

Antonio Vivaldi

1678 - 1741

Concerto

Transcription for Organ by
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Transcription pour Orgue par
Jean Guillou

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Preface

Vivaldi was greatly esteemed by his contemporaries, and many of his works, including *L'Estro Armonico* Op. 3, *La Stravaganza*, Op. 4, *Il Cimento dell'Armonia e della Musica*, Op. 8, *La Cetra* Op. 9 as well as the flute concertos Op. 10, were successful in their own time. In 1719, *Il Cimento dell'Armonia e della Musica* was performed in Amsterdam as well as by Walsh in London.

It is in this context that Jean Guillou's transcription of Vivaldi's *Concerto in D minor for Cello, Strings and Harpsichord* Op. 26/9 has to be seen. It is included in his *Œuvres complètes*, numbered F. III n. 24, which contains 26 cello-concertos, most of them in D minor. The extant transcriptions of works from that era include those for more violins. Due to their affinity, however, they can be easily transcribed for cello.

Jean Guillou's transcription is not a simple tablature, but as a way to use and explore the full expressive possibilities of the instrument in this case a large, modern instrument with three manuals. The transcription is characterized by specific, characteristic sounds: Within the Vivaldian orchestral texture, the cello plays a prominent role in the bass line while the left hand rapidly takes over the initial part of the melody. The transcription includes a cadence (in b: 70 of the first movement) of the arrangement, which is a characteristic feature of the 'tutti' episodes. The right hand, however, undertakes the melodic development of the violin parts. In the third movement, it is paid to the harmonic accompaniment used by Guillou as a counterpoint to the melodic lines. As before, this is achieved by the left hand, applying 'protagonist' aspects of the instrument, making use of its clearly defined character.

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Non v'è dubbio che Antonio Vivaldi e le sue opere godettero di un'attenzione non più da parte dei contemporanei: testimonianza inequivocabile ne dà l'edizione critica, conseguente alla pubblicazione, presso gli editori Roger e Le Cène di Ginevra, nel 1962, delle raccolte di concerti *L'Estro Armonico* op. III, *La Stravaganza* op. IV, *Le Quattro Stagioni* e *dell'Invenzione* op. VIII, *La Cetra* op. IX e i Concerti per flauto op. X.

Di numerose composizioni vivaldiane autori quali, tra gli altri, G. Henle e G. Koenig elaborarono via via brillanti trascrizioni, destinate per lo più al clavicembalo e al pianoforte. In assoluta sintonia con lo spirito che diede anima a tali versioni si presenta la trascrizione di Jean Guillou del Concerto in Re minore per violoncello e archi, n. 24 dell'opuscolo "Les Concerts de l'origine" apparso nel catalogo Fanna con la numerazione F. III n. 24; in questa trascrizione si ritrovano i ventisei concerti per violoncello, tre dei quali in Re minore. Le trascrizioni per clavicembalo e pianoforte, in epoca a noi pervenute rielaborano generalmente l'originale ad un'ottava sopra, per i violini solisti, opere trasferibili all'organo senza nessun problema, mentre per il clavicembalo e il fessitura con la zona acuta, destinata di consueto a un'ottava sopra.

Le Trascrizioni di Jean Guillou, invece, sono pensate come una semplice intavolatura, bensì come un'opportunità di ricerca organologica, in quanto il clavicembalo e il pianoforte, nel nostro caso un grande strumento a pedale, hanno una gamma di 32 note – ricco di timbri ben caratterizzati: al Pedale si trova il Re, il Do e il Si, mentre il registro superiore, quello dell'orchestra vivaldiana, mentre nel gioco della mano sinistra si ha il Sol, il Fa e il Mi, nella parte originale del violoncello solista, completata dal clavicembalo e dal pianoforte, si ha una cadenza del trascrittore, sia la parte "di ripieno", che la parte "di primo violino", sempre affidata alla mano destra di Guillou negli episodi del "Tutti"; alla destra rimane poi il compito di "secondo violino", sempre affidato alla mano sinistra, che Guillou ha sempre affidato al clavicembalo e al pianoforte, sapientemente adeguato all'esecuzione manuale. Da notare che, nel terzo movimento, la parte melodica di supporto armonico, che Guillou ha sempre affidato al clavicembalo e al pianoforte, è sempre affidata alla mano sinistra e che, sempre con evidenza, l'impiego di registri "protagonisti", dal carattere nettamente definito.

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Allegro non molto

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Manual

Fonds 8', 4', 2', Mixture grave
[Tutti]

Pedal

The image shows the first system of a musical score for a three-manual organ. The top staff is labeled 'Manual' and contains two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature, and a bass clef staff. The tempo is 'Allegro non molto'. The registration is 'Fonds 8', 4', 2', Mixture grave' and the dynamics are '[Tutti]'. The bottom staff is labeled 'Pedal' and is in a bass clef. The score consists of four systems of music. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'PREVIEW Low Resolution' is overlaid diagonally across the entire page.

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12

16

[Solo]

Cromorne 8', Larigot 1' 1/3, Flute 4'

Flutes 8', 2'

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The image shows a musical score for piano and bass. It consists of four systems of music, numbered 7, 9, 12, and 16. Each system has a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a separate bass line. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'PREVIEW' and 'Low Resolution' is overlaid across the entire page. In the system starting at measure 12, there is a section marked '[Solo]' and a list of instruments: 'Cromorne 8', Larigot 1' 1/3, Flute 4''. Above the solo section, there is a note 'Flutes 8', 2'' with a bracket. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p'.

19

Musical score for measures 19-21. The system consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melodic line with a long note in measure 19, a triplet in measure 20, and another long note in measure 21. The middle staff is in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. A dynamic marking '(b)' is present in measure 20. The bottom staff is also in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment.

22

Musical score for measures 22-24. The system consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It features a melodic line with a long note in measure 22, a triplet in measure 23, and another long note in measure 24. The middle staff is in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. The bottom staff is also in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment.

25

Musical score for measures 25-27. The system consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It features a melodic line with a triplet in measure 25, a long note in measure 26, and a melodic phrase in measure 27. A dynamic marking 'trm' is present in measure 27. The middle staff is in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. The bottom staff is also in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. A performance instruction '[Tutti]' is written above the top staff in measure 27.

28

Musical score for measures 28-30. The system consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It features a melodic line with a triplet in measure 28, a long note in measure 29, and a melodic phrase in measure 30. The middle staff is in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. The bottom staff is also in bass clef and contains a continuous eighth-note accompaniment.

31

Musical notation for measures 31-33. The system consists of three staves: a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a separate bass clef staff below. Measure 31 features a complex piano accompaniment with sixteenth-note patterns in the right hand and eighth-note patterns in the left hand. Measures 32 and 33 continue this texture with some melodic movement in the right hand.

34

Musical notation for measures 34-36. Measure 34 includes a "[Solo]" instruction in the right hand. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns in the left hand and sparse chords in the right hand. Measures 35 and 36 show further development of the accompaniment.

37

Musical notation for measures 37-38. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Measure 38 has a more active right hand with eighth-note chords.

39

Musical notation for measures 39-41. Measure 39 has a sparse right hand with chords. Measures 40 and 41 feature a more active right hand with eighth-note chords. The left hand continues with eighth-note patterns. Measure 41 includes three accents (^) over the notes.