## Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

## Ode for <br> St. Cecilia's Day, <br> 1692 <br> Z. 328

## Full Score

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OrchestraTwo Trumpets, two Flutes (Recorders), two Oboes, Timpani in A \& D, Strings and Continuo

Score

No. 1, Symphony
Grave


Ode for St. Cecilia's Day (1692) No. 1


Canzona (briskly)




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$(\downarrow=$ previous $\downarrow)$
Slow






Original instruction:
Repeat the Canzona and the Adagio








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6
7




Grave




## No. 2: Recit \& Chorus, Hail, bright Cecilia




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Oboe and all Violins

heart with love of thee, with love of thee and thy ce - les - tial art.


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Ode for St. Cecilia's Day (1692), No. 2

thee and thy ce-les_utial art. $\qquad$ Fill


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No. 3 Hark! Each tree its silence breaks


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breaks;



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-     -         - lence breaks,



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lea - fy wings they flew.


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No. 4 : Air (Alto), 'Tis Nature's voice

 migh - - - ty, the migh - $-\quad$ ty, the migh - $\quad$ - ty art, to court







No. 5: Chorus, Soul of the World


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ter'd a - toms bind,


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## No. 6: Air \& Chorus, Thou tuned'st this world

Symphony

Oboe 1

Oboe 2


Violoncello, Bassoon, Contrabass











No. 7: Trio (ATB), With that sublime celestial lay


if a-ny earth-ly mu-sic dare, if a-ny earth-ly mu-sic



oft con - vers'd with heav'n, con - vers'd with heav'n, Ce - ci - lia oft con - vers'd with




Brisk,_brisk, brisk without lightnesswith-out dullness grave, grave, grave,with-out dull-ness grave,



## No. 8 : Bass Air, Wondrous machine



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Ode for St. Cecilia's Day (1692) No. 8


tho' us'd to con - quest, tho' us'd to con - quest,




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## No. 9: Alto Air, The Airy Violin



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No. 10 : Alto \& Tenor Duet, In vain the amorous flute

Flute 1

Flute 2










Ode for St. Cecilia's Day (1692) No. 10


No. 11 Air: The Fife and all the harmony of War





mo - ny of war.
and all, all, all,





 com-pose__ and charm,






sounds



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No. 12, Duet for Two Basses, Let these among themselves contest



diff' - ring, diff' - ring gra - ces, summ'st their diff'-ring, diff'-ring gra




No. 13: Chorus, Hail, bright Cecilia





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Who while a-mong the Quire a - bove,





Ode for St. Cecilia's Day (1692) No. 13



This edition of Purcell's 1692 Ode is largely a transcription of the edition by Edward F. Rimbault , which was published by Chappell's "for the Members of the Musical Antiquarian Society", in 1848. Rimbault is best known to students of the organ for the magisterial work he co-authored with Edward J. Hopkins, The Organ: Its History and Construction, which first appeared in 1855. To his editing of the Ode, he brought the same meticulous care for detail and cclarity of presentation.

Concluding his introductory notes in 1848, Rimbault gives the provenance of his edition: ". . the following Ode is now for the first time printed, the Editor taking as the text the MS. copy in his possession dated 1699, which is probably the earliest and most authentic copy extant. The figuring of the bass is given verbatim as it appears in the old copy". As the present edition shows, the figuring of the continuo line is sparse and uneven, with detailed figures in some sections followed by whole movements without figures.

The first performance of the Ode took place in Stationer's Hall, London, on St. Cecilia's Day, 22 November, 1692. The MS. used by Rimbault lists the eight singers who took part in that first performance, although the MS itself is dated seven years after the event. Those who seek clues to performance practice in such lists must tread carefully here, because these were probably the solo singers: Purcell had a ready source of choral singers, especially trebles, in his choir at Westminster Abbey.

The text is by the Anglo-Irish Anglican cleric and poet Nicholas Brady (1659-1726). Brady is probably best remembered as co-author, with Nahum Tate, of the New Version of the Psalms of David (1696) which is usually just called "Tate and Brady". These metrical translations of the Psalter included some hymns still in active use, for example Through all the changing scenes of life (Psalm 34), and Ye boundless realms of joy (Psalm 148). Probably their most familiar title is not a psalm translation, though it was printed in a supplement to the New Version: the Christmas hymn While Shepherds watched their Flocks by Night. Brady's libretto for this Ode is based on John Dryden's 1687 A Song for St. Cecilia.

In this edition the opening movement is entitled "Symphony", because this is more in line with Purcell's terminology elsewhere, than Rimbault's term "Introduction". The original instructions for this movement, which are included, would a produce a very long and perhaps repetitious instrumental piece, so I have ventured to suggest a shorter dal Segno conclusion. Elsewhere a few obvious errors in notation were corrected, and the present editor has produced a continuo realization. For a twenty-first century musician the temptation to add ornamentation has been very great, and a few trills have been added, as noted below. In general however I have preferred to let conductors settle this essential part of a performance while bearing in mind the skills of their musicians. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have singers and orchestral players who can themselves supply proper ornamentation, but this is not to be taken for granted.

This version was written in the summer of 2010, and first performed on the Friday after St. Cecilia’s Day, 26 November, 2010. The editor directed the Melos Choir and Chamber Orchestra of Kingston, Ontario. The orchestra used replica wind instruments, and baroque bows with modern strings (4-4-2-2-1), pitched at $A=415$.

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## EDITORIAL DETAILS

No. 2 Editorial suggestions are in parentheses (), except where specifically noted
The suggestions of a reduced choir and orchestra at mm. 13, 18 and 50-51, and the following tutti or Chorus indications are editorial.
m. 43 Reduction of forces for bass instruments, and the following Solo indications for singers, are editorial.
Trills were added to the Violin I part in mm. 25, 34, 60, 70, and 78
The addition of Oboes and Bassoon to this movement is editorial.

No. 3 Cadential trills were added in mm. 158-159

No. 5 The opening $f$ is editorial
No. 6 The suggested assimilation of .. to . . is editorial
Nos. 7, 8, 9 Generally a single continuo instrument (plus harpsichord) will be best
No. 10 Trills are editorial
m. 23 The original 6/4 figure is inconsistent with the voice parts, and should have read \#4/2

