

SELECTIONS

from the

Requiem Mass of W.A. Mozart

Scored for 12 trombones

arranged by

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About the Composer

The Requiem Mass of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91) is one of the most intriguing compositions in the history of music. It remained unfinished at his death, but the exact circumstances have been muddled by a fictional play "Amadeus", which was turned into a highly successful movie. Fortunately, historical scholarship has discovered many of the actual circumstances of its composition and completion.

The work was commissioned by a Duke who was quite fond of passing off the works he paid for as his own compositions. There is no reason to suggest that wasn't his intention with the Requiem. Mozart's widow had one of his students, Franz Sussmayer, finish the work and delivered it to the Duke to receive the commission. At the same time, she made arrangements to sell the work to a publisher as his last "finished" composition, thus preventing the Duke from claiming it as one of his own.

In order to pull off this caper, she had to publicly deny that Sussmayer had actually finished the work. He objected strenuously, even writing a long treatise in his defense which outlined exactly what Mozart had and hadn't composed. His letter was discredited by most at the time, since a grieving widow seemed more credible than a fledgling young student. Over time, however, his rebuttal has been substantiated by virtually every music historian, and forms the basis for historical scholarship on the Requiem.

Mozart's hand stops after the first eight bars of the Lacrimosa, but I have chosen to credit him fully for that movement. In listening to the movement, it seems to be totally in character with his intentions. Much of the rest of the Requiem rehashes material from earlier movements, but there is also considerable original music composed by Sussmayer. I decided to include two of those movements in the collection, to present a more complete picture of the entire work.

About the arranger

Bob Reifsnnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** These works are designed to add to the performance repertoire of the low brass choir.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully also serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the top parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** There is quite a bit of octave displacement to keep the individual parts within the comfortable range of the performing instruments and to establish the alto trombone as the highest voice.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low C. For each of the three quartets, the ideal mix would be alto, .525 bore tenor, .547 bore tenor and bass trombone.
5. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Introitus

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A single line of musical notation in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 5/4. The notation consists of four measures. The first measure contains a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes: F#4, G4, A4, and B4. The second measure contains a dotted quarter note F#4, followed by two eighth notes G4 and A4, and a quarter rest. The third measure contains a quarter rest, a quarter note B4, and a quarter rest. The fourth measure contains a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. A dynamic marking *p* is placed below the final measure.

Kyrie

from the "Requiem"

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♩=80

6

16

Trombone 3

Dies Irae

from the "Requiem"

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$\text{♩} = 60$

f

6

mf

13

20

f

27

mf

33

40

mp *mf*

47

f

53

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, starting at measure 53. The staff contains a sequence of eighth and quarter notes, followed by rests and a dynamic marking of *mf*.

59

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, starting at measure 59. The staff contains a sequence of quarter and eighth notes, including a slur and a dynamic marking of *mf*.

65

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, starting at measure 65. The staff contains a sequence of quarter notes and rests, ending with a double bar line.

Rex Tremendae

from the "Requiem"

W. A. Mozart

Bob Reifsnyder

♩=50

Musical staff 1, measures 1-5. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The music begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter rest, and a quarter note G2. The next measure contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The final measure consists of a quarter note G2, a quarter rest, and a quarter note G2. The dynamic marking *f* is centered below the staff.

Musical staff 2, measures 6-10. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. Measure 6 starts with a quarter note G2, followed by eighth notes F2, E2, D2, and C2. Measure 7 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 8 contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 9 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 10 ends with a quarter note G2. The dynamic marking *ff* is below measure 6, and *f* is below measure 7.

Musical staff 3, measures 11-15. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. Measure 11 starts with a quarter note G2, followed by eighth notes F2, E2, D2, and C2. Measure 12 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 13 contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 14 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 15 ends with a quarter note G2.

Musical staff 4, measures 16-20. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. Measure 16 starts with a quarter note G2, followed by eighth notes F2, E2, D2, and C2. Measure 17 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 18 contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 19 has a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. Measure 20 ends with a quarter note G2. The dynamic marking *p* is centered below the staff.

Lacrimosa

from the "Requiem"

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♩.=45

p

5

pp *gradual cresc.* *mf*

10

mp *mf*

14

mp *p*

20

f

24

gradual decresc.

28

p *cresc.* *mf*

Trombone 3

Osanna in Excelsis

from the Requiem

Mozart-Sussmayer

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 132

Musical staff 1: Trombone 3 part, measures 1-7. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-4 contain whole rests. Measure 5 begins with a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, then quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A dynamic marking of *f* is placed below the staff at the start of measure 5.

Musical staff 2: Trombone 3 part, measures 8-13. The staff continues with eighth and quarter notes. Measure 8 starts with a quarter rest followed by an eighth note G4, then eighth notes A4, B4, and C5. The melody continues with eighth notes and quarter notes.

Musical staff 3: Trombone 3 part, measures 14-20. The staff continues with eighth and quarter notes. Measure 14 starts with a quarter rest followed by an eighth note G4, then eighth notes A4, B4, and C5. The melody continues with eighth notes and quarter notes.

Musical staff 4: Trombone 3 part, measures 21-27. The staff continues with quarter and half notes. Measure 21 starts with a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, then quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A dynamic marking of *f* is placed below the staff at the start of measure 21. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Agnus Dei

from the "Requiem"

Mozart-Sussmayer

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♩ = 70

mf

8

p

17

mf

25

34

mf

43

p