mf* timpani sticks

Hp.

B

VI. I *decresc.* *mp cresc.* *f* *p* *f*

VI. II *decresc.* *mp cresc.* *f* *p* *f*

Vla. *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *decresc.*

Vc. *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *decresc.*

Cb. *decresc.* *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *decresc.*

25 **C** **D** **E** to Picc.

Fl. 1 *mp*

Fl. 2 *mp*

Fl. 3 *mp*

Ob. 1 *p* *f*

Ob. 2 *p* *f*

Eng. Hn. *p* *f*

Cl. 1 *mf* *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Cl. 3 *p*

Bsn. 1 *pp cresc.* *f*

Bsn. 2 *pp cresc.* *f*

Cbsn. *pp cresc.* *f*

Hn. 1 (F) *pp cresc.* *f*

Hn. 2 (F) *pp cresc.* *f*

Hn. 3 (F)

Hn. 4 (F)

Tpt. 1 (Bb) *p* *f*

Tpt. 2 (Bb) *p* *f*

Tpt. 3 (Bb) *p* *f*

Trb. 1 *pp cresc.* *mf*

Trb. 2 *pp cresc.* *mf*

Trb. 3 *pp cresc.* *mf*

Tuba *pp cresc.* *mf* *f dim.*

Timp. **C** **D** **E** *mf* *mf*

S. D. *p* *f* Glockenspiel

B. D.

Cym. *pp cresc.* *mf* to Triangle

Hp. *mf* *f* *p*

Vi. I **C** **D** *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *pizz.* *arco* **E** *pizz.*

Vi. II *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Vla. *pp cresc.* *sim.* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Vc. *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Cb. *pp cresc.* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

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F **G**

Piccolo 1 *cresc.* **fff**

Piccolo 2 *f cresc.* **fff**

Eng. Hn. *arco* *ff arco* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Cl. 1 *f* *p* *ff* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Cl. 2 *f* *p* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Cl. 3 *f* *p* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Bsn. 1 *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Bsn. 2 *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Cbsn. *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Hn. 1 (F) *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Hn. 2 (F) *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Hn. 3 (F) *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Hn. 4 (F) *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Tpt. 1 (Bb) *f* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Tpt. 2 (Bb) *f* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Tpt. 3 (Bb) *f* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Trb. 1 *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Trb. 2 *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Trb. 3 *p cresc.* *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Tuba *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

F **G**

Timp. *mf* *p molto cresc.* **fff**

Glock. Glockenspiel to Snare Drum *ff* **fff**

B. D. *mf* *pp poco cresc.* *molto cresc.* **fff**

Cym. Triangle *p* *f* *snare drum stick* **fff**

Hp.

Vi. I *f* *arco* *arco div.* *div.* *f cresc.* **fff**

Vi. II *f* *f cresc.* **fff**

Vla. *f* *arco* *div.* *f cresc.* **fff**

Vc. *f* *p molto cresc.* *f* *arco* *arco* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Cb. *f* *p* *f* *arco* *arco* *sf cresc.* **fff**

Andante con moto e poco rubato (♩=94)

A

B

Flute 1
Flute 2
Flute 3
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
English Horn
Clarinet 1 (A)
Clarinet 2 (A)
Clarinet 3 (A)
Bassoon 1
Bassoon 2
Contrabassoon

Horn 1 (F) *con sord.*
Horn 2 (F) *pp*
Horn 3 (F) *pp* *con sord.*
Horn 4 (F) *pp*
Trumpet 1 (B♭) *Derby mute (or Plunger)* *Solo* *mp*
Trumpet 2 (B♭)
Trumpet 3 (B♭)
Trombone 1 *pp*
Trombone 2 *pp*
Bass Trombone *pp*
Tuba *pp*

Andante con moto e poco rubato (♩=94)

A

B

Timpani *tr.* *ppp*
Percussion 1
Percussion 2 *Tam-tam* *pp*
Harp *p*

Andante con moto e poco rubato (♩=94)

A

B

Violins I
Violins II
Violas *I: trem.* *II: arco* *p* *div.* *sim.*
Cellos *pp* *un.* *I: trem.* *II: arco* *p*
Basses *pizz.* *p*

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C **D** **E** **F**

Fl. 1 *ff* *ff* *fp*

Fl. 2 *f* *ff*

Fl. 3 *f* *ff*

Ob. 1 *ff* *ff* *fp*

Ob. 2 *f* *ff*

E.H. *f* *f* *ff*

Cl. 1 *ff* *ff* *fp*

Cl. 2 *f* *ff*

Cl. 3 *f* *ff*

Bsn. 1 *f* *ff*

Bsn. 2 *f* *ff*

Cbsn. *f* *ff*

Hn. 1 *mf* *f* *f* *fp* *con sord.*

Hn. 2 *mp soli* *f* *f* *fp* *con sord.*

Hn. 3 *mf* *senza sord.* *f* *f* *fp*

Hn. 4 *mp* *f* *f* *fp*

Trp. 1 *f* *fp*

Trp. 2 *f*

Trp. 3 *f*

Trb. 1 *f* *pp*

Trb. 2 *f* *pp*

Tr. b. *f* *pp*

Tuba *f* *pp*

Timp. **C** **D** **E** **F** *mf* *mf* *mf*

Perc. 2 Bass Drum *mf* *mf* *mf*

Perc. 3 *mf* *mf* *mf* *vibrando* *p* *to Cym.*

Hrp. *f* *mp*

VI. I *f* *fp* *p*

VI. II *f* *fp* *p*

Vla. *fp* *p*

Vcl. *pizz.* *mf* *f* *sim.* *sim.* *sim.* *unis.* *fp* *p*

Cb. *pizz.* *mf* *f* *arco* *fp* *p*

29 *soli* *rit.* ----- **G** *Largamente con moto*

Hn. 1 *soli* *mf*

Hn. 2 *mp*

Hn. 3 *soli* *mf*

Hn. 4 *mp*

Trb. 1

Trb. 2

Tr. b. *Solo* *mf*

Tuba

B. D. *rit.* ----- **G** *Largamente con moto*

Perc. 3 Cymbal (side drum stick) *pp* *pocchet. arpeggiato*

Hrp. *f*

VI. I *dim.* *rit.* ----- **G** *Largamente con moto* *pizz.*

VI. II *dim.* *f* *pizz.*

Vla. *dim.* *f* *pizz.*

Vcl. *dim.* *p* *pizz.*

Cb. *p* *f*

41 **H**

Cl. 1 *mf*

Trb. 1 *pp*

Trb. 2 *pp*

Tr. b. *pp*

Tuba *pp*

B. D. **H**

Cym. **H**

Hrp. *f* *mp*

VI. I **H** *p*

VI. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vcl. *arco* *p* *pizz.*

Cb. *p*

I rit. Tempo I (♩=94)

52

Fl. 1 *pp dolce* to Picc.

Fl. 2 *pp dolce* to Picc.

Fl. 3 *pp dolce*

E.H. *mp dolce*

Cl. 1 *mp dolce*

Hn. 1 *pp* sord.

Trb. 1 *ppp*

Trb. 2 *ppp*

Tr. b. *ppp*

Tuba *ppp*

I rit. Tempo I (♩=94)

Timp. *ppp*

B. D.

Cym.

Hrp. *p* solo

I rit. Tempo I (♩=94)

VI. I *mp espressivo* arco I. Solo

VI. II

Vla. *p* I: trem. II: arco *sim.*

Vel. *pp* arco div.

Cb. *p* arco pizz.

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C D

Picc. 1

Picc. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cbsn.

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trp. 1

Trp. 2

Trp. 3

Trb. 2

Trb. 3

Tuba

C D

Timp.

Tri.

Tri.

S. D.

Arpa

C D

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

G

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Picc. 1 *f e cresc.*

Picc. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1 *f*

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn. *f*

Cl. 1 *f*

Cl. 2 *mf*

Cl. 3 *mf*

Bsn. 1 *mf*

Bsn. 2 *mf*

Cbsn. *mf*

Hrn. 1 *f*

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trp. 1

Trp. 2

Trp. 3

Trb. 2

Trb. 3

Tuba

G

Timp.

Xyl. Xylophone *mf*

Tri.

S. D. Wood Block *mf* to S. D. to S. D.

Arpa *mp* *B flat major*

G

Vln. 1 *mf* *arco* *mf* *spiccato*

Vln. 2 *pizz.* *p* *mf* *spiccato*

Vla. *pizz.* *p* *mf* *arco* *mf*

Vlc. *pizz.* *p*

Cb. *pizz.* *p*

tune E-string down to Eb

