Franz Josef Haydn

Baryton trios

Arranged for two clarinets and bassoon
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SCORE

Volume 2

Trio 101 in Bb
Trio 77 in F
Trio 106 in C
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The baryton was a variation on the viola da gamba, with seven bowed strings and ten sympathetic strings. Haydn’s employer, Prince Nikolaus von Esterházy, played this instrument, and so it fell to Haydn to compose for it. Between 1761 and 1775 he wrote 126 trios for the unusual combination of baryton, viola, and cello, as well as other solo and ensemble works for baryton. As might be expected, many are rather routine. But some are quite striking, and reflect developments going on in Haydn’s composition for more customary ensembles such as the symphony and the string quartet. The six trios selected here are a sampling of the more interesting among the trios.

The trios are typically in three movements. The first movement is often slow or moderate in tempo; the other two movements are usually a fast movement and a minuet in one order or the other. Trio 96 is one of the few in a minor key; Trio 101 is unusual in having a fugal finale, along the lines of the contemporaneous Op. 20 string quartets.

In arranging these trios for two clarinets and bassoon, I have transposed all but Trio 96 down a whole step from the original key. I have added dynamics and articulations that have worked well in performance. We have found that the minuets, especially those that serve as final movements, work better if repeats are taken in the da capo.

The source for the trios is Joseph Haydn Werke, Reihe XIV, Band 4: Barytontrios Nr. 73-96 and Band 5: Barytontrios 97-126, G. Henle Verlag, 1958.

The arranger would be grateful to be notified (ray.jackendoff@tufts.edu) if you play this music, and especially if you perform it.
Trio 101

Clarinet 1 in B♭

Clarinet 2 in B♭

Bassoon

Allegro

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Allegro con spirito

Haydn Trio 77
Menuet

Trio

Menuet da capo
(with repeats)
Trio 106

Franz Joseph Haydn
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Menuet

(solo)

Trio

Menuet da Capo
(with repeats)
Haydn Trio 106