

SELECTIONS

From

Vivaldi's String Concertos

For

Alto, Tenor, Bass Trombone and Tuba

Arranged by

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MUSIC for the

BAROQUE BONE SQUAD

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About the Composer

The three great innovators of the 17th century, Monteverdi(1567-1643), Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Corelli (1653-1713) can easily be paired with the three masters of the 18th, Handel (1685-1759), Bach (1685-1750) and Vivaldi (1678-1741). The circumstances of the connections, however, differ greatly. From the operas of Monteverdi to the operas of Handel, there are two complete generations of composers, highlighted by the careers of Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676) and Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725), both of whom were quite famous during their lifetimes. From the sacred concertos of Gabrieli to the cantatas of Bach, there are also two generations of composers, represented most vividly by the careers of Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), a celebrated student of Gabrieli and Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), a much lesser known composer. In contrast, Corelli was not only alive, but in the prime of his career when Vivaldi started his own creative output. The first three Opus numbers of Vivaldi (sets of Trio Sonatas, Solo Sonatas and Concerti Grossi) mimic exactly the progression of Corelli's Op. 4-6, with all three owing much to the style of Corelli. The operatic and sacred compositions of Vivaldi are certainly underrated, though no one would claim he reached the level of Handel and Bach, the acknowledged masters of the two genres. His concerti, though, were of profound influence, particularly since he successfully developed the Concerto Grosso into a virtuoso solo concerto form that remains captivating to modern audiences. The examples in this collection are youthful compositions, undoubtedly written for his students at the "Ospedale della Pieta", an orphanage for young females that used his concerts as a major fund raising tool. These String Concertos closely resemble the Sinfonias first written as Preludes to Operas; eventually developing into the modern Symphony.

About the arranger

Bob Reifsnnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** Vivaldi did indeed write continuo parts for all of these works, but their inclusion is hardly necessary to give a sense of completeness. As a result, public performance is highly encouraged.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the first and second parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** The string concertos were scored for two violins, viola and basso continuo. The original notes have been infrequently exchanged in these arrangements, since the four voices are almost always in four different ranges.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate a C tuba. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by a viola, trombone, cello and string bass, which offers a wonderful chamber music experience for a trombonist.
5. **Tempi-** All tempi are suggestions, not requirements. They are based on three tenets of Baroque performance:
 - A. triple tempi are faster than duple tempi
 - B. music with quarter and half notes as the fastest value have faster tempi
 - C. music with eighth and sixteenth notes as the fastest value have slower tempi
6. **Dynamics-** Only three dynamic levels are used in these arrangements (mf,mp,p) and they are also suggestions as well. If one wants to expand the dynamic range a bit, there is certainly no issue with using "f,mp,pp" instead. The use of dynamics here is almost never an indication of the relative importance of the four independent lines, in direct contrast to the use of dynamics in volumes 11-12 (Bach). Instead, the dynamics are meant to contrast musical sections.
7. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Largo from RV118

$\text{♩} = 75$

Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Rose Tree'. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The melody starts on a middle C (C4) and follows the notes: C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The notes are: C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). The piece ends with a final C3 (half).

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Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Rose Tree'. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written on a single staff. It begins with a quarter note G2, followed by eighth notes A2-B2, C3-B2, and A2. This is followed by a quarter rest, then eighth notes G2-A2, B2-A2, and G2. The next measure contains eighth notes A2-B2, C3-B2, and A2. This is followed by a quarter rest, then eighth notes G2-A2, B2-A2, and G2. The final measure contains a half note G2, a quarter rest, and a half note F2. The dynamic markings *mp* and *mf* are placed below the staff.

Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Rose Tree'. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with rests. The dynamics *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano) are indicated below the staff.

Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Rose Tree'. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole note G2, followed by a half note F2, and then a half note E2. The notation is on a single staff with a bass clef.

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Tuba

Allegro from RV118

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

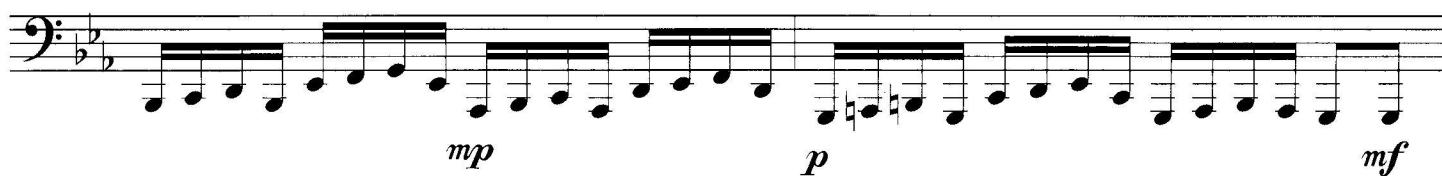
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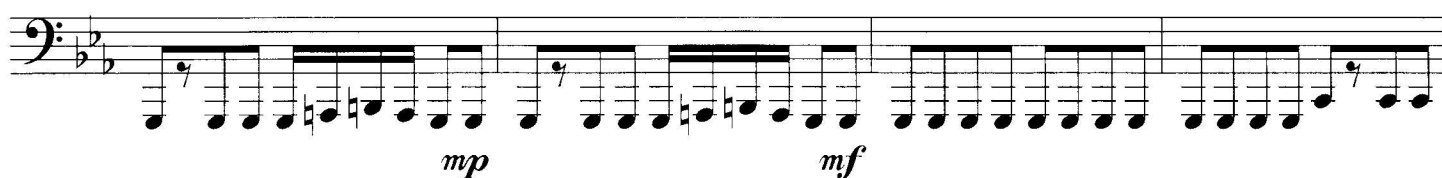
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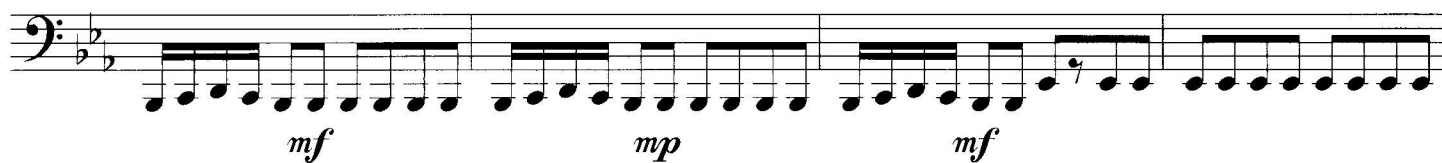
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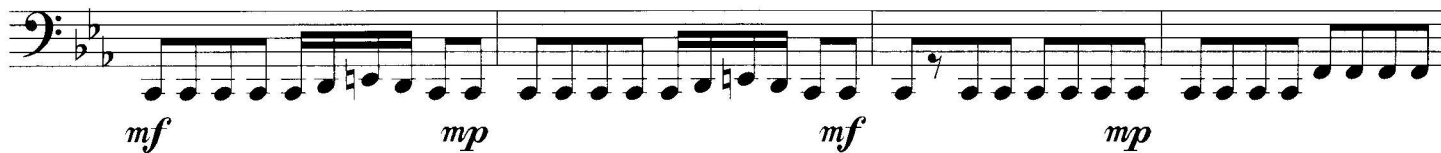
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42



46



51



55



59



Tuba

Largo from RV119

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

5

9

p *mp* *mf* *mp*

p *mp* *mf* *mp*

p

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Tuba

Allegro from RV119

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 50$

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mf

mp

p

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

p

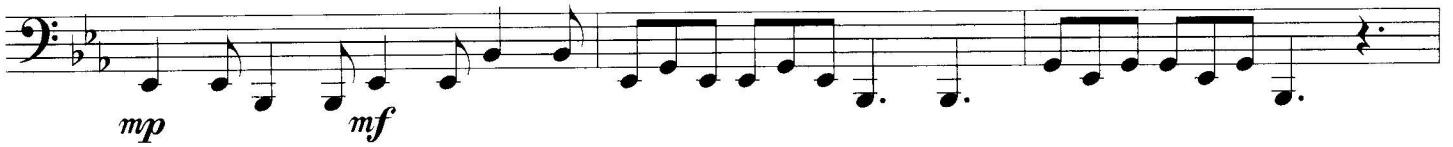
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mf

mp

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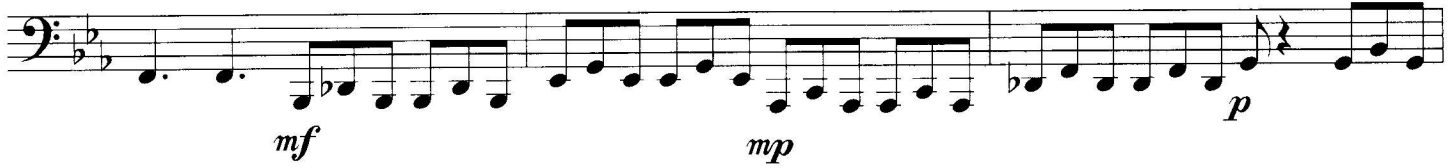
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38



41



Tuba

Largo from RV120

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

5

9

13

mf *mp*

p *mp*

mf *mp*

p

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Tuba

Allegro from RV120

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

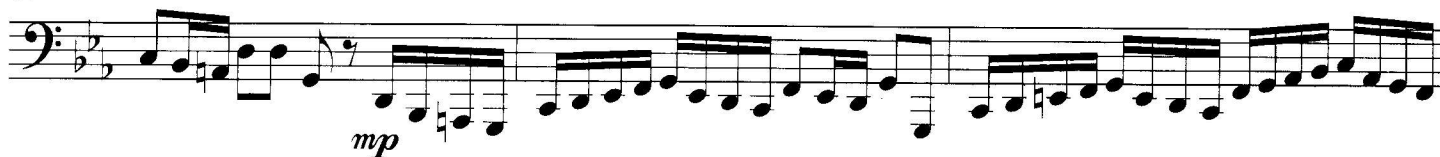
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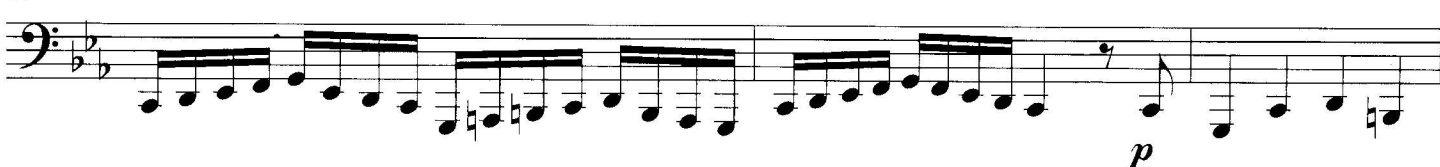
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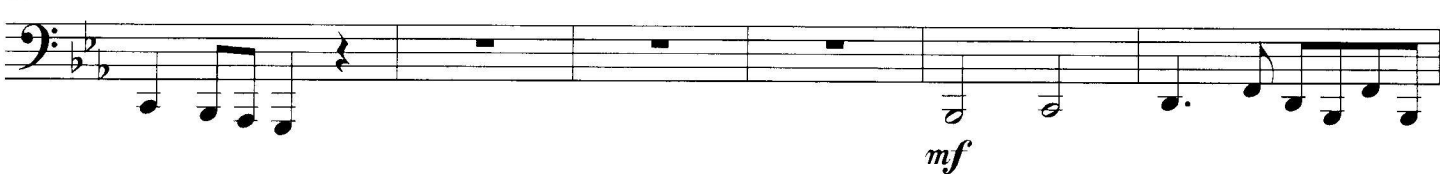
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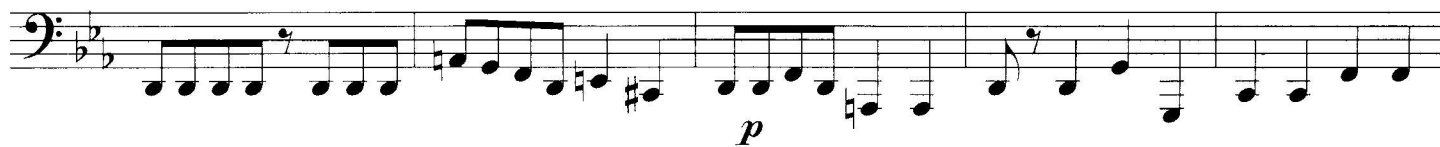
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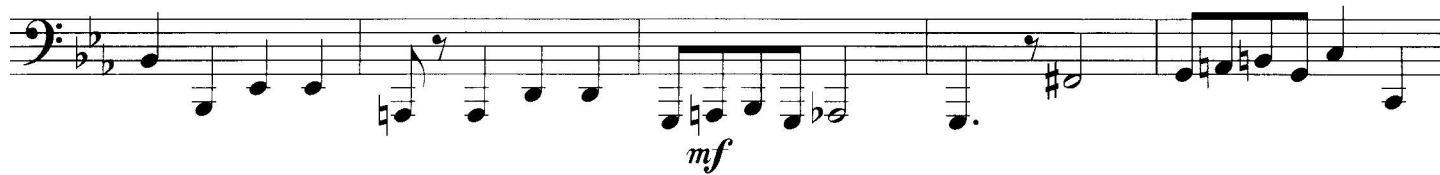
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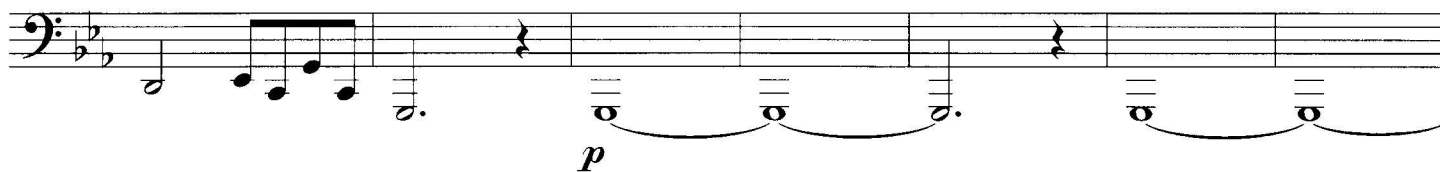
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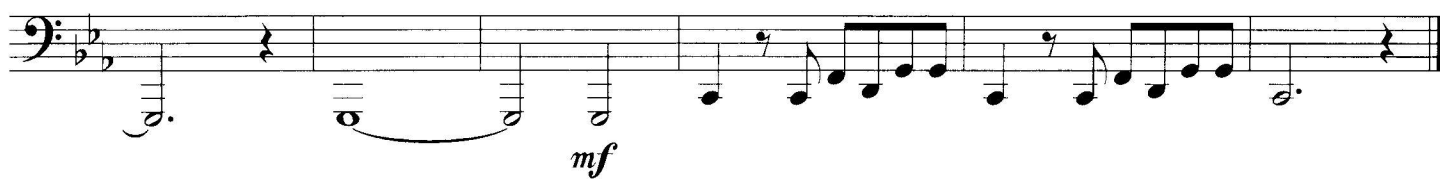
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54



Tuba

Adagio from RV121

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

First staff of music (measures 1-6). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The dynamics are marked *mf*.

7

Second staff of music (measures 7-14). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The dynamics are marked *mp* and *p*.

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Third staff of music (measures 15-16). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The dynamics are marked *p*.

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Tuba

Allegro from RV121

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 50$

6

12

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24

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44

mf *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

50



56



62



68



74



80



86



92



Tuba

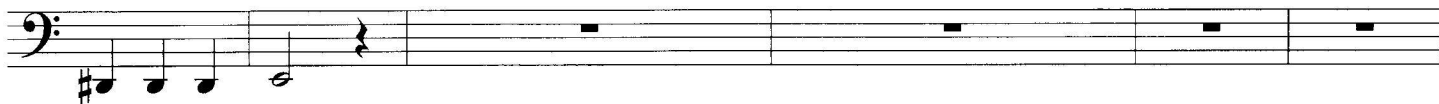
Adagio from RV123

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

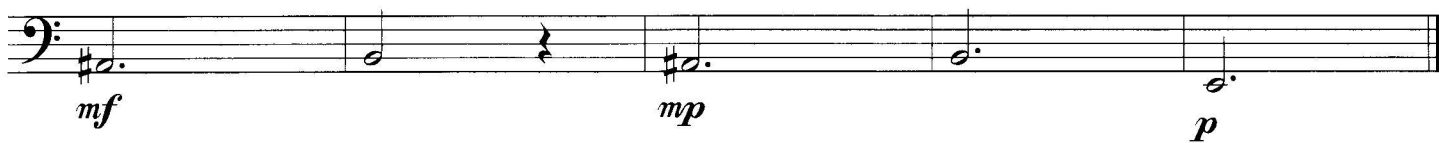
♩ = 90



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Tuba

Allegro from RV123

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

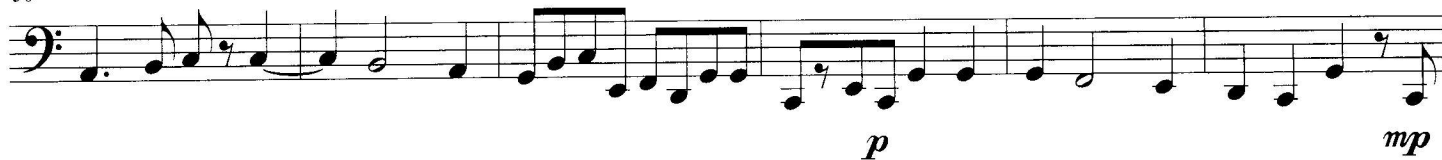
♩ = 90



45



50



56



61



68



Tuba

Grave from RV124

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60

6

12

19

mf *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mf* *mf*

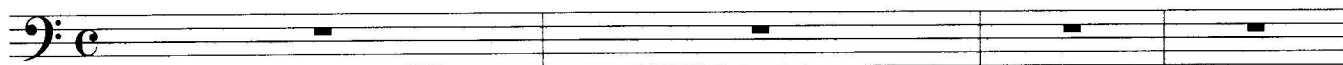
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Tuba

Allegro from RV124

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90



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49



Tuba

Andante from RV126

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 70



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Tuba

Allegro from RV126

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mf

6

mf *mp* *p* *mf*

11

15

mf *mp* *p*

20

mp *mf*

25

mf

30

mp *p* *mp* *mf*

34

39



45



Tuba

Largo from RV128

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 100$

mf

2

mp *p*

4

6

mf

8

mp *p*

10

mp *mf*

12

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Allegro from RV128

2

29



32



36



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44



47



Tuba

Adagio from RV129

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$$\mathcal{J} = 60$$

8

Musical notation for the bass line of 'The Rose Tree'. The notation is on a single staff with a bass clef. It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a half note G2. The second measure contains a half note F2. The third measure contains a half note E2. The fourth measure contains a half note D2. The notes are written as whole notes with stems pointing downwards.

Tuba

Allegro moderato from RV129

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

5

10

15

21

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *mf*

Tuba

Largo from RV130

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 100$

4

7

11

16

p *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

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Tuba

Allegro ma poco from RV130

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩=100



7



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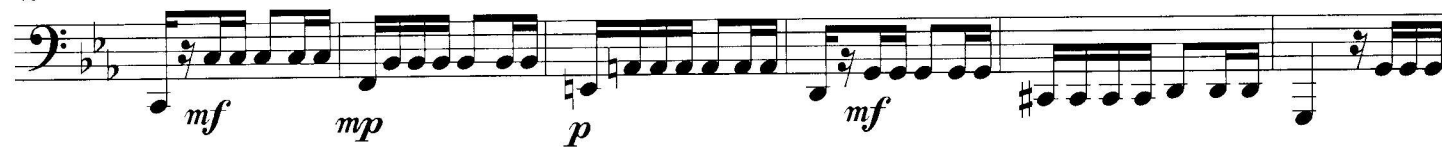
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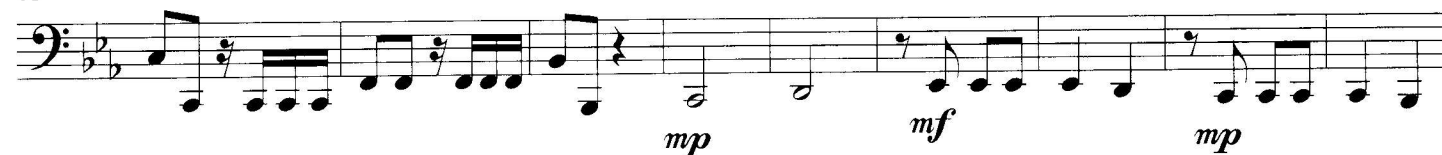
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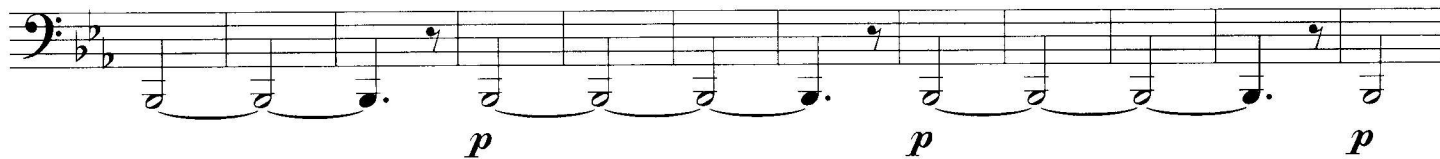
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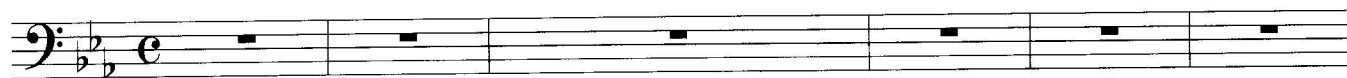
Tuba

Allegro moderato from RV134

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90



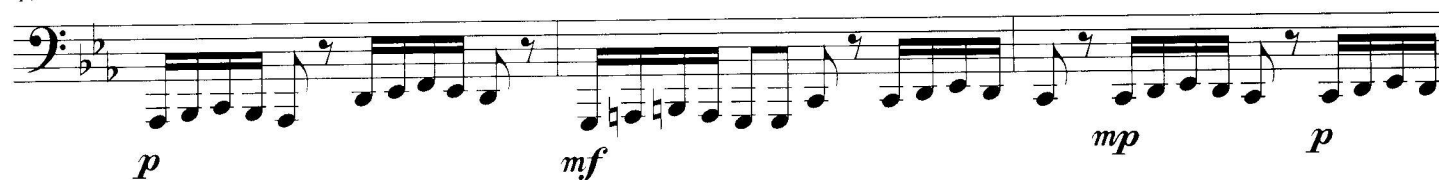
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35

35-37

mp *p* *mp*

This system contains measures 35, 36, and 37. The music is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats. Measure 35 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 36 features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 37 returns to mezzo-piano (*mp*). The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes with various rests.

38

38

This system contains measure 38. The music continues in the same style with eighth and sixteenth notes. The dynamic is not explicitly marked for this measure.

43

43-45

p *mf*

This system contains measures 43, 44, and 45. Measure 43 begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 44 has a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Measure 45 continues the melodic line.

49

49-51

mp *p*

This system contains measures 49, 50, and 51. Measure 49 starts with mezzo-piano (*mp*). Measure 50 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 51 continues the pattern.

53

53-55

mp *p* *mp*

This system contains measures 53, 54, and 55. Measure 53 is mezzo-piano (*mp*). Measure 54 is piano (*p*). Measure 55 is mezzo-piano (*mp*).

56

56-58

mf *mp* *p*

This system contains measures 56, 57, and 58. Measure 56 is mezzo-forte (*mf*). Measure 57 is mezzo-piano (*mp*). Measure 58 is piano (*p*) and ends with a fermata.

61

61-63

p *mf*

This system contains measures 61, 62, and 63. Measure 61 is piano (*p*). Measure 62 is mezzo-forte (*mf*). Measure 63 continues the melodic line.

69

69

This system contains measure 69. The music concludes with a single note followed by a fermata.

Tuba

Minuetto from RV136

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩. = 50



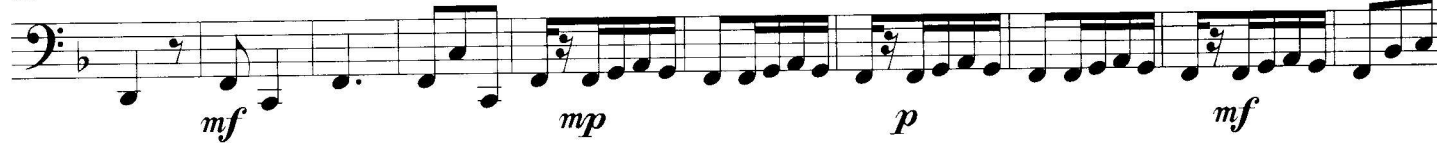
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Tuba

Presto from RV137

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

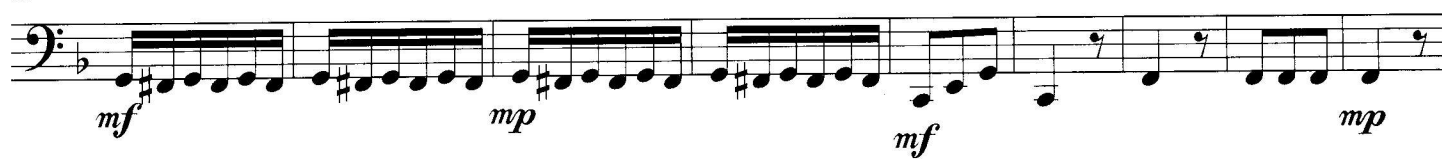
♩. = 60



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