CANARIOS FANTASIA

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anarios Fantasia is a contemporary band work that uses the melody from a Baroque guitar work as its inspiration. That source work is Canarios by Gaspar Sanz (1647–1710). The original melody is presented beginning at measure 45. The frequent use of 3/4 time in what is generally a 6/8 piece is a result of the changing beat patterns found in Sanz's original melody.

The tempo should remain fixed for the first 202 measures. After the brief rallentando, the tempo resumes at the faster pace of "Vivo," remaining constant to the end. More technically proficient bands may wish to create an even more dazzling conclusion to the work by performing the "Vivo" at a faster tempo than marked in the score—though technical fluency and musicianship should never be sacrificed in pursuit of greater speed.

In passages where different sections of the band are simultaneously playing material that is essentially in 6/8 and 3/4, the music has been marked "In one." The conductor may find it convenient to beat other passages in one, as well. I have purposely avoided writing a "slow" section as is common in the popular band overture form. Instead, a new melody is introduced at measure 145 which contrasts stylistically with the previous material. At measure 161, the Sanz melody is brought back in rhythmic augmentation as a lyrical melody to be developed contrapuntally.

Instrumentation

- 1 Conductor Score
- 1 Piccolo
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st B♭ Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 4 3rd B Clarinet
- 1 E Alto Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone2 B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- 1 E Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st B♭ Trumpet
- 3 2nd B♭ Trumpet 3 — 3rd B♭ Trumpet
- 1 1st F Horn
- 1 2nd F Horn
- 1 3rd F Horn
- 1 4th F Horn

- 2 1st Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- 2 3rd Trombone
- 2 Baritone T.C.
- 2 Baritone B.C.
- 4 Tuba
- 1 String Bass
- 3 Mallets (Chimes, Bells, Xylophone)
- Percussion I (Low Tom, Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Cabasa)
- 3 Percussion II (Bongos, Sus. Cymbal, Tambourine, Triangle, Slapstick, Bell Tree, Woodblock, Claves, Sleigh Bells, Crash Cymbals, Tam-Tam)
- 1 Timpani

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