

Sonata terza

Giovanni Battista Vitali

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Violino I **Grave**

Violino II

Organo

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for Violino I, the middle for Violino II, and the bottom for Organo. The key signature is one flat (C minor). The time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Grave'. The Organo part features a continuous eighth-note pattern. Measure numbers 6 and [b] are indicated below the Organo staff.

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Vl. I 4

Vl. II

Org.

The musical score continues with three staves. The top staff is for Vl. I, the middle for Vl. II, and the bottom for Org. The key signature is one flat (C minor). The time signature is 6/8. Measure numbers 4, 3, 9, 8, 7, 5, b6, 6, 6, and 6 are indicated below the Organo staff.

Vl. I 8

Vl. II

Org.

The musical score continues with three staves. The top staff is for Vl. I, the middle for Vl. II, and the bottom for Org. The key signature is one flat (C minor). The time signature is 6/8. Measure numbers 6, 7, b6, 7, 6, 6, [b], 7, and 5 are indicated below the Organo staff.

12

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

9 8 4 3 9 8 7 4 3

[\flat]

Presto

17

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

2 7 6

21

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

6 5 6 4 5 6

[\flat]

24

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

5 6 5 6 \flat 5 6

27

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

5 6 \sharp 6 7/6

31

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3 5 6 5 6

Musical score for measures 34-35. The score consists of three staves: Vl. I (Violin I), Vl. II (Violin II), and Org. (Organ). The key signature is one flat. Measure 34 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern in Vl. I. Measure 35 begins with a sustained note in Vl. II followed by eighth-note patterns in both violins and the organ.

Musical score for measures 37-38. The score consists of three staves: Vl. I (Violin I), Vl. II (Violin II), and Org. (Organ). The key signature changes to one sharp. Measure 37 features eighth-note patterns in Vl. I and Vl. II. Measure 38 shows a sustained note in Vl. II and eighth-note patterns in Vl. I and the organ.

Musical score for measures 40-41. The score consists of three staves: Vl. I (Violin I), Vl. II (Violin II), and Org. (Organ). The key signature changes to one flat. Measure 40 includes a bassoon part (not shown) indicated by a bassoon icon. Measure 41 continues with eighth-note patterns in Vl. I and Vl. II, and eighth-note chords in the organ.

44

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

7 6

48

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3 6 [‡] 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 6

52

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

7 6 6 7 [b]5 4 3 7 5 4 3 6 5

56

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

7 6 7 \natural 6 5 6 6 6 4 3

60

Grave

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

6 6 6 2 2 6

65

Vl. I Vl. II Org.

$\frac{6}{5}$ $\frac{6}{5}$ 7 \flat 6 6 4 \flat 3 $\frac{6}{5}$ \flat

Allegro

69

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

$\flat\ 6$ $6\ 5$ $\flat\ 6$ 6 $7\ 6$ [b]

73

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3 4 3 6 5 6 5 6

78

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3 4 3 5 6

83

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

6 4 3 4 3 5 6

88

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3

93

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

[b] 4 [#] 3 [b]

98

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

[b]

103

Grave

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

[b]

[b] 6/5

4 3

#

108

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

6 #6 #

7 6 # # 6 7 #6

4 3

112

Violin I
Violin II
Organ

4 3 ♯ 7 6 6 7 6 7 6

116

Violin I
Violin II
Organ

4 3 6 5 9 8 6 # 7 6

121

Presto

Violin I
Violin II
Organ

7 4 [♯] 3 [♯]

125

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

7 6 6

129

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

5 6

132

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

5 6 5 6 5 6 5 6 5 6

135

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

6

6

138

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

7 6 6

5 6

141

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

6 5 6

5 6

6 5 6

144

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

5 6 5 6 5 6 \flat

147

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

\sharp \flat \sharp

150

Vl. I
Vl. II
Org.

\flat 5 6 5 6 5 6

153

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

3 5 6 5 6 6

156

Vl. I

Vl. II

Org.

4 3

EDITORIAL REPORT

Sources

A. *Sonate da chiesa a due violini consecrate al nome immortale della Sacra Cesarea Maesta del Sempre Augusto Leopoldo Primo Imperatore da Gio. Battista Vitali, bolognese, vice maestro di capella del Serenissimo Signor Duca di Modona, et accademico filaschise, et filarmonico. Opera nona. In Amsterdam per Ioanno Philippo Heus. 1684.*

3 partbooks: Violino primo, Violino secondo, Bassus Continuus.

GB – Lbl (incomplete)

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B. *Sonate da chiesa a due violini del Sig. Gio. Battista Vitali bolognese. Vice maestro di capella del serenissimo Signor Duca di Modona, & accademico filaschise, e filarmonico. Opera nona. In Venetia 1684. Alla stampa del Gardano.*

GB – DRc.

3 partbooks: Violino primo, Violino secondo, Organo.

RISM A/I V2168, Sartori II 1684f.

C. *Sonate a 2 violini e organo di Gio. Battista Vitali. Op. 9^a:*

3 partbooks in manuscript: Violino primo, Violino secondo, Organo.

I-MOe (Mus. F. 1249). Unpaginated.

Editorial Remarks

The extant sources comprise two prints and one manuscript. The Amsterdam print bears a dedication to Leopold I, whereas the Gardano print has no dedicatee. In his dissertation John G. Suess states that “Either one of these [prints] may be the original printing, or both may be reprints since no printings are known from Bologna or Modena where all of Vitali’s other collections were originally published.”¹ The first violin partbook of the Amsterdam print is incomplete and contains only sonatas 1- 7 plus the first 27 measures of sonata 8.

CRITICAL NOTES

A.: Violino primo (Vl. I), pp. 4-5; Violino secondo (Vl. II), pp. 4-5; Bassus continuus (Org.), pp. 4-5.

B.: Violino primo (Vl. I), pp. 11-15; Violino secondo (Vl. II), pp. 9-13; Organo (Org.), pp. 13-17.

C.: Violino primo (Vl. I); Violino secondo (Vl. II); Organo (Org.).

¹ John G. Suess, “Giovanni Battista Vitali and the Sonata da Chiesa”, (Ph.D. diss., Yale University, 1962), I, p. 247.

- M. 6, Org. n. 3 figure missing flat in C.
- M. 11, Org. figure 7 is on n. 5 in sources.
- M. 13, Vl. 1 no fermata.
- M. 19, Org. figure 2 on beat 3 in C.
- M. 22, Org. figure missing 4.
- M. 38, Vl. 2 cautionary natural on note 1.
- M. 54, Org., 7 6 figure on n. 1.
- M. 61, Org., n. 2 has cautionary natural.
- M. 71, Vl. 1, fermata missing in A and C..
- M. 86, Org., cautionary sharp on n.3
- M. 106, Org., fermata missing in B and A.
- M. 113, Org. figure on beat 2 missing in A.
- M. 117, Org. figure is 5 6 in A.
- M. 148, Vln. 2, note 1missing sharp in A.
- M. 158, Org. no fermata in A or B. Fermata in Vl. 2 in A., not in B; no fermata in Vl. 1 in A or B.