

To the choirs of Hopewell Middle School, Round Rock
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MUSICA DEI

(The Gift of Music)

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano*

Traditional Latin Text
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Music by
SHERRI PORTERFIELD (ASCAP)

Con Fuoco (♩. = ca. 66) *mp unis.*

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO

p

Mu - si - ca, De - i

4

do - num op - ti - mi

mp unis.

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti -

* Also available for 3-part mixed voices, Level Three (17690), and SSA, Level Three (17691).

+ Optional. It is suggested that only the right hand piano accompany the voices through m. 6.

PRONUNCIATION/TRANSLATION:

Musica, Dei donum optimi.

Moo-zee-kah, Déh-ee dâw-noom âwp-tee-mee.

(Music, gift of the highest God.)

Trahit homines, trahit Deos.

Tráh-eet âw-mee-nehs, tráh-eet Déh-ohs.

(Attracts mortals, attracts the gods.)

7

mi.

10

11 *mf*

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti -

Pedal carefully throughout.

13

mi. Mu - si - ca, De - i

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti - mi,

16

op - ti - mi.

do - num op - ti - mi. Mu-si - ca! _____

do - num op - ti - mi. Mu-si - ca! _____

19

Tra - hit ho - mi - nes, tra - hit ho - mi - nes, tra - hit, tra - hit

f

f

22

De - os.

mf unis.

Mu - si - ca, De - i

ff

ff

8va -----

8va -----

mf

25 *rit.* *p* **Misterioso** (♩ = ca. 60)

do - num op - ti - mi.

Misterioso (♩ = ca. 60)

rit. *p*

28 **SOPRANO** *p* Mu - si - ca, — De - i

ALTO *mp* Mu - sic, gift of the high - est God, it

TENOR *p* Mu - si - ca, — De - i

BASS *mp* Mu - sic, gift of the high - est God, it

28 *mp*

31

do - num, tra - hit ho - mi - nes
fas - ci - nates man - kind and en - chants the gods.

do - num, tra - hit ho - mi - nes
fas - ci - nates man - kind and en - chants the gods.

34

mp De - os. Mu - sic soothes an - gry hearts and up - lifts our souls; it
rit. , *a tempo*
Mu - sic, mu - sic soothes an - gry hearts and up - lifts our souls; it
mp *rit.* *a tempo*
De - os. Mu - sic soothes an - gry hearts *rit.* *a tempo*
Mu - sic, mu - sic soothes an - gry hearts

rit. *a tempo*

34

37 *mf rit.* up - lifts our souls and our spir - its. *mf rit.* It gives — new life; *a tempo*

up - lifts our souls and our spir - its. *mf rit.* It gives — new life; *a tempo*

It gives — new life; *mf a tempo*

It *mf*

37 *mf rit.* *a tempo* 39

40 mu-sic gives — new life and

gives — new life; mu-sic gives — new life and

mu-sic gives — new life and

gives — new life; mu-sic gives — new life

40 *8va*

43 *rit.* 3 rous - es the wild beasts, rous - es the wild beasts to

3 *rit.* 3 rous - es the wild beasts, rous - es the wild beasts to

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45 **Tempo I** *f* dance!

f dance! Mu - si - ca, De - i

f dance!

f dance!

45 **Tempo I** *f*

47

do - num op - ti - mi.

50

S. *mf unis.*

A. Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti - mi.

T. *mf unis.*

B. Mu - si - ca, De - i

53

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti -
do - num op - ti - mi, do - num op - ti

56

mi. mi. Mu-si-ca! Tra hit ho - mi - nes,
mi. Mu-si-ca!

58

59

tra - hit ho - mi - nes, tra - hit, tra - hit De - os.

62 64 *sub. mp unis.*

Mu - si - ca, De - i

8va

8va

sub. mp

65

do - num op - ti - mi.

mp unis.

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti -

68 *sub. mf*

Mu - si - ca, De - i do - num op - ti - mi.

mf

mi. Mu - si - ca, De - i

sub. mf

71

do - num op - ti - mi.

74

f Mu-si - ca! _____ Mu-si - ca! _____ Mu-si - ca! _____

f

77

Mu-si - ca! _____ Mu-si - ca! _____

(no rit.) *ff*

(no rit.) *ff*

