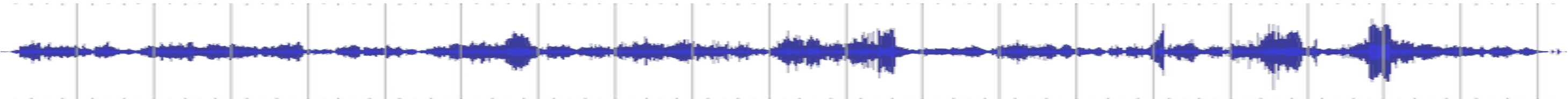
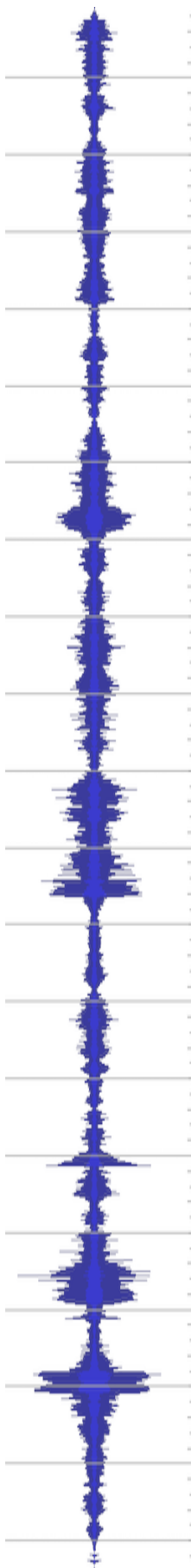


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Five Short Pieces for Organ

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Tempo marks are indicative, and strict metronomic adherence is not required: the player is encouraged to take musical liberties. Pause length between movements is ad lib unless indicated *attacca*.

Accidentals only apply to the written octave; accidentals are occasionally repeated within a measure (especially in the first piece, Prelude) to simplify reading. Duration is approximately 10'.

COMPOSER'S NOTE

Five Short Pieces for Organ is a composition for Organ divided in five pieces: *Prelude*, (*Angels*), *Interlude*, (*Demons*), and *Postlude*. It alternates between fast and slow tempos starting with the spirited *Prelude* and ending with the similarly quick paced *Postlude*. The second and fourth pieces are much slower. Sub-titled (*Angels*) and (*Demons*) they hint at the otherworldly and transcendent without any particular religious overtone. The mid section, *Interlude*, is the shortest piece composed of quick ascending keyboard and pedal runs separated by a middle percussive section. The last piece reminds of the Baroque Toccata, fast and somewhat breathtaking with the exception of a very short rest in the middle of the piece. The pieces have strong motivic and melodic identity, although the harmonies used in the pieces are rather non-standard. *Postlude* in particular uses almost exclusively two chords throughout. Five Short Pieces for Organ is dedicated to the composer Ferruccio Busoni (1866-1924).

Special thanks to T. Paul Rosas for many suggestions, editing of the score, and performing and recording the composition.

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Registration used by T. Paul Rosas on the 3 manual Casavant organ at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, CA (November 2015)				
Prelude				
		Measure 1	Measure 49	Measure 52
	Pedal	Oct. 8	Principal 16, 8,4, Bourdon 16	Principal 16, 8, 4, Resultant 32,Contra Fagotto 16, Clarion 4
	Swell	Geigen Principal 8, oboe 8, Rohrflote 8, Octave Geigen 4	Rohrflote 8,4,2. Swell Super	
	Swell to Pedal	Swell & Choir to Great; Swell to Choir	Choir to Great; Swell Sub to Choir, Swell to Choir	
	Great	Quintaten 16, Open Diapason 8	Quintaten 16, Open Diapason 8, 4, Mix III. Great Super	
	Choir	Viola 8, Melodia 8, Lieblich Flote 4	Melodia 8, Piccolo 2, Choir Super	
(Angels)				
		Measure 86	Measure 134	
	Pedal	Bourdon 16, Cello 8	Bourdon 16	
	Swell	Viola da Gambe 8, Voix Celeste 8,swell Super	Viola da Gambe 8, Voix Celeste 8	
	Swell to Pedal		Choir to Pedal	
	Great	Quintaten 16, Open Diapason 8, Hohlfote 8	Quintaten 16, Open Diapason 8, Hohlfote 8	
	Choir	Melodia 8, Lievlich Flote 4, Choir Sub	Melodia 8, Choir Sub	
Interlude				
		Measure 143	Measure 159	
	Pedal	Principal 16, 8,4	Principal 16, 8,4, Tr. 16	
	Swell	Geigen Principal 8, 4, Cornet III, Contra Fagotto 16	Geigen Principal 8, 4, Cornet III, Contra Fagotto 16	
	Swell to Pedal	Swell to Great; Swell Sub to Choir, Swell to Choir	Swell to Great; Swell Sub to Choir, Swell to Choir	
	Great	Open Diapason 8, 4	Open Diapason 8, 4, 2, Mix IV	
	Choir	Viola 8, Melodia 8, Lieblich Flote 4, Piccolo 2, Choir Sub & Super	Viola 8, Melodia 8, Lieblich Flote 4, Piccolo 2, Choir Sub & Super	
<i>Demons</i>				
		Measure 164	Measure 203	
	Pedal	Quintaten 16	Quintaten 16, Fagotto 16, 32	
	Swell	Viola da Gambe 8, Voix Celeste 8		
	Swell to Pedal	Choir to Pedal		
	Great			
	Choir	Melodia 8, Unda Maris 8, Lieblich Flote 4		
<i>Postlude</i>				
		Measure 210	Measure 236	Measure 246
	Pedal	Bourdon 16, Principal 16, 8	Bourdon 16, 8	Resultant 32, Bourdon 16, Principal 16, 8, 4, Tromba 8
	Swell	Rohrflote 8, Octave Geigen 8, Cornet III	Viola da Gambe 8, Voix Celeste 8, Sw Sub	Rohrflote 8, Octave Geigen 4, Cornet III, Contra Fagotto 16, Cornopean 8
	Swell to Pedal	Swell Sub to Choir, Swell to Choir	Swell to Choir	Great Super to Pedal, Choir Sub to Great, Choir to Great, Swell to Choir, Swell Super to Choir
	Great	Open Diapason 8, 4,2	Open Diapason 8, 4,2	Open Diapason 8, 4,2, Great Super
	Choir	Melodia 8, Viola 8, Flute 4, 2, Nazard 2 2/3, Tierce 1 3/5		Melodia 8, Viola 8, Flute 4, 2, Nazard 2 2/3, Tierce 1 3/5, Choir sub, Choir super

Five Short Pieces for Organ

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1

♩. = 88 (Prelude)

f

strong principal, no or little brass

add string (4'+8')

5

7

10

f

13

15

2
19

(sempre $\text{♩}=\text{♩}$)

20

p

strong principal, no or little brass

25

f

Principal, no Trumpet

p

31

p

35

36

mf

40

Detailed description: This musical score consists of four systems, each with three staves (treble, piano, and bass). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).
- System 1 (measures 19-24): The piano part has a continuous sixteenth-note pattern. The bass part has a melodic line with some ties. Measure 20 is marked with a '20' above the staff. Measure 24 is marked with a 'p' (piano) dynamic.
- System 2 (measures 25-30): The piano part continues with sixteenth-note patterns. The bass part has a melodic line. Measure 29 is marked with a '30' above the staff. Measure 30 is marked with an 'f' (forte) dynamic.
- System 3 (measures 31-35): The piano part has a melodic line with some ties. The bass part has a melodic line. Measure 34 is marked with a '35' above the staff. Measure 35 is marked with a 'p' (piano) dynamic.
- System 4 (measures 36-40): The piano part has a melodic line with some ties. The bass part has a melodic line. Measure 39 is marked with a '40' above the staff. Measure 40 is marked with an 'mf' (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
Performance instructions: 'strong principal, no or little brass' is written below the first system. 'Principal, no Trumpet' is written below the second system.

41

45

10

46

con libertà, deliberato

f

6

48

ritardando

Tempo Primo (♩ = 88)

50

p

3

52

subito ff

subito ff

55

6

4
58

60

8/8

65

f

70

ritartando

6/8

72

a tempo

p

75

Ped distinct sound (Trumpet, 4'+8')

4/4

79

deliberato, senza fretta

80

ff

85

Principal, no Trumpet

ff

4/4

6
116

120

Strings

Declamative, sonorous, no Strings

125

126

Strings

Declamative, menacing, steady

130

Declamative, sonorous, no Strings

135

Strings

f

p

137

140

p

Flutes

p

attacca

3 ♩ = 88-92 (Interlude)

Tutti aggressivo

This musical score is for an interlude section, measures 143 through 160. It is written for three staves: Treble, Bass, and a lower Bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. Measure 143 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a *Tutti aggressivo* tempo marking. The Treble staff features a complex, fast-moving melody with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and some triplets. The Bass staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower Bass staff has a few chords and a single note. Measure 145 is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 148 is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a *Percussive* marking. The Treble staff continues with fast, rhythmic patterns. Measure 150 is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Measure 153 is marked with an *allargando* (ritardando) marking. The Treble staff features a series of sustained chords and dyads, with some notes tied across measures. The Bass staff continues with rhythmic patterns. Measure 155 is marked with an *allargando* marking. Measure 158 is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a *Tutti aggressivo a tempo* marking. The Treble staff features a fast, rhythmic melody with many beamed notes. The Bass staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment. Measure 160 is the final measure of this section, ending with a double bar line.

143 *f* *Tutti aggressivo*

145 *p*

148 *mf* *Percussive*

150 *mf*

153 *allargando*

155 *allargando*

158 *f* *Tutti aggressivo a tempo*

160

4 $\text{♩} = 72$ (Demons)

165 170 175 180

Soft, Fagotto (16')

Delicate (Flute Comb.)

Warm (String Comb.)

181 185 190

Delicate (Flute Comb.)

Add Bass Flute (8')

194 195 200 205

Delicate (Flute Comb.)

Fagotto (16', 32')

Soft, Fagotto (16')

The musical score is written for piano and strings in 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 165-180) shows the piano part with a melodic line in the bass clef and a sustained chord in the treble clef. The second system (measures 181-193) features more complex piano textures with triplets and sustained chords. The third system (measures 194-205) continues the piano textures and includes a fagotto (bassoon) part in the bass clef. Dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *p* (piano). Articulations include slurs, ties, and accents. Performance instructions like 'Soft, Fagotto (16')' and 'Delicate (Flute Comb.)' are placed above the relevant staves.

$\text{♩} = 160$ (Postlude)

5

mf Brilliant and Luminous

(L.H. plays in parallel with R.H. but at first fewer notes)

215

Brilliant and Luminous (add Bourdon 16)

220

Less Brilliant (more principal)

f

ff

225

Less Brilliant (Principal 16')

f

ff

10
226

Brilliant and Luminous

subito **f**

230

Brilliant and Luminous (add Bourdon 16)

subito **f**

232

235

Strings

Più lento

p

240

Ancora più lento

mf

245

Plenum

a tempo

f

248

250

252

253

254

255

253

255

259

260

accelellorando

265

a tempo

ff

Plenum

ff

(a Ferruccio Busoni)