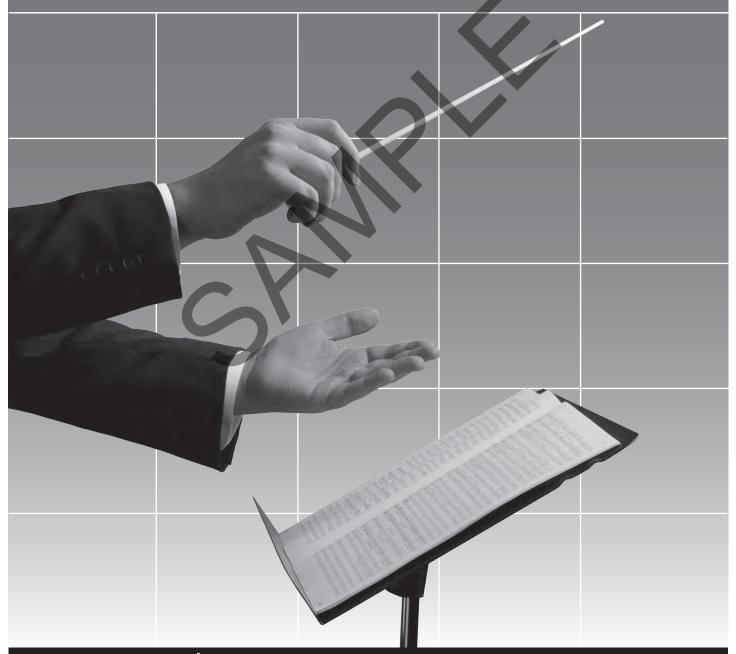


J.S. BACH / WILLIAM HIMES

Big Little Fugue in G Minor

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About the Composer



Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) was born into a large family of musicians. From a young age, members of his family taught him violin, harpsichord, organ, and composition. His love of the keyboard stemmed from this early exposure, and after completing a degree in music at a prestigious school, he took a post as a court musician and later court organist in Weimar, Germany. There, he gained a reputation as a talented organist and as a composer of organ preludes and other works for keyboard. His later compositions also included solo violin and orchestral works, such as the famous Brandenburg Concertos. From age 38, he was the director of music for the churches in Leipzig, Germany, where he composed religious works for choir.

About the Arranger



William Himes was born and raised in Michigan, where he graduated from Port Huron High School and earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Michigan. There he studied composition with Leslie Bassett and George Balch Wilson. He taught instrumental music for five years in the public schools of Flint, Michigan, and was also an adjunct lecturer in low brass at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Well known for his compositions and arrangements, Mr. Himes has more than 200 instrumental and choral publications to his credit. He is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and his music is frequently featured on international broadcasts and recordings.

From 1977 to 2015 Mr. Himes was head of The Salvation Army's Music and Gospel Arts Department for USA Central Territory in Chicago, Illinois. In this capacity also conducted the Chicago Staff Band, a 36-piece brass and percussion ensemble, which has been featured in numerous recordings and concert tours throughout the world.

Mr. Himes continues to be in demand as conductor, composer, lecturer and clinician. He has appeared throughout the United States, Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Haiti, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

About the Composition

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578, popularly known as the "Little Fugue," is a piece of music originally written for organ in approximately 1707 by Johann Sebastian Bach, a German composer who lived 1685–1750. It is called the "Little Fugue" to distinguish it from another fugue in G minor that Bach wrote around 1720 which is much longer and more challenging to play.

A *fugue* is a composition based on *counterpoint*, that is, multiple melodies sounding at the same time. The primary melody is presented alone, then other entries imitate that melody in different keys and sometimes different rhythms.

When arranging Bach's organ piece for the modern concert band, I doubled voicings between brass and woodwinds while using the percussion section to add momentum and make Bach sound a little more contemporary for young musicians.

—William Himes

Correlation with TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE™

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Instrumentation List

4-1st Flute2-1st Eb Alto Saxophone2-Euphonium4-2nd Flute2-2nd Eb Alto Saxophone2-Baritone TC1-1st Oboe2-Bb Tenor Saxophone4-Tuba1-2nd Oboe2-Bb Baritone Saxophone1-Electric Bass

3 - 1st Bb Clarinet3 - 1st Bb Trumpet3 - Xylophone, Orchestra Bells, Chimes3 - 2nd Bb Clarinet3 - 2nd Bb Trumpet2 - Tambourine3 - 3rd Bb Clarinet3 - 3rd Bb Trumpet2 - Hi-Hat

3 - 3rd Bb Clarinet3 - 3rd Bb Trumpet2 - Hi-Hat2 - Eb Alto Clarinet3 - 1st F Horn2 - Snare Drum2 - Bb Bass Clarinet3 - 2nd F Horn2 - Timpani (3 or 4 drums)

1 – 1st Bassoon3 – 1st Trombone1 – Rehearsal Piano1 – 2nd Bassoon3 – 2nd Trombone1 – Full Conductor Score

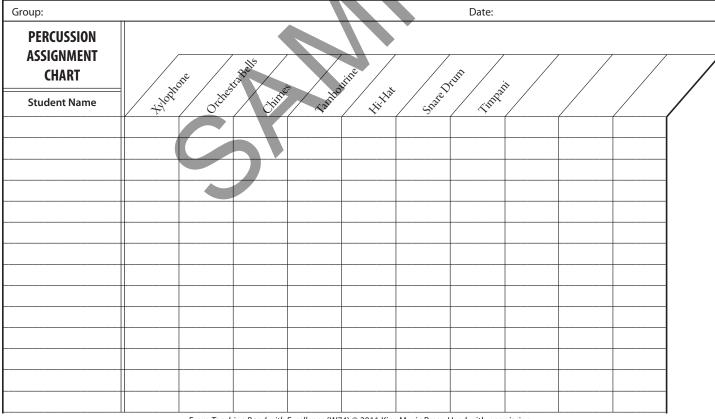
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Approximate Performance Time—4:15

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Dates to Remember:

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Approx. performance time—4:15 Johann Sebastian Bach arr. William Himes (ASCAP) Tempo giusto = 72B₂ Clarinets E♭ Alto Clarinet B_b Bass Clarinet Bassoons $\frac{1}{2}$ El Alto 1 Saxophones 2 B_b Tenor Saxophone E Baritone Saxophone Tempo giusto = 72B_b Trumpets F Horn ¹₂ Trombone $\frac{1}{2}$ Euphonium Tuba Tempo giusto = 72Xylophone Orchestra Bells Chimes Tambourine Hi-Hat Snare Drum Play upper note if only 3 timp Timpani





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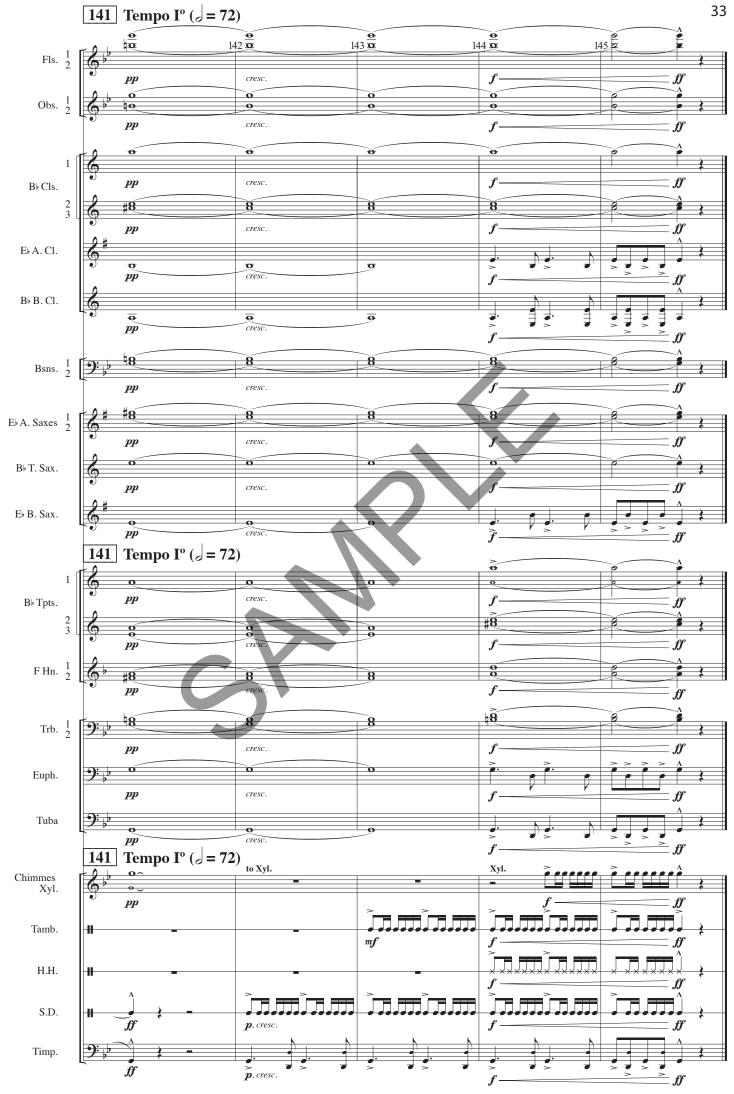
















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