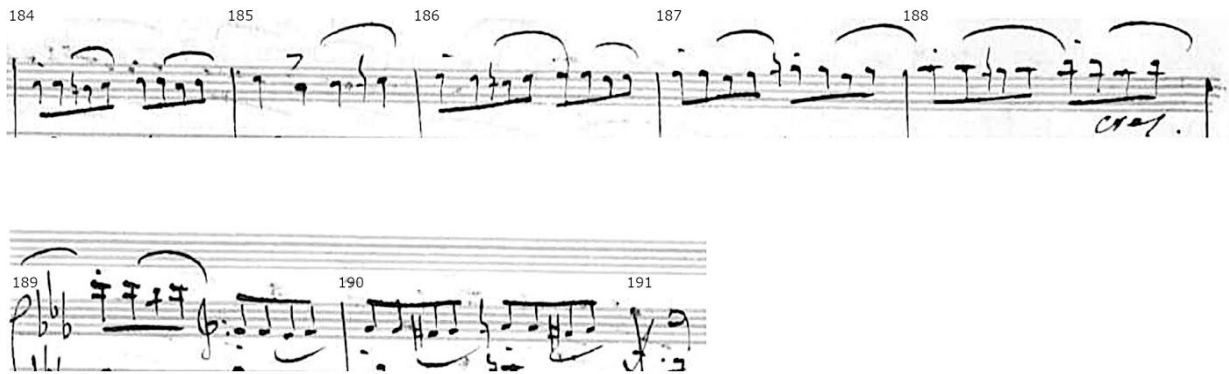


PREFACE

This edition of Bottesini's Double Bass Concerto No.2 is based on the C minor manuscript version for bass and strings. While two manuscript versions for bass and piano and the full orchestra arrangement of the 1st movement are now publicly available this edition does not take into consideration slurring and articulation changes made in those later versions. Bottesini's various changes to the solo part appear to depend on the style of accompaniment. The versions for piano utilizes longer slurs when the bassist would not have to fight to be heard, whereas the full orchestra arrangement will segment the bowing in the same passage for better projection. I would encourage the performer to compare this edition to the other manuscript versions available on IMSLP (imslp.org) for bowing ideas and inspiration based on the subtle differences in Bottesini's various solo bass parts.

In a few instances it is not clear where one slur marking begins or ends. Consulting the other manuscripts for consensus solves some passages, but here is one excerpt from the 3rd movement to illustrate the difficulty in interpreting Bottesini's intent.

Example: Mvt III, mm. 184-191:



(The extra dots in m.184 are ink bleed marks from the opposite facing page.)

M.184 looks clearly notated with a dot over an 8th and three slurred 8ths. M.185 has an accent on beat 2 and three slurred quarters (Bottesini typically writes the accent in front of the slur marking when the note is both accented and under a slur). M.186 clearly shows the first slur going to the fifth note in the measure, but the next slur does not look like it goes all the way to m.187. The most confusing of all is m.188 where Bottesini hooks the end of the second slur but then in m.189 clearly shows the slur carrying over to the first 8th note.

Some published editions show all the slurs covering three notes while others carry them over four notes. In this edition, and in Bottesini's piano version, the slurs continue into the next 8th note from m.186 onward. In practice I find either way technically and musically satisfying. This is to say that some amount of editorial decision-making is inevitable and I encourage the performer to consult the manuscript when they find a particular articulation or slur length surprising or questionable.

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Double Bass Concerto No.2

Ed. Isaac Trapkus

(b.1984)

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From the C minor manuscript for bass and strings

Giovanni Bottesini

(1821-1889)

Moderato
4

p *espressivo*

9 *f* *dim.*

12 *p* *cresc.*

17 *cresc.* *p*

22 *cresc.* *cresc.* *sf* *dim.*

26 *sf* *dim.* *cresc.*

29 *cresc.* *f*

33 *p* *cresc.* *f*

36

40

p *crescendo* *f*

44

p *cresc.*

46

robusto

50

p *sf* *cresc.*

53

f *f*

57

f *p* 3 3

62

f *f* *p* 3

65

cresc. *sf*

69

f *dim.* *p*

74

Detailed description of the musical score: The score consists of 11 staves of music. Measures 40-45 are in the bass clef, featuring a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs and ties. Measures 46-52 are also in the bass clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. Measures 53-56 are in the treble clef, continuing the melodic line. Measures 57-61 are in the bass clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. Measures 62-64 are in the bass clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. Measures 65-68 are in the treble clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. Measures 69-73 are in the treble clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. Measures 74-77 are in the bass clef, with some notes beamed together in groups of three. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The dynamics range from piano (p) to fortissimo (sf) and include crescendos and decrescendos. The tempo/mood is marked 'robusto'. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

79

3 3 *p* *sf* *cresc.*

82 *f*

84 *sim.* *p*

86 *f sf sf sf sf sf sf sf*

91 *Cadenza* 3 *f*

97 *f* 3 3

99 *f* 3 3 *f* 3 3

101 3 3

103

107

110

113

118

122

125

f

vibrato

a tempo

tr

f

tr

f

p

sim.

cresc.

f

cresc.

Andante

8

espressivo

13

cresc. **f**

18

f

20

p ***(accel.)**

23

p *cresc.*

26

p *cresc.*

29

32

cresc. **f**

35

dim. *cresc.*

* Marked in pencil

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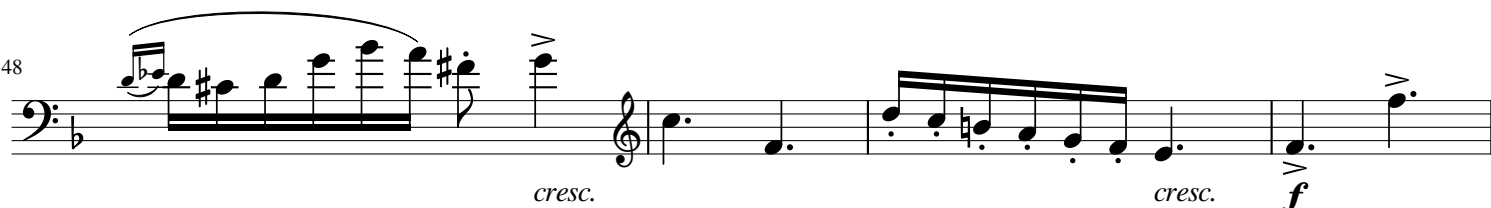
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*poco rall.***a tempo**

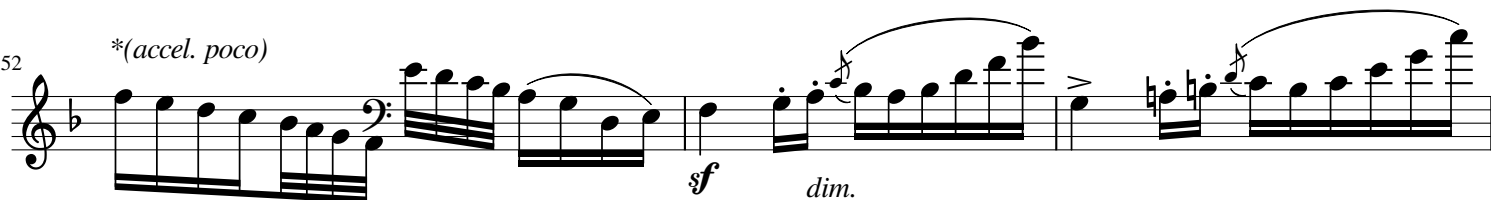
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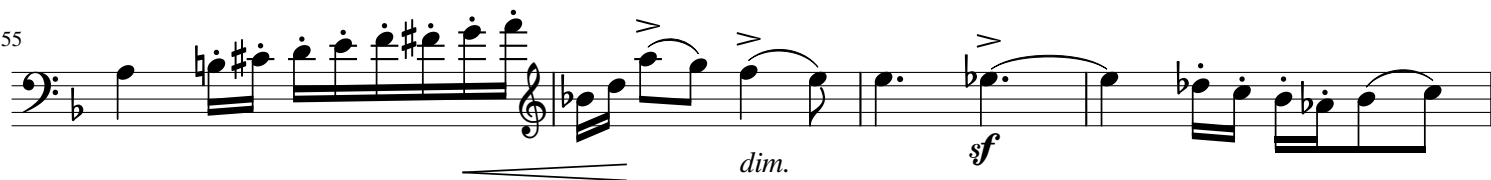
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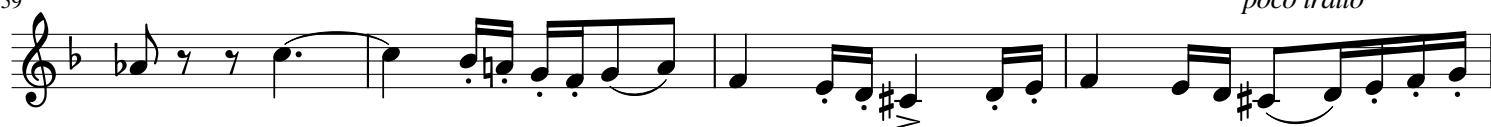
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*(*accel. poco*)

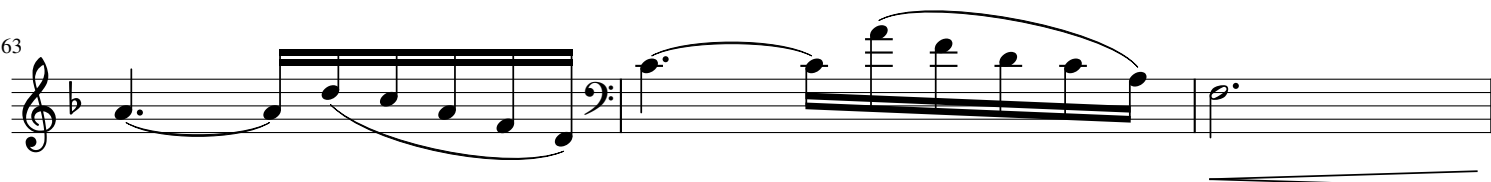
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59

poco tratto

63



66



* Marked in pencil

Double Bass Concerto No.2

Arr/Ed. Isaac Trapkus

In A minor for bass in orchestra tuning (E-A-d-g)
Transposed from the B minor manuscript for bass and piano

Giovanni Bottesini
(1821-1889)

I

Allegro Moderato

Contrabass

Piano

5 *Solo espressivo*

Cb.

Pno.

8

Cb.

Pno.

11

Cb.

Pno.

The musical score is written for Contrabass, Piano, and Piano (Pno.). The tempo is marked **Allegro Moderato**. The key signature is A minor. The score is arranged by Isaac Trapkus, transposing Giovanni Bottesini's original B minor manuscript for bass and piano into A minor for orchestra tuning (E-A-d-g). The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 8, and 11 indicated. The Contrabass part is written in a single staff. The Piano part is written in grand staff notation (treble and bass staves). The Piano (Pno.) part is also written in grand staff notation. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings (sf, p, pp, dim.).

14

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

17

Cb.

Pno.

20

Cb.

Pno.

p

p

23

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

sf

p

cresc.

sf

p

26

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

Measures 26-28: Cb. part has triplets and a crescendo. Pno. part has triplets and a piano dynamic.

29

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

sf

Measures 29-31: Cb. part has triplets and a crescendo. Pno. part has triplets and a forte dynamic.

32

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

Measures 32-34: Cb. part has triplets and a piano dynamic. Pno. part has triplets and a crescendo.

35

Cb.

Pno.

f

(rall.)

sf

Measures 35-37: Cb. part has a forte dynamic and a rallentando marking. Pno. part has triplets and a forte dynamic.

38

Cb.

Pno.

mf

mf

p

41

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

f

mf

cresc.

mf

44

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

p

cresc.

p

p

47

Cb.

Pno.

sf

sf

sf

50

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

p

53

Cb.

Pno.

sf

f

f

56

Cb.

Pno.

f

sf

f

f

59

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

62

Cb.

Pno.

f

f

p

cresc.

66

Cb.

Pno.

f

69

Cb.

Pno.

72

Cb.

Pno.

p

75

Cb.

Pno.

3 3 3 3

79

Cb.

Pno.

dim. 3 3

meno

82

Cb.

Pno.

p *p* *p*

85

Cb.

Pno.

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

f *f* *f* *f*

89

Cb.

Pno.

f

f

f

94

Cb.

Pno.

Cadenza

f

98

Cb.

f

3

3

3

3

101

Cb.

103

Cb.

108

Cb.

111

Cb.

116 *a tempo*

Cb.

Pno.

sf *sf* *sf* *sf* *p*

3 3 3 3 3

*)

121

Cb.

Pno.

p *p* *p*

124 (*stretto*)

Cb.

Pno.

cresc. *cresc.* *ff* *ff*

127

Cb.

Pno.

*) Measures 118 and 119 of the solo line differ in Bottesini's other transcriptions of this concerto. Some bassists may prefer to play m. 118 an octave higher and then m. 119 an octave lower with varying pickups into m. 120.

II

Andante

Contrabass

Piano

6

Cb.

Pno.

11

Cb.

Pno.

15

Cb.

Pno.

sf *p* *sf* *p* *f*

p

cresc.

f

19

Cb.

Pno.

p

p

p

23

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

cresc.

27

Cb.

Pno.

p

cresc.

cresc.

31

Cb.

Pno.

cresc.

cresc.

34

Cb.

Pno.

f

dim.

f

sf

diminendo

sf

37

Cb.

Pno.

f

40

Cb.

Pno.

ff

dim.

42

Cb.

Pno.

poco rall.

p

p

45 *a tempo*

Cb.

p
a tempo

Pno.

46

47

48

Cb.

cresc.

Pno.

cresc.

49

50

51

Cb.

f

Pno.

f

52

53

Cb.

f

p

Pno.

sf

p

54

55

55

Cb.

Pno.

f

cresc.

sf dim.

p

sf

f *sf* *p* *sf*

58

Cb.

Pno.

sf

p

sf

61

Cb.

Pno.

rall.

dim.

rall.

dim.

63

Cb.

Pno.

p

66

Cb.

Pno.

colla parte

p

p

rall.

III

Allegro

Contrabass

Piano

f

f

Pno.

7

13

Cb.

Pno.

p

p

p