

Hooked on Polyphony

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Songs for Three Voices

Trium vocum carmina a diversis musicis composita.
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Formschneyder.

1538•

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Nuremberg: Hieronymus Formschneyder, 1538.

Formschneyder's forward:

To fair-minded musicians,

Look, we give you in great number choice songs for three voices, composed by the most approved exponents of music, both ancient and modern.

We have collected them with singular enthusiasm, not only so that the sweetest productions of the greatest minds in this field should not be lost, but also that we might kindle the enthusiasms of youth to painstakingly embracing this art, by far the sweetest of all ... and rescuing the sweetest labors of notable musicians from perishing.

But since the words of these songs were in several languages, we judged that it would be more convenient if we left out the words and designated the songs by numbers. For it appeared that ugliness would result if now German texts, now French, sometimes Italian or Latin, were mingled together.

Then, in songs for three voices, the craftsmen seemed to have been more concerned with a well-trained mingling of sounds than with words.

The trained musician will enjoy this pleasure in abundance, even if no words are underlaid.

Nor did we take much care over the composers' names, since they each have their own notable characteristics, by which trained musicians may easily recognize them.

But in order to better serve and accommodate the modern listener who may have lost touch with these composers' distinctive idioms, we provide the titles and attributions here. (Editor's note)

Equipment:

- Brad Close tenor sackbut, 2019. Brad Close custom mouthpiece.
- Ewald Meinel F bass sackbut, 2023. Schmidt BBP4 mouthpiece.
- AKG C214 microphone into Audient iD14 interface into ProTools running on MacBook Pro platform.

Cover art: Tenor, “No.35,” in *Trium vocum carmina a diversis musicis composita* (Nuremberg, 1538), 41.

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Tracks, which correspond to Formschneyder’s title numbers. Further attribution is surmised from notes written into the Jena copy and comparisons with concordant sources.

1. *Das Lang/Longum* – Ludwig Senfl (c.1486-1542/43) (3:04)
2. *Der Hund* – Heinrich Isaac (c.1450-1517) (5:20)
3. *Helas que devera mon coeur/Helas je suis mary* – Isaac – Isaac’s version of Caron’s *Helas, que pourra devenir mon coeur!* (1:28)
4. *Vray dieu d'amours* – Antoine Brumel (c.1460-1512/13) (1:19)
5. *Pleni sunt caeli* – Jacob Obrecht (1457-1505) – from *Missa Fortuna desperata* (1:26)
6. *Unidentified 1* – Anonymous (2:01)
7. *Alles regretz* – Hayne van Ghizeghem (1445?-1497?) (1:59)
8. *Al mein mut* – Isaac (1:11)
9. *Unidentified 2* – Anonymous (1:45)
10. *Pleni sunt caeli* – Josquin des Prez (c.1450-1455-1521) – from *Missa Fortuna desperata* (2:08)
11. *Gabrielem archangelum* – Anonymous (2:59)
12. *Si sumpsero* – Obrecht (3:00)
13. *Si dedero* – Alexander Agricola (1446-1506) (3:14)
14. *Christe* – Obrecht from *Missa Si dedero* (1:45)
15. *Unidentified 3* – Anonymous (2:13)
16. *La Bernardina* – Josquin (1:11)
17. *Navez point veu* – Jean Richafort (c.1480-c.1547) (1:40)
18. *Mes pensées* – Loyset Compère (c.1445-1518) (3:27)
19. *Unidentified 4* – Anonymous (0:55)
20. *Die brünlein die da fliessen* – Isaac (1:37)
21. *Se mai il cielo* – Johannes Martini (c.1440-1497/98) (2:15)
22. *Unidentified 5* – Heinrich Finck (c.1444-1527) (2:02)
23. *Tristitia vestra* – Isaac (1:17)
24. *Unidentified 6* – Anonymous (1:12)
25. *Will nieman singen so sing aber ich* – Anonymous (2:18)
26. *Comme femme desconfortée* – Agricola (2:19)
27. *Caecus non judicat de coloribus* – Agricola [corrections made from St. Gallen, Stiftsbibliothek, Cod. Sang. 462, pp. 132-135] (5:07)
28. *Een frölic wesen* – Jacob Barbireau (1455-1491) attr. (1:20)
29. *La morra* – Isaac (1:31)
30. *Benedictus qui venit* – Isaac – from *Missa Quant j'ay au Cœur* (1:40)
31. *Fors seulement 1* – Josquin (2:31)
32. *Unidentified 7* – Anonymous (1:35)
33. *Adieu fillettes de regnon* – Isaac (2:05)
34. *Unidentified 8* – Anonymous (1:48)
35. *La martinella* – Anonymous (1:54)
36. *La martinella* – Martini (2:08)
37. *Nil n'est plaisir* – Isaac (1:04)
38. *Mein muterlin, mein muterlin, das fraget aber mich* – Johannes Buchner (1483-1538) (1:51)

39. *Peccavi super numerum* – Anonymous (1:38)
 40. *Da pacem Domine – Christ ist erstanden* – Anonymous (2:55)
 41. *Myn bert heft alltyt verlanghen I* – Anonymous (2:34)
 42. *Myn bert heft alltyt verlanghen II* – Anonymous (2:03)
 43. *Pleni sunt coeli* – Ghiselin – from *Missa Narayge* (1:21)
 44. *La stangetta* – Anonymous – attr. Isaac, Obrecht, or Weerbecke [corrections made from *Harmonice Musices Odhecaton* (Venice, 1501), fols. 54v-55r] (1:33)
 45. *Unidentified 9* – Anonymous (1:24)
 46. *Fors seusement 2* – Anonymous (2:09)
 47. *Fors seusement* – Ockeghem (2:06)
 48. *Een vrouwelic wesen* – Ghiselin (1:40)
 49. *La alfonsina* – Ghiselin (1:48)
 50. *Tous nobles cuers* – Pierre de La Rue (c.1452-1518) (1:55)
- Total 1 hour 43 minutes



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