Marco Bordogni

The Complete Vocalises

High Horn

for horn in F



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ABOUT THIS EDITION

Marco Bordogni (1789–1856) wrote his vocalises for the voice and piano, for his pupils at the Paris Conservatoire. In 1928 Joannes Rochut chose 120 of them for the trombone as his Melodious Etudes, and trombonists have known them by his numbers ever since.

This edition keeps Rochut's numbers and his keys. It is the solo line alone, in bass clef throughout, engraved from the nineteenth-century prints named in the colophon.

Two of Rochut's numbers are not by Bordogni: his Nos. 1 and 73 come from Louis Allard and Henri Couillaud's 26 Études techniques d'après Bordogni (1927). In their place stand the two vocalises Rochut passed over from those books: No. 1 of Bordogni's Book 11, and No. 7 of his 36 Vocalises, in their original keys.

ABOUT THE EDITOR

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Born in London, Ontario, he studied in Toronto with Gordon Sweeney, Gordon Wolfe and Jeffrey Hall of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He was a fellow of the Tanglewood Music Center and attended the Banff Centre, the National Orchestral Institute and the Music Academy of the West.

He has performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra and the Canadian Opera Company. He can be heard as second trombone on the National Arts Centre Orchestra’s 2025 recording of Strauss’s Ein Heldenleben under Alexander Shelley, and with the Hong Kong Philharmonic on its 2015 Naxos recording of Wagner’s Das Rheingold. As a soloist he performed Albrechtsberger’s Concerto for Alto Trombone with the Orchestre symphonique de Québec in 2017 and won several prizes in the brass category of the 2011 OSM Competition.

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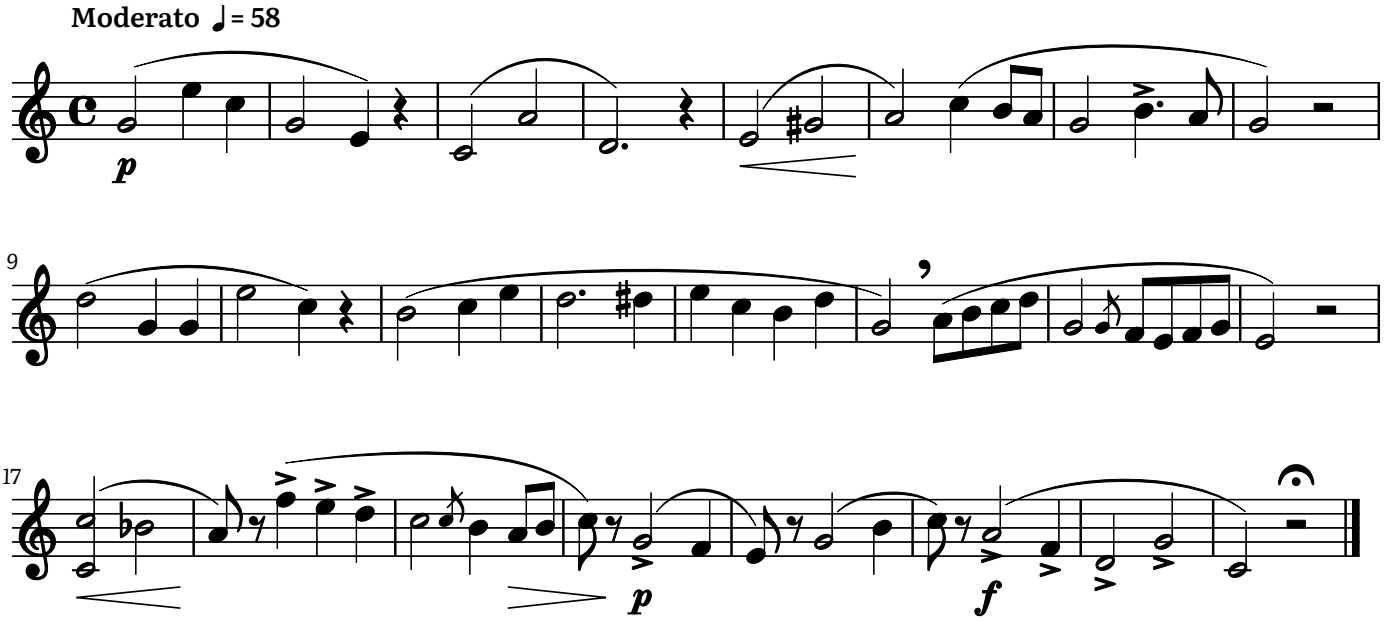
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