

THE BACH FOR TRUMPET BOOK

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25 unaccompanied solos
8 duets for trumpet and bass instrument
2 trios for 2 trumpets and bass instrument

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PREFACE

Johann Sebastian Bach. When spoken, even his name can evoke a musical rhythm. *Johann Sebastian Bach.* He is the iconic musician that great composers have looked to, looked back to, and looked up to, in order to find their way. More composers were influenced by Bach than any other. His genius for creating just the right combination, the right order of notes, has not been matched by any other. Through the centuries his music has been studied and performed worldwide. His compelling melodies have been used and reused in various incantations and arranged for countless combinations of instruments. Multiple versions of his works have been transposed and orchestrated for possibly every musical instrument in existence. J. S. Bach, himself, also used his themes and melodies in multiple works for varying instruments. A melody for harpsichord would find its way to a violin part of another composition. An organ prelude theme would be played by an oboist in another work. Even now, musicians borrow and arrange Bach's music for their instrument so they can experience his genius.

In my 56 years of playing trumpet, some of my most enriching moments have been learning, studying, and performing music of J. S. Bach. Numerous solos, quintets, and other works of all instrumentations have been arranged to include trumpet. Many of the selections in *The Bach Book* have been previously transcribed for a variety of instruments, trumpet included. As a young student I was introduced to Bach in Michael Gisoni's *Bach for the trumpet and cornet*. I am grateful to those in the past who help spread the enjoyment of playing the music of Bach.

After I retired from 38 years of orchestral playing, I had the time to get reacquainted with Bach's works. I found myself making musical interpretation choices that were very different from 20 or 30 years earlier. I am sure that 10 years forward, I would make some different choices than now. Therefore, this book and audio recordings are meant to be just a start, an ignition for your personal interpretations of these wonderful pieces. The articulations, tempi, phrasing, are just ephemeral choices of the present. I encourage you to explore your own paths. Let Bach speak to you as he has to me.

Since many of these pieces were composed for string and keyboard instruments that do not require breath accommodation, some

PRÉFACE

Johann Sebastian Bach. Même son nom, lorsqu'on le prononce, peut évoquer un rythme musical. C'est une figure emblématique, admirable et respectée par tous les grands compositeurs cherchant leur propre voie. Bach a influencé plus de compositeurs que tout autre. Sa créativité musicale géniale reste inégalée. Son oeuvre a été analysée, étudiée et jouée à travers les siècles dans le monde entier. Ses mélodies fascinantes ont été utilisées et réutilisées dans d'innombrables incantations et arrangées et ré-instrumentées de mille façons. Ses oeuvres ont été transposées et réorchestrées pour quasiment tous les instruments de musique existants. J. S. Bach a réutilisé ses propres thèmes et mélodies dans certaines de ses autres oeuvres ou pour d'autres instruments. Une mélodie pour clavecin pourra sans autre resurgir dans une partie de violon d'une autre de ses compositions. Un prélude pour orgue sera joué par un hautboïste dans une autre de ses oeuvres. De nos jours encore, des musiciens empruntent et arrangent la musique de Bach pour leur instrument afin qu'il puissent jouir de son génie.

Depuis 56 ans que je joue de la trompette, certains des moments les plus enrichissants ont été d'apprendre, d'étudier et d'interpréter la musique de J. S. Bach. De nombreux solos, quintettes et autres instrumentations ont été arrangés et incluent la trompette. Bien des pièces sélectionnées dans *The Bach Book* ont déjà fait l'objet de transcriptions pour divers instruments, y compris la trompette. J'avais été initié à jouer du Bach par le cahier de Michael Gisoni *Bach for the trumpet and cornet*. Merci à ceux qui dans le passé ont contribué à pérenniser le plaisir de jouer la musique de Bach.

À ma retraite, après 38 ans d'activité orchestrale, j'ai eu le temps de me pencher à nouveau sur l'oeuvre de Bach. J'ai réalisé que mes interprétations musicales se différencient nettement de celles d'il y a vingt ou trente ans et je suis certain que dans dix ans, je ferai des choix encore différents. Ce cahier et ses enregistrements audio ne sont donc qu'un début, une incitation à développer une interprétation personnelle de ces pièces magnifiques. Articulations, tempi, phrasés, sont des choix éphémères. J'encourage chaque musicien à explorer ces musiques et à entendre le message que Bach nous transmet.

Du fait que nombre de ces pièces aient été composées pour instruments à cordes ou claviers sans contraintes respiratoires, cer-

VORWORT

Johann Sebastian Bach. Allein das Erwähnen seines Namens ruft musikalischen Rhythmus hervor. Er ist die Musiker-Ikone, bewundert und respektiert von allen grossen Komponisten auf der Suche nach ihrem Weg. Bach hat mehr Komponisten beeinflusst als jeder andere. Sein musikalisches Genie bleibt unerreicht. Über die Jahrhunderte wurden seine Werke weltweit studiert und aufgeführt, seine fesselnden Melodien in unzähligen Formeln verwendet und wiederverwendet und für verschiedenste Besetzungen und fast jedes existierende Musikinstrument transponiert und orchestriert. Auch J. S. Bach selbst verwendete seine Themen und Melodien in mehreren Werken für verschiedene Instrumente. Eine Melodie für Cembalo fand ihren Weg zu einem Violinpart einer anderen Komposition. Das Thema eines Orgelvorspiels wird von einem Oboisten in einem anderen Werk gespielt werden. Auch heute leihen und arrangieren Musiker Bachs Musik für ihr Instrument und nehmen so sein Genie wahr.

Seit 56 Jahren spiele ich Trompete und einige meiner bereicherndsten Momente waren das Lernen, Studieren und Aufführen der Musik von J. S. Bach. Zahlreiche Soli, Quintette und Werke anderer Besetzungen wurden arrangiert und enthalten Trompete. Viele der Werke im vorliegenden *The Bach-Book* wurden schon für eine Vielzahl von Instrumenten transkribiert, Trompete inbegriffen. Als junger Student entdeckte ich Bach in Michael Gisoni's *Bach für Trompete und Kornett*. Ich bin all jenen dankbar, die dazu beigetragen haben, die Freude am Spielen von Bachs Musik zu verbreiten.

Nach 38 Jahren vom Orchester emeritiert, fand ich Zeit, mich wieder mit Bachs Werken zu befassen, und dabei realisiert, wie sehr sich meine Interpretationsentscheidungen von jenen vor 20, 30 Jahren unterscheiden. Und ich bin ziemlich sicher, dass ich in 10 Jahren nochmals anders entscheiden werde. Dieses Heft und die Tonaufnahmen sind also nur ein Anfang, ein Ansporn zu persönlichen Interpretationen dieser wunderbaren Stücke. Artikulationen, Tempi, Phrasierung, sind sporadische Entscheidungen. Ich ermutige Sie: ergründen auch Sie auf eigenen Wegen diese Musik und empfangen Sie Bachs Botschaft!

Weil viele dieser Stücke ursprünglich für Streich- oder Tasteninstrumente waren, also unabhängig von Atem, können einige

phrases are challenging. On some of the pieces, I could not find a way to employ breaths that work. Maybe you can! Even working on sections of these works is still a wonderful experience. Bach is just that great.

On the audio recordings I edited out the breaths on BWV 147, 1001, 1002 Courante and Sarabande, 1003, and 1005.

It is my hope that you will be enriched by this challenging collection.

Nick Norton

taines phrases peuvent représenter de réels défis. Parfois, je n'ai pas réussi à placer de respiration. Peut-être que vous trouverez une solution. Même en travaillant par sections, c'est déjà un expérience grandiose. Bach, c'est juste génial!

Sur les enregistrements, les respirations ont été éliminées dans BWV 147, 1001, 1002 Courante et Sarabande, 1003, and 1005.

J'espère que vous serez inspirés par cette collection stimulante.

Nick Norton

Phrasen sehr herausfordernd sein. Manchmal fand ich keine geeignete Stelle, um Luft zu holen. Vielleicht finden Sie eine Lösung. Selbst das Arbeiten an Passagen dieser Werke ist bereits eine wunderbare Erfahrung. Bach ist so genial!

In den Aufnahmen habe ich die Atmungen in BWV 147, 1001, 1002 Courante und Sarabande, 1003 und 1005 ausgeblendet.

Ich hoffe, diese herausfordrende Sammlung inspiriere Sie.

Nick Norton

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Aria

from Cantata No. 1 [BWV 1]
2 B-flat trumpets and bass instrument

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Adapted by Nick Norton



1

mf

5

mf *f*

8

f *mp*

12

16

mf

19

22

mf *mp*

27

mf

30

33

37

40

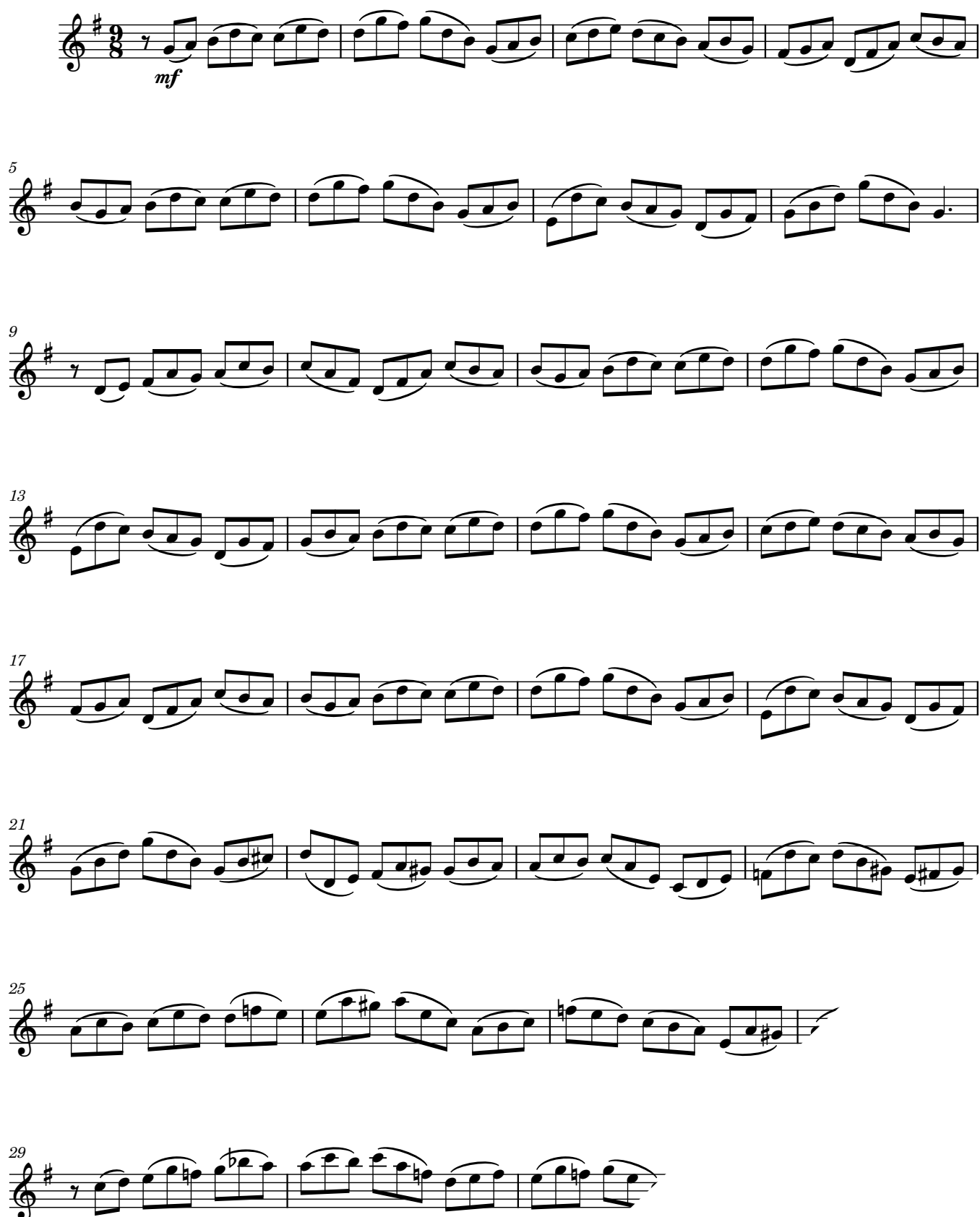
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

[BWV 147]

B-flat trumpet and bass instrument

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Adapted by Nick Norton



Musical score for "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (BWV 147) by J. S. Bach, adapted by Nick Norton. The score is written for B-flat trumpet and bass instrument. It consists of eight staves of music, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The dynamic marking *mf* is indicated below the first staff. The subsequent staves continue the melody, with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, and 29 marked at the beginning of their respective staves. The music features various musical notations including eighth notes, sixteenth notes, beams, and slurs.

Erbarme dich

from St. Mathew Passion [BWV 244]
unaccompanied trumpet

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Adapted by Nick Norton

The musical score is written for an unaccompanied trumpet. It is in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second staff has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The third staff includes a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The fourth staff starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fifth staff is marked with [7].

The monumental *St. Mathew Passion* was composed in 1727. *Erbarme dich* [Have Mercy], portrays Peter's sorrow after he denied knowing Jesus the third time. Legendary violinist Yehudi Menuhin stated that it was the most beautiful music ever written for violin.

La monumentale *Passion selon Saint Matthieu* a été composée en 1727. *Erbarme dich* [Aie pitié], dépeint la tristesse de Pierre après qu'il ait, pour la troisième fois, nié avoir connu Jésus. Le légendaire violoniste Yehudi Menuhin a déclaré que c'était la plus belle musique jamais écrite pour violon.

Die monumentale *Matthäus-Passion* wurde anno 1727 komponiert. *Erbarme dich*, illustriert Petrus' tiefe Reue, nachdem er Jesu zum dritten Mal verleugnet hatte. Der legendäre Geiger Yehudi Menuhin sagte, dies sei die allerschönste Musik, die je für Violine geschrieben worden ist.

Adagio

from Organ Toccata in C [BWV 564]
 B-flat trumpet and bass instrument

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
 Adapted by Nick Norton



Musical score for Adagio, featuring a B-flat trumpet and bass instrument. The score is in C major, 4/4 time, and consists of 18 measures. It includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*mf*, *mp*, *cresc.*), articulation (trills, slurs), and fingerings (e.g., (b)). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Gavotte

from French Suite No. 5 [BWV 816]
B-flat trumpet and bass instrument

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Adapted by Nick Norton



5

10

15

20

mf

mf

mp *poco cresc.*

mf *f*

Gavotte from BWV 816, **Polonaise** and **Minuetto** from BWV 817 are movements from six suites composed for harpsichord between 1722 and 1725. These suites are known as the *French Suites*, a designation attached at a later date. This collection is considered secular music composed for the court, not the church, and included dance music that was attributed to being in the *French Manner*. These dance movements, in a binary form, are in two halves, both being repeated if desired.

Gavotte de BWV 816, **Polonaise** et **Minuetto** de BWV 817 sont des mouvements de six suites composées pour le clavecin entre 1722 et 1725. Cette collection de musique profane et de danse destinée à la cour reçut plus tard le nom de *Suites françaises*. Ces mouvements de danse, de forme binaire, sont divisés en deux parties, les deux étant répétées ad libitum.

Gavotte aus BWV 816, **Polonaise** und **Minuetto** aus BWV 817 sind Sätze aus den sechs Suiten für Cembalo, komponiert zwischen 1722 und 1725. Diese Sammlung, von profaner und Tanzmusik für den Hof, wurde zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt *Französische Suiten* benannt. Die vorliegenden Tanzsätze, in binärer Form, sind zweiteilig und beliebig wiederholbar.

Polonaise

from French Suite No. 6 [BWV 817] -
 WapNci dnNpc bEspsEc sNi nc N

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
 Adapted by Nick Norton



Musical score for Polonaise, measures 1-21. The score is written in 3/4 time and features a variety of note values including eighth, sixteenth, and thirty-second notes, as well as rests. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Minuetto

from French Suite No. 6 [BWV 817]
 B-flat trumpet and bass instrument

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
 Adapted by Nick Norton



Musical score for Minuetto, measures 1-19. The score is written in 3/4 time and features a variety of note values including eighth, sixteenth, and thirty-second notes, as well as rests. Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano). The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Presto

from Sonata No. 1 [BWV 1001]
unaccompanied trumpet

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
3 0nod20c4bd j82db 41d49

5

73

812 6829

aa

04 0484 n 0484 f

a9

mp

td

ot

mf mp

3i

81268 f mf

35

f mf

d3

Double Allemande

from partita No. 1 [BWV 1002]
unaccompanied trumpet

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Adapted by Nick Norton

The musical score is written for unaccompanied trumpet in C major, 2/4 time. It begins with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic. The piece is a 48-measure dance in the style of a Double Allemande. The notation includes various ornaments (trills, mordents, grace notes) and dynamic markings. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 indicated at the start of their respective lines.



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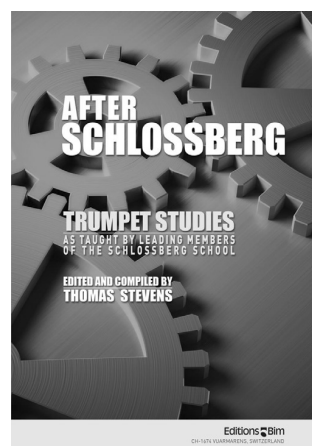
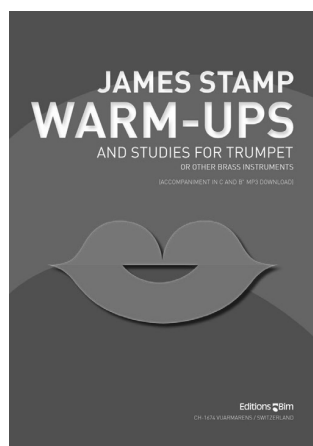
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