

From Holberg Suite, Op. 40

Sarabande & Gavotte

EDVARD GRIEG (1843–1907) Arranged by VICTOR LÓPEZ (ASCAP)

- INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 1st Flute 3
- 3 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 3 1st B Clarinet
- 3 2nd B_b Clarinet
- 3 3rd B Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st El Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd El Alto Saxophone
- 1 By Tenor Saxophone
- 1 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st B¹ Trumpet
- 3 2nd Bb Trumpet
- 3 3rd B_b Trumpet

- 2 1st F Horn
- 2nd F Horn 2
- 2 1st Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone 2 3rd Trombone
- Euphonium
- 1 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- **Optional String Bass**
- **Optional Piano**
- Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- Timpani
- Percussion

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Horn in E

ombone in Bass Clef

Trombone in Bass Clef

d Trombone in B_b Bass Clef

1st Trombone in B, Treble Clef

2nd Trombone in By Treble Clef 3rd Trombone in B, Treble Clef

Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

a in E♭ Bass Clef

Tuba in E♭Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef

ROGRAM NO

Edvard Grieg was one of several Scandinavian composers who were commissioned to write a commemorative piece for the bicentennial celebration of the birth of the "Mollère of the North," the Norwegian writer Ludvig Baron Holberg (1684–1754). Grieg called his set of short piano pieces "From Holberg's Time" and gave his first performance of the piano work in Bergen Norway in December 1884. The following year, he transcribed the work for string orchestra, which is how it is known today. The work is based on the musical style of Holberg's own time. Grieg uses the Baroque forms of "Prelude," "Sarabande," "Gavotte," "Air, and "Rigaudon" (all French dances, with the exception of the standard introductory "Prelude"), and gives the pieces his own magical touch, making them fresh and with strong romantic feelings.

pande" is the second movement from the Holberg Suite, Op. 40. It is a stately processional dance in triple meter, popular in the French court and throughout Europe in the 17th–18th century. It is said to be of Spanish or Central American origin (*Zarabanda*); it began as a vigorous dance, set to lively music and castanets, for a double line of oles. Apparently, the dance became popular in the Spanish colonies before moving back across the Atlantic to Spain. At first considered improper, it was forbidden in Spain in 1583. In the early 17th century, it was modified to its slow, dignified court yersion in France and Italy. The slow "Sarabande," usually with an accented dotted note on the second beat, became a standard movement of the Baroque suite.

"Gavotte" is the third movement in the Holberg Suite, and although more commonly heard in its orchestral form, the Holberg Suite was first written for piano. The "Pradludium" movement has already been released and can be purchased from Alfred Music Publishing (00-38363).



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The original transcription of the *Holberg Suite* was written for string orchestra, which provides a wide range of colors; however, this arrangement of the second and third movements offers the sonorities of the concert band ensemble in a more playable version. Careful attention has been paid to maintain the original intentions of the composer in this piece. All dynamics, accents, and stylistic markings should be observed in preparing this work. Additionally, good phrasing and dynamic contracts should accompany the smooth melodic lines. The piano part included in this arrangement has been written for support only.

In the "Gavotte," notice that the distinctive rhythmic feature of the 18th-century French court gavotte is that phrases begin in the middle of the measure; that is, in either $\frac{4}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$ time, the phrases begin on the third quarter note (crotchet) of the measure, creating a half-measure (half-bar) upbeat,

The movements of the *Holberg Suite* may be performed, as intended, all together, independently, or in any other combination. At this time, only the first three movements, "Praeludium" (*Allegro Vivace*)—which has recently been selected as Reviewer's Choice in the October 2012 issue of *The Instrumentalist* magazine—"Sarabande" (*Andante*), and "Gavotte" (*Allegretto*), are currently available from Alfred Music Publishing.

Orchestral transcriptions and adaptations for band always present a challenge. However, "Sarabande" and "Gavotte" seem to sit just right as a concert band pieces.

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