


Variations on a Paganini Theme

Rachmaninoff

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1	B♭ Trumpet III.....	1
Flute I.....	1	Trombone I.....	1
Flute II.....	1	Trombone II.....	1
Oboe.....	1	Trombone III.....	1
B♭ Clarinet I.....	1	Tuba.....	1
B♭ Clarinet II.....	1	Timpani.....	1
Bassoon.....	1	Percussion.....	2
E♭ Alto Saxophone.....	1	Violin I.....	8
B♭ Tenor Saxophone.....	1	Violin II.....	8
F Horn I.....	1	Violin III (Viola ).....	3
F Horn II.....	1	Viola.....	5
B♭ Trumpet I.....	1	Cello.....	5
B♭ Trumpet II.....	1	String Bass.....	5

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Program Notes

THEME AND VARIATION ON A PAGANNI THEME

Sergei V. Rachmaninoff 1873-1943

This arrangement is based on Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" (Opus 43). The lyrical theme is from Paganini's 24th Caprice for Violin and is well known by all violinists. Rachmaninoff first performed the "Rhapsody" with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Leopold Stokowski conducting in 1934. The original work features the piano as a virtuoso instrument with orchestra.

This adaption states the theme in full by the violins. This is followed by Four Variations and the Coda. Each of the Variations are contrasting in character and mood. Var. I presents the theme in a skeleton and delicate form. Var. II is chorale-like punctuated by Pizzicato low strings. In Var. III, the theme takes on a dance-like character with full brass and percussion. In Var. V, Rachmaninoff creatively inverts the theme and eloquently presents an Andante Cantabile which is one of the most beautiful melodies ever written. This is first played by the strings alone and gradually increases in sonority with the full orchestra. Last, a Coda reinstates the theme and the composition with a powerful rhythmic climax.

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THEME
Allegretto

5

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe *

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon **

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani (A, C & D)

Percussion
S.D.
B.D.
Cym.
Bells

THEME
Allegretto

5

Violin I

Violin II

Viola ***

Cello

Bass

Alternate parts * Eb Alto Sax
 ** Tenor Sax & Bass Clarinet
 *** 3rd Violin (Viola $\frac{1}{2}$)

20

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

to Drums

20

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass



25 VARIATION I

30

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

S.D.

B.D. *p*

Cym.

25 VARIATION I

30

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

p

arco

p

arco

p

arco

p

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

1st Flute *dim* *p* *mf*

2nd Flute *dim* *p* *mf*

Oboe *dim.* *p* *mf*

1st Bb Clarinet *dim* *mf* *p* *mf*

2nd Bb Clarinet *dim.* *mf* *p* *mf*

Bassoon *dim* *p* *mf*

1st F Horn *dim.* *p* *mf*

2nd F Horn *dim* *p* *mf*

1st Bb Trump. *dim* *p* *mf*

2nd Bb Trump. *dim.* *p* *mf*

3rd Bb Trump. *dim* *p* *mf*

1st Trombone *dim.* *p* *mf*

2nd Trombone *dim.* *p* *mf*

3rd Trombone *dim* *p* *mf*

Tuba *dim.* *p* *mf*

Timpani *p*

Bells *p*

Drums *dim* S.D. *p* Cym. *mf* B.D. *p*

Violin I *dim.* *p* *mf*

Violin II *dim* *p* *mf*

Viola *dim.* *p* *mf*

Cello *dim.* *mf* *p* *mf*

Bass *dim* *p* *mf*

49 VARIATION II
Moderate tempo

55

1st Flute *mf*

2nd Flute *mf*

Oboe *mf*

1st Bb Clarinet *mf*

2nd Bb Clarinet *mf*

Bassoon *mf*

1st F Horn *mf*

2nd F Horn *mf*

1st Bb Trump. *mf*

2nd Bb Trump. *mf*

3rd Bb Trump. *mf*

1st Trombone *p*

2nd Trombone *p*

3rd Trombone *p*

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

49 VARIATION II
Moderate tempo

55

Violin I

Violin II

Viola *pizz.*
p

Cello *pizz.*
p

Bass *pizz.*
p

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

65

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

65

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

70 75

1st Flute *dim* *p* *f*

2nd Flute *dim* *p* *f*

Oboe *dim* *p* *f*

1st Bb Clarinet *dim* *p* *f*

2nd Bb Clarinet *dim.* *p* *f*

Bassoon *dim.* *p* *f*

1st F Horn *dim.* *p* *f*

2nd F Horn *dim* *p* *f*

1st Bb Trump. *mf*

2nd Bb Trump. *mf*

3rd Bb Trump. *mf*

1st Trombone *mf*

2nd Trombone *mf*

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani *p* D to E

Drums

70 75 V

Violin I

Violin II

Viola *dim.* *mf*

Cello *dim* *mf*

Bass *dim* *mf*

80

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

to Bells

80

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

91 VARIATION III
Tempo I Dance-like)

95

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

S.D.

B.D.

mf

91 VARIATION III
Tempo I Dance-like

95

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

mf

arco

105 *Fine 2nd time* 107

1st Flute *sf* *f* *p*

2nd Flute *sf* *f* *p*

Oboe *sf* *f* *p*

1st Bb Clarinet *sf* *f* *p*

2nd Bb Clarinet *sf* *f* *p*

Bassoon *sf* *f* *p*

1st F Horn *sf* *f* *p*

2nd F Horn *sf* *f* *p*

1st Bb Trump. *sf* *f* *p*

2nd Bb Trump. *sf* *f* *p*

3rd Bb Trump. *sf* *f* *p*

1st Trombone *sf* *f* *p*

2nd Trombone *sf* *f* *p*

3rd Trombone *sf* *f* *p*

Tuba *sf* *f* *p*

Timpani *sf* *f* *p*

Drums *sf* *f* *p*

1st Trombone cue - - - -

105 *Fine 2nd time* 107

Violin I *sf* *f* *p*

Violin II *sf* *f* *p*

Viola *sf* *f* *p*

Cello *sf* *f* *p*

Bass *sf* *f* *p*

Fine 2nd time

110

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

110

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

The musical score for page 20, measures 110-113, is presented in a standard orchestral format. The woodwind section (Flutes, Oboe, Clarinets, Bassoon) and string section (Violins, Viola, Cello, Bass) are active, with dynamic markings of *f* and *p*. The brass section (Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Tuba) is mostly silent. Percussion (Timpani, Drums) is also silent. A large red watermark 'Preview Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid on the page.

D.C. al Fine

115

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

D.C. al Fine

115

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

D.C. al Fine

(121) VARIATION IV
Andante cantabile (Slowly ♩ = 54-122)

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone
Tuba

Timpani
Percussion

(121) [Alternate parts for 2nd Violin and Viola]
VARIATION IV
Andante cantabile

Violin I

Violin I
(Alternate part)

Viola
(Alternate part)

Cello

Bass

Smoothly

mf

p

3

(125)

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone
Tuba

Timpani
Percussion

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani Percussion

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

134

1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Drums

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

mp

cresc.

mf

pizz.

p

cresc.

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1st Flute *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

2nd Flute *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Oboe *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

1st Bb Clarinet *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

2nd Bb Clarinet *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Bassoon *mf* *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

1st F Horn *mf cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

2nd F Horn *mf cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

1st Bb Trump. *cresc.* *mf*

2nd Bb Trump. *cresc.* *mf*

3rd Bb Trump. *cresc.* *mf*

1st Trombone *cresc.* *mf*

2nd Trombone *cresc.* *mf*

3rd Trombone *cresc.* *mf*

Tuba *cresc.* *mf*

Timpani *mf*

Drums

Violin I *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Violin II *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Viola *cresc.* *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Cello *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

Bass *f* *rubato* *dim.* *3*

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145

arco *IV* *2* *4*

1st Flute *rubato* *f* *rit.* *p*

2nd Flute *rubato* *f* *rit.* *p*

Oboe *rubato* *f* *rit.* *p*

1st Bb Clarinet *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p*

2nd Bb Clarinet *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p*

Bassoon *mf* *rit.* *p*

1st F Horn *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f*

2nd F Horn *f* *mf* *rit.* *p*

1st Bb Trump. *dim.* *p*

2nd Bb Trump. *dim.* *p*

3rd Bb Trump. *dim.* *p*

1st Trombone *dim.* *p* *mf*

2nd Trombone *dim.* *p* *mf*

3rd Trombone *dim.* *p* *mf*

Tuba *dim.* *p* *mf*

Timpani *dim.* *p* *mf*

Drums *mf* *rit.* *p*

Violin I *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f* *p*

Violin II *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f* *p*

Viola *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f* *p*

Cello *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f* *p*

Bass *rubato* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p* *f* *p*

to Bells

CODA
Tempo I

1st Flute *ff* (153) *ff* (157)

2nd Flute *ff* *ff*

Oboe *ff* *ff*

1st Bb Clarinet *ff* *ff*

2nd Bb Clarinet *ff* *ff*

Bassoon *ff* *ff*

1st F Horn *ff* *ff*

2nd F Horn *ff* *ff*

1st Bb Trump. *ff* *ff*

2nd Bb Trump. *ff* *ff*

3rd Bb Trump. *ff* *ff*

1st Trombone *ff* *ff*

2nd Trombone *ff* *ff*

3rd Trombone *ff* *ff*

Tuba *ff* *ff*

Timpani *ff* Triangle *ff*

Bells *ff* *f*

Drums *ff* Cym 2 B.D. 4 CODA *ff* Tempo I

Violin I *ff* (153) *ff* (157)

Violin II *ff* *ff*

Viola *ff* *ff*

Cello *ff* *ff*

Bass *ff* *ff*

165

1st Flute *fz*

2nd Flute *fz*

Oboe *fz*

1st Bb Clarinet *fz*

2nd Bb Clarinet *fz*

Bassoon *fz*

1st F Horn *fz* *f* *cresc*

2nd F Horn *fz* *f* *cresc*

1st Bb Trump. *fz* *f* *cresc*

2nd Bb Trump. *fz* *f* *cresc*

1 Bb Trump. *fz* *f* *cresc*

1st Trombone *fz* *f* *cresc.*

2nd Trombone *fz* *f* *cresc.*

3rd Trombone *fz* *f* *cresc.*

Tuba *fz* *f* *cresc*

Timpani *fz* *f* *cresc*

Bells *fz* *f* *cresc*

Drums *fz* *f* *cresc.*

165

Violin I *fz* *f* *cresc*

Violin II *fz* *f* *cresc*

Viola *fz* *f* *cresc.*

Cello *fz* *f* *cresc.*

Bass *fz* *f* *cresc*

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1st Flute

2nd Flute

Oboe

1st Bb Clarinet

2nd Bb Clarinet

Bassoon

1st F Horn

2nd F Horn

1st Bb Trump.

2nd Bb Trump.

3rd Bb Trump.

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Drums

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

ff *p*

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