# Georg Gerson (1790-1825) 

## Symphonia

## G. 76

## Score

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## Symphonia












Cr




Fl











Fl


Cr



Vl1



Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr








$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{27}\right.$

V11




V11




Cr





Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}6 \\ \frac{6}{b} \\ b^{2}\end{array}\right.$









Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left(\frac{6}{2} \frac{\square}{b}\right.$ $\qquad$

Fl

Cr




Cl


Tim





Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}6: \frac{b_{2}}{b_{2}} ? \\ ?\end{array}\right.$



Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn

dolce

Trp


Tim


V11

V12

Vla

Vcl

Cb



Fl


Cr


Tim










Fl


Cr





$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}6 ; \\ b 2 \\ 7\end{array}\right.$



Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{7}\right.$


Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn
\%:


Cr

Trp

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{2}\right.$











$\operatorname{Tim}[7 ;$


Fl

Ob

Cl

Bn
B

Cr


Tim


V11





Fl

Ob
l

Bn











Tim (2): $\frac{16}{32}$










Fl

Ob

Cl


Cr





Cr




Fl
Fl


Cr











Cr


Fl


Cr



Cr





$\mathrm{Cr}\left[\begin{array}{lll}0 & \text { yss 8) } \\ (6): 1\end{array}\right.$



Cr









| Menuetto Allegro |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flauti |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | = |
|  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oboi | $8{ }^{2} 3$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | = |
| Oboi | $)^{-9}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clarinetti in $\mathrm{B} b$ | $\text { (6) } 3$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fagotti | : 3 | = | - | - | - | = | = | = |

Corni in Eb

Clarini in Eb

Timpani in $E b B b$


Violino $1^{\circ}$

Violino $2^{\circ}$

Viole

Violoncello

Basso




Tim



Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr


Tim


Vl1



Cr








Cr





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\text { Cr } 4
$$







V11

V12

Vla

Vcl

Cb






Cr









Fl1

Ob

Cl

Bsn


V11

V12

Vla

Vcl

Cb






Menuetto


Senza

Replica

V12

Vla

Vcl

Cb




Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr




Fl


Cr


Tim



$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{76}\right.$



Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}6 \\ : 8 \\ 8\end{array}\right.$

sn


Cr





$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{\frac{1}{b}}\right.$


Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{\frac{1}{b^{2}}}\right.$


## , 5



Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left(\frac{6}{2}\right) \frac{b^{\frac{b}{b}}}{}$


Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr


Tim


V11



Cr












Fl

Ob

Cl




(

Cr




Cr








Fl
Ob
Cl
Bsn


$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { (f): } \frac{b_{2}}{b_{2}} \text { ? } \\ \hdashline\end{array}\right.$




Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}$ Fib


$\operatorname{Tim}\left[7 \frac{1}{b}\right.$







$\operatorname{Tim}\left(\frac{6}{2}: \frac{1}{b}\right.$ ?



Ob

Cl
sn


Cr


Tim


Fl

Ob


Cr


Tim






Fl



$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\frac{6}{2}=\right.$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |





Cr


Tim


V11

V12



Cr





Cr




Fl

Ob

Cl

Bsn


Cr

Trp

$\operatorname{Tim}\left(\frac{6}{\frac{1}{b}}\right.$

V11

V12

Vla

Vcl

Cb



Cr








Bsn


Cr

$\operatorname{Tim}\left[\begin{array}{l}6: \frac{p}{b} \cdot ? \\ \hdashline b_{2} ?\end{array}\right.$

V11

V12






Tim


V11



Cr


Tim


V11


Fl


Cr





## Critical notes

This score is the first modern edition of the symphony in Eb-Major (G.76) by the Danish composer Georg Gerson (1790-1825).
The sources are:
GS "Partiturer No. 3", "George Gersons samling: mu 7105.0963 C II, 6b" (1823), a 5 volume collection of manuscript scores by Gerson preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark. The score is found on pp. 35-96. The first movement is dated Gothenburg, May?, 1813 (the date has been partly cut at a binding of the volume). Second movement, "Andante" is dated Copenhagen August 1813. The third movement, "Menuetto" is dated August 22, 1813 while its second Trio, added at the end of the score, is dated Stettin, June 25, 1817. At the start of bar 8 the finale movement, "Rondo Vivace" is dated Stettin, June 22, 1817 while the end of the movement is dated June 25, 1817. There are numerous corrections in movements $1-3$. The 5 score volumes are all undated. The editor assumes they were written about the same time, 1823, like the composer's own thematic catalogue "Verzeichniß über Zwei Hundert meiner Compositionen" ${ }^{1}$ after Gerson was hit by a stroke in 1822.
MA An undated manuscript score, "Symphonie à grand Orchestre composeé par George Gerson" from the archive of the music association, "Musikforeningen" preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark, "C II, 27b, 1937-38.398, C II, 27b Tv. Fol.". MA, written by the same hand as GS, includes most of the corrections later added to GS. MA is written by the same hand as GS and is therefore most likely the composer's latest fair copy of the symphony.
$O B \quad$ Undated instrumental parts from "Orkesterbiblioteket" (Musikforeningen's orchestral library) preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark, "Mf. 148". The part set includes parts for 3 musicians on violin I, 3 on violin II, 2 on viola, 3 on violoncello and bass, 2 on flute I-II, 2 on oboe I-II, 2 on clarinet I-II, 2 on bassoon I-II, 2 on french horn I-II, 2 on trumpet I-II and 1 on timpani.
FH An undated manuscript with the composer's arrangement of the symphony for four-hand piano, Simphonie composeé et arrangeé pour Pianoforte a quatre mains par George Gerson preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark, "C II, 27b, C II, 27b Tv. Fol.".
Gerson's symphony was included in the collection "The Symphony 1720-1840". ${ }^{2}$ This edition, prepared by the late Danish musicologist Carsten E. Hatting as main editor, is basically a facsimile of $M A$ with a few hand written corrections.
In $G S$ the Menutto movement is followed by a Trio in Eb-Major with an instruction on repeating the Menuetto without repetitions. At the end of the score there is added another Trio in C-Minor. MA includes this C-Minor trio only, while some instrumental parts in $O B$ include crossed over notes from the Eb -Major trio. FH, however, contains both trios named Trio $1^{m o}$ and Trio $2^{d o}$. At the end of Triol ${ }^{m o}$ there is an instruction on repeating the Menuetto and then playing Trio $2^{d o}$ (D. C. Menuetto senza replica, segue Trio $2^{d o}$ ).
In the preface of his own thematical catalogue "Verzeichniß über Zwei Hundert meiner Compositionen" Gerson describes a performance of movements $1-3$ of the symphony by the orchestra of the musical society "Det musikaske Academi" conducted by Claus Schall (1757-1835), principal violinist at the Royal Orchestra in Copenhagen. The instrumental parts in $O B$ indicate that the Menuetto movement was played with the E -Major trio at the performance in 1813. Since all instrumental parts in $O B$ include the C-Minor Trio the complete symphony has probably been performed in or after 1817. The editor has yet to search the archives of the Royal Library for traces of that performance.

In his manuscripts Gerson made use of various shorthand notations like slashed notes representing repeated notes. Such notation types are also found in music prints from that period like Gerson's string quartet no. 5 (G.63) published as part books 1826. The full score of this modern edition comes in two versions: a score keeping as close as possible to the original notation and an alternative, 'contemporized' score expanding the shorthand notations. In the contemporized scores the beaming of vocal staffs has been adapted to modern practices. Separate parts are contemporized as well.
When a slurred phrase obviously starts with tied notes the tie is often omitted:
In the modern edition the tie has been added: (G.41, String Quintet, movement 1, V11. bar 55-56.)
Performance indications within brackets and dashed ties and slurs have been added by the editor.

[^0]Articulation marks and phrasing slurs in this edition are, as a starting point, based on $G S$ with additional performance information added from $M A$ and $O B$. Some slur starting- and ending- positions are ambigous and hence may differ from those in $M A$ and $O B$. Some slurs are not present in all source manuscripts.

## Adagio, Allegro

| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | Vla | 5 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in lower voice in $G S$ and $M A$. |
| 8 | Fg2 | 5 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$ and MA. |
| 11 | Ob,Fg2 | 5 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$ and $M A$. |
| 11 | Trp2 |  | $\hat{?} \text { in } O B$ |
| 12 | Fg1 | 1 | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ in $G S$. |
| 13 | Fg1 | 4 | No accidental b on $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ in $O B$. |
| 13 | Fg2 | 2 | No dot on the d note in $O B$. |
| 15-16 | Fl1 |  | An octave lower in MA. |
| 24 | Fl2 | 1 | No dyn. $p$ in $M A$. |
| 26-27 | Vla,Fg | 7 | No accidental $\ddagger$ on B in GS. |
| 32 | V11,V12 | 1 | No dyn. $p$ in $M A$. |
| 40 | Vla | 1 | No dyn. $f$ in GS. |
| 43 | V12 | 1 | Dyn. $f$ in $O B$. |
| 63,65 | Fl2 | 2-3 | $\mathrm{F}_{6} \mathrm{G}_{6}$ in $G S$. |
| 72-73 | V11 | 9 | No dyn. rf in MA. |
| 73 | V12 | 1-2 | Lower note $\mathrm{E}_{b_{2}}$ remains unresolved dissonance unlike the corresponding note in Ob 2 |
| 75 | V12 | 1-2 | Lower note $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ in MA. |
| 78 | Fl1-2 | 2 | No dyn. $f$ in $G S$. |
| 92 | V11,Ob1 | 1 | No accidental ¢ in GS. |
| 92 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fg1, } \\ & \text { Vl2,Vcl } \end{aligned}$ | 1-2 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 92 | Bs | 2 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 95 | Ob1 | 1 | No dyn. $p$ in $O B$. |
| 100-103 | Fg1 | 2 | Ambigous slurs in GS. |
| 101 | Vl1 | 1 | $\mathrm{D}_{45}$ in $G S$ and MA. |
| 104 | Vla | 1-4 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in MA. |
| 108 | V11-Bs | 1 | Dyn. $f$ on note 2 in MA. |
| 109 | V12 | 6 | No accidental b on $\mathrm{E}_{5}$ in $G S$. |
| 116 | V11 | 1 | No dyn. $f$ in $O B$. |
| 120 | Ob1 | 7 | $\mathrm{A}_{45}$ in MA |
| 120 | Cr1-2 | 7 | Notes missing in MA. |
| 122 | V12 |  | $\text { in } O B .$ |
| 124 | Cl1 | 3 | Accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$ and MA. |
| 125 | Cl1 | 5 | Accidental $b$ in $M A$. |
| 126 | V11 | 8 | No accidental ¢ on $\mathrm{A}_{4}$ in $G S$ and $O B$. |
| 128 | V11,V12 | 2 | No accidental $b$ on $\mathrm{A}_{5}$ in $G S$. |
| 133 | V11 | 1 | Dyn. ffor in $O B$. |
| 133 | Fl2 | 2 | Ambigous pitch in $G S$. |
| 136 | Fl1 | 1 | - grace note in GS |
| 141 | Vl1 | 1 | Dyn. $f$ in MA. |
| 143 | V11 | 1 | Fingering in $M A$ and $O B$. |
| 144 | Vla | 1 | Diminuendo mark in MA. |
| 149 | V11 | 1 | D $b_{5}$ in MA. |
| 156 | V11 | 11-12 | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 158 | V11,V12 | 11-12 | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 162 | V12 | 1 | Dyn. ff in $O B$. |
| 164-165 | Vla |  | Lower voice not in $G S$. |


| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 169 | Fg1 |  | in $G S$ and $M A$. |
| 187 | V11 | 1 | No dyn. $f$ in MA. |
| 188 | Trp1-2 | 1 | Not in MA. |
| 201,203 | Cr 2 | 2 | 1 octave lower in MA. |
| 214 | $\mathrm{Fl}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 1 | No dyn. $f$ in GS. |
| 240 | V11-Bs | 1 | Dyn. $f$ on note 2 in MA. |
| 248 | V12 |  | $\text { in } O B \text {. }$ |
| 254 | V12 |  | $\frac{6}{6} \text { in } O B .$ |
| 256 | V12 |  | $\text { in } O B \text {. }$ |
| 257-258 | V11 |  | Phrasing in $O B$ : |
| 258 | Bs |  | No tremoli in MA. |
| 275 | Fl1 | 1 | $\mathrm{G}_{5}$ in $M A$. |

## Andante

| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | Vlc | 3 | Accidental $\#$ in $G S$. |
| 8 | Vl1-Vla | 1 | No dyn. $p$ in $G S$. |
| $11-12$ | Vl1 |  | Phrasing as in $M A$ and $O B$. |
| 36 | Vl1 | 4 | A grace note in $M A .^{54}$ |
| Fg2 | 1 | No accidental 4 in $G S$. |  |
| 73 | Ob1 | 3 | No d grace note before B ${ }_{5}$ in $O B$. |
| $59-60$ | Vl1 |  | Phrasing as in $M A$ and $O B$. |
| $81-83$ | V12-Vla |  | Difficult to read corrections in $G S$. |
| 86 |  |  | No "Ritardando" in $G S$. |

## Menuetto Allegro

| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | Ob1 | 5 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$ and $M A$. |
| 25 | Fl1 |  | Dyn. cresc in bar 27 in $O B$. |
| 28 | Fg1-2 | 1 | Accidental $\ddagger$ in $M A$. |
| 29 | Cl1-2 | 1 | No accidental $b$ in $G S$. |
| 49 | Fl2 | 4 | Accidental 4 in $O B$. |
| 58 | Fl1 | 1 | No dyn. $f$ in $O B$. |
| 59 | Vla | 1 | Accidental b in GS and MA. |
| 73 | Cl 1 | 6 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 76 | Vla | 1 | Dyn. $p p$ in $O B$. |
| 93 | Cl1 | 1 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 98 | V12 | 1 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 129a | Ob1,Vla | 2-5 | Sic! consecutive fifths. |
| 140 | Cl 1 | 1 | D\#5 in MA. |

## Rondo Vivace

| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | Vl2,Vla | $1-3$ | No staccato marks in $G S$. |
| 12 | Vl1 | $1-3$ | No staccato marks in $M A$ and $O B$. |
| 14 | Fl1 | 1 | - rest in $M A$. |
| $14-17$ | Fg2 |  | As in $O B$. |
| 16 | Cr2 | 1 | d note in in $O B$. |
| 30 | Fl2, | $5-8$ | No staccato marks in $G S$, |
|  | Fg1-2, |  |  |
|  | Vla |  |  |


| Bar No. | Part | Note No. | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 36 | Fl2,Ob | 5-8 | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 48 | Vla-Bs | 6 | No accidental $\ddagger$ in $G S, M A$ and $O B$. |
| 55 | Vla | 2-3 | No staccato marks in GS |
| 57 | Ob1 | 3-4 | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 86 | Vla | 1 | No acc. $\ddagger$ in $G S$. |
| 89 | Fg1 | 4 | No marcato mark in GS and MA. |
| 103 | V11-Bs |  | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 143 | Fg1-2 | 2 | $\mathrm{E}_{3}$ in MA. |
| 152 | Fg1 | 5-8 | No phrase mark in GS. |
| 159 | Fl1 |  | $\cdots$ eneee |
| 162,166 | V11 |  | Phrasing and articulation like in $O B$. |
| 163 | Vla | 2 | Lower note $\mathrm{A}_{2}$ in $G S$ and MA. |
| 170-171 | Cl1-2 |  | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 171 | Bs,Fg1-2 |  | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 193 | Fl2 | 3-4 | No staccato marks in GS. |
| 203-205 |  |  | Inconsistent staccato marks in GS. |
| 205 | Fg1-2 |  | As in $O B$. |
| 218 | V12 |  | $: \because:!\text { in } O B .$ |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Royal Library, Copenhagen, mu 7105.0962, C II, 6 b.
    ${ }^{2}$ Garland Publications, New York \& London 1983, Series F., Volume VI

