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By FELIX BOROWSKI

Concerto No. 4, for Violin, Flutes and String Orchestra, G Major.

Johann Sebastian Bach.

Born Mar. 21, 1685, at Eisenach.
Died July 28, 1750, at Leipzig.

Christian Ludwig, Margrave of Brandenburg (1677-1734), had made the acquaintance of Bach about 1718 or 1720, either at the Meiningen court or at Carlsbad, where the master's patron, Prince Leopold of Cöthen, was accustomed to betake himself and his household. The margrave was devoted to music, and he maintained an orchestra which played for him the large collection of concertos and other works that occupied honored places in the court library. It is certain that Christian Ludwig had been greatly struck by the abilities of Sebastian Bach, and he gave him a commission to write for his orchestra some concertos.

Apparently it required two years to complete the six concertos. In the spring of 1721 Bach forwarded the work to Christian Ludwig, who was then at Berlin, and accompanied it with a somewhat obsequious letter, written in French. What His Royal Highness wrote in answer to this letter—the servility of which was in the customary style of authors and composers when they addressed their social superiors—is not known. It is probable, however, that Christian Ludwig did not set upon Bach's music the value which he placed on music by other, and Italian, composers whose work is now as forgotten as their names. The score of his concertos, which Bach had forwarded to the margrave, fell at a later date into the possession of Johann Philipp Kirnberger, who was a pupil of the master from 1739 to 1741, and that musician bequeathed it to Princess Amalie* of Prussia, whose teacher and kapellmeister he was. The

^{*} Princess Amalie of Prussia, sister of Frederick the Great (1723-87), was herself a composer. Of her works the most important was a setting of Ramler's "Der Tod Jesu," which later was reset by Graun. The princess also composed a number of excellent chorales.

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princess left the concertos in her will to the Joachimsthal Gymnasium, and from there they found their way eventually to the Royal - now the State - Library, Berlin.

The fourth concerto bears the following title upon the autograph score: Concerto 4to à Violino Principale, due Flauti d'Echo, due Violini, una Viola è Violone in Ripieno, Violoncello è Continuo.

The concerto contains three movements: I. Allegro, G major, 3-8 time. The greater part of the first movement is built on the figure with which it begins in the flutes, and which is taken up by the solo violin at the thirteenth measure. II. Andante, E minor, 3-4 time. Like the preceding movement, the material of this is constructed on that which begins it in the solo violin and flutes. It is worthy of remark that Bach was more particular in indicating the nuances than in most of his other works. The movement leads without pause into III. Presto, G major, 2-2 time. This fugal movement begins with the subject in the violas.

Twenty-Four Variations on an Original Theme.

Heniot Levy. Born July 19, 1879, at Warsaw.

Heniot Levy received his musical training at the Königliche Hochschule, Berlin, where he studied pianoplaying with Oscar Raif and composition with Heinrich von Herzogenberg. Later he became a pupil of Max Bruch at the Meisterschule. He made his début as a pianist with the Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin, in 1899. Since 1904 Mr. Levy has been a co-director and member of the piano faculty of the American Conservatory, Chicago. For orchestra he has composed Concerto for piano (1898); Variations upon a Chopin Prelude (1899); Concert Overture (1900); Passacaglia for violin and orchestra (1914); Concerto for two pianos. strings and timpani (1934); Symphonietta for strings and timpani (1936); Capriccio Concertante for piano and orchestra (1938); Variations upon an Original Theme (1939); Concertino for violin and orchestra (1940); Slavic Legend (1941); Two Valses (1941).



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The Variations for Orchestra were composed in July, 1939. In explanation of them Mr. Levy has contributed the following to this program:

"The theme is played by the English horn, unaccompanied. Thereupon the harmonized version is taken up by flutes and bassoons, alternating with other woodwinds and strings.

Variation I in the tempo of the theme and also in 6-8 time, with the figuration of sixteenth notes in the strings, the bassoon first and later the 'cellos and horn take up the theme.

Variation II is in 3-4 time. Tempo is livelier. The theme in the strings, with the triplets divided between the lower strings and woodwinds supporting it.

VARIATION III. Risoluto. An energetic variation in 3-4 time in the same A minor key as the preceding variations and the theme.

Variation IV. Vivo leggiero. 2-4 time divided between strings pizzicato with woodwinds and celesta.

Variation V. A minor, 6-8 time. A very agitated movement in sixteenth notes in triplets. Interchange between woods and strings and also *tutti*.

Variation VI. Lento, A minor, 4-4 time, of sustained melody, contrasting with the previous variations.

VARIATION VII. Energico, 3-4 time. Rhythmically stirring.

Variation VIII. Tranquil in mood, 3-4 time, A minor. The harp and the woodwinds accompanied by the bassoons and double basses in a persistent rhythm of two sixteenths and an eighth note.

Variation IX. Con Brio, is an energetic contrast to the more subdued preceding variation, with the marked rhythm of two sixteenth notes divided between strings and brasses.

VARIATION X. Lento cantabile, 3-4 time, F major, of eighth note rhythm and sustained melody, placed in woodwinds and celesta.

VARIATION XI. Appassionato, F major, set only for the strings, and remaining, like the preceding variation, in 3-4 time.

Variation XII. Allegro scherzando, 3-4 time, B flat major, the bassoons and the lower strings—in rather jolly mood.

Variation XIII. Con Delicatezza, a duo between lower woodwinds and harp at the beginning, being joined by the rest of the orchestra in the development.

Variation XIV. Tempo di tema, 6-8 time, E minor. At a slower pace, it starts the theme in the bassoon and violas, later aided by a divided strings section, leading into the full orchestra.

Variation XV. Vivo staccato e leggiero, 3-4 time, A minor. The woodwinds, celesta and the strings are supported by the brass and harp.

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Variation XVII. A minor—a free canon in the woodwinds, taken over by the horns and the strings. It is in 6-8 time and in a subdued tempo.

Variation XVIII. Maestoso—3-4 time, of an impassionate character, in an eighth note rhythm. The horns in unison with the strings in sixteenth notes, and an agitated mood.

VARIATION XIX. Con brio, 6-8 time. This continues the lively spirit of the preceding variation, with faster moving sixteenth notes, in A minor.

VARIATION XX. Con sentimento, 6-8 time. Continuing in A minor, it brings a tender mood to the set. The flutes and the lower strings, with the harp accompanying.

VARIATION XXI. Meno mosso lusingando. This starts with the trombones, later changing to woodwinds and horns. The tenderly and lightly moving variation is in 6-8 time, and of an undertermined tonality.

VARIATION XXII. Vivo, for strings, con sordino. Later taken over by the woodwind section.

VARIATION XXIII. Misterioso. To the sustained A minor harmonies in the woodwinds, pizzicato in the strings and glissandi in the harp. Between the last variation and the finale, there are four measures for the chimes and gong, leading to

VARIATION XXIV. Starting con duolo and in a languid mood, this works up gradually to an agitated movement, which leads to elaborate treatment in the repetition of the theme, this finally concluding the piece."

Symphony No. 5, C Minor, Opus 67.

Ludwig van Beethoven.

Born Dec. 16, 1770, at Bonn.
Died Mar. 26, 1827, at Vienna.

Several years were spent by Beethoven upon the composition of his C minor symphony. There are sketches for its first three movements in the notebooks in which the master was developing his ideas in 1800 and 1801. Indeed, a sketch for a movement of a C minor symphony was put down in one of his notebooks as early as 1795, and it bears some resemblance to the scherzo of the work under discussion here. It was, however, in

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1804 that Beethoven began serious labor on his C minor symphony, and he was still at work on it during the two following years. In 1806 he put the manuscript aside and, for some reason that never has been explained, applied himself to the composition of the symphony in B flat major, later published as No. 4.

Whatever may have been the reasons for Beethoven's decision to suspend his work upon the fifth symphony, it is certain that he did not take up again his labor on it until the fourth symphony had been completed. The date of this was 1806. The following year Beethoven spent the summer at Heiligenstadt, at that time a little village not far from Vienna; and it was there that the master finished his work and scrawled in red chalk upon the title-page: Sinfonie de L. van Beethoven. The manuscript of the symphony was later acquired by Felix Mendelssohn and it remained long in the possession of his heirs. Paul Mendelssohn eventually presented the score to the Royal—now the State—Library, Berlin.

The first production of the work was made at a concert given at the Theater an der Wien, Vienna, December 22, 1808. Five days previously Beethoven had inserted an advertisement in the Wiener Zeitung, announcing the performance, and in which he stated that the program would be made up entirely of his own works, which, it was declared, were all entirely new and unpublished. The concert was announced to begin at 7 o'clock and the sale of boxes and orchestra seats was to open at Beethoven's rooms on the second floor of Krüger Strasse No. 1074. That prospective patrons of this entertainment were likely to get full value for the price which they paid for their tickets the concert-giver made clear by publishing the program in his advertisement. In an age in which concerts were of inordinate length, the program of this one must have more than satisfied the most voracious lover of art. The first part was taken up with the "Pastoral" symphony—this was called No. 5: the aria "Ah perfido," sung by Miss Kilitzky; a Latin hymn written in church style for solo and chorus, and

PROGRAM NOTES—Continued

the G major concerto for piano, the solo part performed by Beethoven. The second part opened with the C minor symphony (which was set down as No. 6), and it was followed by the Sanctus from the Mass in C, a fantasia for piano alone and the Choral Fantasia, in which the solo part again was played by Beethoven. The performance of these pieces endured for four hours!

The master's lucky planet was not in the ascendant either before or during the concert. Beethoven's impulsive frankness and his irritability had not made him popular with orchestral players and the rehearsals had been characterized by unpleasant incidents. At the concert the composer was in a curious mood. There had been no large influx of ticket purchasers to Krüger Strasse No. 1074, and the sparseness of the audience in the Theater an der Wien could not have added to Beethoven's bonhomie. Of the notabilities resident or staving in Vienna. the only representatives were Prince Lobkowitz and the Russian Prince Wielhorsky, who occupied one of the orchestral stalls. That nobleman informed Ferdinand Hiller later that when Beethoven appeared on the stage he called out to him and bowed in a manner half friendly, half ironical. There was trouble during the performance of the Choral Fantasie. The clarinet player miscounted his bars, and, according to Ferdinand Ries, "Beethoven sprang up in a rage, turned around and in the coarsest way abused all the members of the orchestra, and in such a loud tone that the whole audience heard him. Finally he shouted, 'From the beginning!' The theme began again; everything was now right and the success was brilliant." Anton Schindler, Beethoven's friend and biographer, deprecates this version of the incident and states that Clement, who was the director at the Theater an der Wien, informed him that he knew nothing about any abuse given by Beethoven to the orchestra. We know, however, from a letter written by Beethoven to Breitkopf and Härtel a few days after the concert, that relations between him and the orchestra had been strained.



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Johann Friedrich Reichardt, who was visiting Vienna at the time of Beethoven's concert, was present at that performance and left an account of it in one of his letters home:

"I accepted with hearty thanks," he wrote, "the kind offer of Prince Lobkowitz to let me sit in his box. There we endured the bitterest cold, too, from half past six to half past ten, and discovered that it was easy to get too much of a good thing, and, still more, of something that is too loud. Nevertheless, I could not leave the box before the end, any more than could the exceedingly good-natured and delicate Prince, for the box was in the first balcony, near the stage, so that the orchestra, and Beethoven conducting it in the middle below us, were near at hand. Thus, many a failure in the performance vexed our patience to the highest degree. * * * Singers and orchestra were composed of heterogeneous elements, and it had been found impossible to obtain a single full rehearsal for all the pieces to be performed, all of them filled with the greatest difficul-

I. (Allegro con brio, C minor, 2-4 time.) There is no introduction. The principal theme is announced at once by the strings and clarinets, the first four notes of which are the rhythmical foundation upon which the whole movement, and indeed, with certain modifications, nearly the whole work is constructed:

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No. 2.

Note how the first four notes are drawn from the principal theme. Immediately following the phrase in the horn the strings bring forward a tranquil continuation, which, through a gradual crescendo, leads to a vigorous coda based on the first theme. The development is concerned with the opening phrase of the symphony for fifty-five measures, after which the horn figure of the second theme is worked out. In the Recapitulation the first four notes, with the pause, belonging to the principal theme, are given to the full orchestra ff. The second subject appears in C minor, and there is a lengthy coda, the material of which is taken from the opening theme.

II. (Andante con moto, A flat major, 3-8 time.)

This movement is a double theme and variations. The first theme is announced by the violoncellos and violas, the woodwind, and later the strings continuing it:



The second theme appears in the clarinets and bassoons with triplet accompaniment in the violas, and *pizzicato* bass. There is a sudden modulation to C major and the material is again presented ff, the triplets now appearing in the violas and violins.

The first variation is given out, in the original key, by the 'cellos and violas in a sixteenth note figure, accompanied by pizzicato

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chords in the remaining strings. The variation of the second theme makes use of thirty-second notes commencing in the violas. The second variation also employs thirty-second notes in the lower strings, pizzicato accompaniment in the violins and double basses. This leads to a pause, followed by pianissimo chords in the strings over which there comes a little duet between the clarinet and bassoon, with imitations in the other woodwind instruments. The second theme is shouted forth martially by the full orchestra, in C major. Following this there arrives, after some preluding in the strings, a third variation, given out, in A flat minor, by the woodwind with pizzicato harmony in all the strings save the first violins, which play a broken chord figure in thirty-second notes. The second theme is omitted. A coda (Più moto) is introduced, its theme played first by the bassoon, and later by the violoncellos. The closing portion is built also on portions of the opening theme.

III. (Allegro, C minor, 3-4 time.) Although not so named on the score, this movement is a Scherzo. "It is," said Berlioz, "a strange composition. Its first measures, which are not terrible in themselves, provoke that inexplicable emotion which you feel when the magnetic gaze of certain persons is fixed upon you." The movement begins with a phrase for the basses, followed by one for all the strings and certain wind instruments, ending with a pause:



This is repeated slightly modified. After the pause a new idea is announced by the horns, ff. Note the indebtedness of this theme to the first four notes which opened the principal subject of the first movement. There is much development of this material. The trio begins with a figure in the basses which reminded Berlioz of "the gambols of a frolicsome elephant."



Toward the close of the trio there is a long diminuendo leading to a repetition of the first portion of the movement. This rehearing of the first part brings forward certain modifications. The opening

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theme, *legato* at the beginning of the movement, is now *staccato*, and there are also other changes. At the end there is a long passage (note the persistent beat of the drum) joining this movement to the finale.

IV. (Allegro, C major, 4-4 time.) The triumphal subject with which this movement begins is given to the whole orchestra:

No. 6.



A piccolo, double bassoon, and three trombones appear in the movement for the first time in the symphony. A transitional passage with a new idea in the woodwind and horns, leads to the second theme in G, a melody with a triplet figure in the first violins, with triplet accompaniment in the second violins and violas:



There is another section of this subject, following an ascending and descending scale figure in the violins. This division of the theme is brought forward by the violas, reinforced by the clarinet, and then taken up by the full orchestra.

The development works out the second theme. After extended treatment of this there is a *crescendo*, a climax, following which there is interpolated part of the Scherzo. The Recapitulation brings back the subjects as before, the second theme being now in C major, and the movement is brought to its conclusion by a lengthy coda.

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clinations from the teachers in a school of the Marist Monks, an institution in which those inclinations were fostered by opportunities for organ-playing and music that was sung by trained choirs. Parental opposition to a musical career continuing, Tavares betook himself at the age of twenty to Rio de Janeiro, where he immersed himself in the study of musical theory—largely self-learned—and where his compositions first were given to the world. The composer is best known for his songs, of which the most important is a suite for voice and small orchestra, "O Sapo dourado."

In regard to the Concerto that is performed on this occasion Enrique Rodriguez Febregat wrote:

"The American esthetic, if it is to be American, requires expression authentically American. This is what Hékel Tavares' Concerto for Piano and Orchestra proclaims. Although written in three movements, they are not the conventional or classical three movements. They are called after the type of folk-song which inspired them: 'Modinha,' 'Ponteio,' and 'Maracatú.' And there he is—on the revolutionary Left—to set on universal art as an affirmation of the individuality of America. He has a glorious message to deliver to all the people of America. Inspired artificer of the new esthetic of Brazil, he wishes to offer his extraordinary contributions to the development of continental culture."

On a fly-leaf of the orchestral score of the concerto there is printed the following explanatory matter by João Caldeira Filho:

"The composer did not use folk-lore themes consciously, thus avoiding the outward or objective borrowing which borders on a sort of exotic exhibitionism. Rather, he preferred to steep himself, over a long period of time, in the musical manifestations of the people of his land, Brazil, and to let these influence his artistic sensibility, and color the fountain of his inspiration. Once he had identified himself with the music of his people, he created his own themes, which faithfully reflect the psychological characteristics of the music of his native land.

"Modinha. The 'Modinha' has its origin in the lyrical nature of the Portuguese. The love plaint as sung in the 'Moda' was preserved in the modifications which are embodied in the 'Modinha.' It is a vocal melody, very expressive, sentimental and sad, in binary or ternary measures with accompaniments of the guitar, the piano, or, as in olden times, the spinet.

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which are sung to binary or ternary rhythms played on the guitar. This accompaniment is the 'Ponteio,' a uniform and permanent rhythmic background. We shall call the 'Song of the Ponteio' the vocal melody of the verses. The structure was used by the composer in the second movement of the Concerto as an artistic form, although he has borrowed merely the beginning of the construction and has

"Maracatú. The Negro slaves, when they revived in the colonial period, the ceremony of the coronation of their sovereigns as it was done in the African forests, used to organize themselves into 'nations' (Nation of the old 'Cabinda,' of Porto Rico, of the Crowned Lion, and others), and 'elected' their 'kings,' who were graciously recognized by the Portuguese viceroys. The ceremony was held in the capital, and the coronation was an extremely dignified proceeding. Every part of the ceremonial was carried on during the dances of the 'Maracatú,' whose rhythms were established by the instruments of percussion which closely followed the songs which described each step of the ceremony. The principal moments of the ceremony, which are expressed by extraordinarily suggestive attitudes and gestures, are: first, the initial 'call' by the 'mistress of ceremonies,' to the players of the percussion instruments; the 'repentance,' which corresponds to a vow of submission to the king; the 'delivery of the body,' which symbolizes the recognition of the absolute power of the king; and the 'salutation,' a homage which is paid by deep bows down to the earth, which is kissed by the followers along the whole route to be traversed by the king. The whole ceremony takes in an atmosphere which is intensely religious. At the end of the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra the composer has expressed this deep religious feeling of the Negro slave in themes of his own

The score of the concerto by Tavares contains the following analysis:

"After a short introduction in the Tempo di Batuque,* whose rhythm immediately creates the atmosphere of the composition, comes the 'Modinha'—Lento con simplictà—which is described by the piano in expressive and mournful terms against a background of simple harmonies from the strings. This theme, which attains majestic proportions, is then taken up by the whole orchestra, the piano contributing with powerful chords from the whole keyboard. From this point forward the piano appears frankly as a solo instrument, with characteristic designs which rise to a 'crescendo' ending with the reappearance of the second theme in D major, this theme being used only as contrast, as throughout the whole first movement

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^{*} The Batugue is a Negro dance.

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sive effect of percussion in the orchestral part, which carries the soloist into a short cadenza of great sonority, and which serves as an introduction to the reappearance of the 'Modinha.' In this introduction there are interesting details of orchestration, such as a curious glissando on the clarinet. The 'Modinha' reappears in delicate arpeggios played in the treble of the piano. There then follows the coda—Allegro vivace—in which new elements are introduced. Here is the well worked out molto cantabile taken from the 'Modinha' and played by the strings; in this passage the piano presents one of the most interesting formulae of the Concerto-double notes, intervals of fourths, fifths and sixths, chords in rapid movements enrich the orchestral part and produce an effect which is sonorous, delicate and felicitous. Toward the end of the first movement the composition becomes lively, and breaks out into rhythmic inventions which, up to the finale of the first movement, are presented brilliantly by the piano in a dialogue with the orchestra.

begins with an orchestral introduction. The piano enters with a short preparatory cadenza, executed in chords and in a crescendo from the whole keyboard, after which appears the principal theme, the 'Ponteio-Allegro.' This is played forte at first, then diminishes to pianissimo so as to constitute a constant background for the orchestral work, in analogy to the function of the 'Ponteio' of the guitar in popular music. With this background there will appear melodic themes, just as above the 'Ponteio' there can be heard the verses of the challengers. The first song of the 'Ponteio' is heard in the strings, the rhythm being accentuated with the 'Maracá' and 'Réco-réco.' In a crescendo the orchestra carries on a dialogue with the piano in the rhythm of the 'Ponteio,' preparing the way for the entrance of the piano, which plays again the theme heard at the beginning of the introduction.

The elaboration of this theme becomes richer and richer until it reaches the key of D major, where a new theme is introduced, still of the 'Ponteio,' but happier in mood, which the woodwinds carry on, in dialogue with the piano, and afterward the strings, the piano again taking up the rhythm of the 'Ponteio' after a brilliant cadenza. The process continues, always developing the spirit of the 'Ponteio,' until the re-exposition of the introductory theme is reached with the piano as a background to the whole orchestra. This theme is picked up by the various instruments in successive crescendo until it culminates in a magnificent tutti. There is a new appearance of the 'Ponteio' on the piano in a regular and insistent rhythm, while the orchestra develops the principal theme, each time more richly until we come to the end of the Allegro vivace with a brilliant arabesque on the piano—a most difficult bit. The second movement ends with a passage in octaves and in a fortissimo which passes from the treble to the bass.

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"III. This begins with the theme, Lento ma vigoroso, first heard in a tremolo by the strings, creating an atmosphere of invocation until the piano presents the principal theme, Tempo di batuque, whose rhythm is picked up again by the orchestra in a rapid crescendo, accentuating the lascivious character of the theme until it gives place to the Lento assai motif by the piano. This is a slow dance movement in which Spanish influence, already assimilated, is felt, a motif which is taken up again by the wind instruments. Its development, aided by the rhythmic passages of the piano, permits interesting orchestral effects leading to a reappearance (after the expressive slow dance movement has been heard once more) of the D major Andante motif, with its religious character, perhaps the most original and striking of the whole score. There follows an Allegretto, in which the piano introduces an extremely interesting technical passage modeled on the preceding theme. After brief dialogues between the soloist and orchestra the composition reaches the key of D major, a coda built on the theme of the introduction, transformed in rhythm and character, and enriched by new elements. The movement becomes increasingly animated for the final dance, exuberant with life, until the orchestra, in continuous crescendo, like a peroration, arrives at its climax, full of enthusiasm. exaltation and grandeur."

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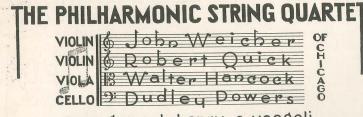
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