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## ABSTRACT

Jacques Hotteterre (c. 1680-1761) is probably best known today for his Principes de la Flute Traversiere, ou Flute d'Allemagne, De la Flute a Bec, ou Flute Douce, et du Haut-bois (Paris, 1707), but he was also the author of a Méthode pour la musette (Paris, 1737) and of L'Art de Preluder Sur la Flute Traversiere, Sur la Flute-a-Bec, Sur le Haubois, et autres Instrumens de Dessus, Avec des Preludes tous fait sur tous les Tons dans differs. mouvems. et differens caracteres, accompagnés de leurs agrém. et de olus? ${ }^{\text {rs }}$ difficultées propres a exercer et a fortifier. Ensemble des Principes de modulation et de transposition; En outre une Dissertation instructive sur toutes les differentes especes de Mesures, \&c. (Paris, 1719), the subject of the present work.

This thesis presents a translation of the L'Art de Preluder together with an introduction discussing preludes for wind instruments in the early eighteenth century, and commentary in the form of footnotes to the text. Of particular interest are nearly 70 examples from the works of major composers which Hotteterre used to illustrate his discussion of meter, tempo, and rhythmic alteration and which have been identified by the translator.

The translation includes a transcription of the preludes and traits given by Hotteterre in his book. Other preludes by Hotteterre (from his Méthode pour la musette) are given as an appendix. A photocopy of the entire L'Art de Preluder is also given to facilitate study.

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## INTRODUCTION

Jacques Hotteterre (c. 1680-c. 1761), court musician to Louis XIV and Louis XV, is probably best known today for his treatise on the flute, Principes de la Flute Traversiere, ou Flute d'Allemagne, De la Flute a Bec, ou Flute Douce, et du Haut-bois (Paris, 1707). He was also the author of a Méthode pour la musette (Paris, 1737) and L'Art de Preluder sur la Flûte Traversiere, Sur la Flûte-a-bec, Sur le Haubois, et autres Instrumens de Dessus, the subject of the present translation. In the Principes and the Méthode, Hotteterre gave instructions for playing particular instruments.

In L'Art de Preluder, on the other hand, he discussed a particue lar sort of music, the improvised prelude. He also treated other subjects, including meter, tempo, and the French practice of rhythmic alteration; the various clefs and their use; and cadences and modulation. His discussion of meter is particularly valuable because he illustrated it with examples drawn from the works of Lully, Corelli, Clerambault, and François Couperin and others.

## Preludes and Preluding

The improvised prelude of which Hotteterre wrote is in the tradition of improvised or improvisatory-sounding compositions associated particularly with the keyboard instruments. Eighteenth century sources treat "prelude," "capricio," "fantasy," "flourish," "ricercare," "toccata," and "voluntary" as synonymous, or nearly synonymous terms.

Most sources distinguish, as does Hotteterre, between two sorts of preludes, which are the improvised prelude and the composed prelude such as the overture to an opera or other large work. Two functions of the improvised prelude are often mentioned-to introduce a piece of music which follows, by establishing the key and gaining the listeners' attention, and to allow the player to try out his instrument and perhaps check its tuning.

Boyer's dictionary of 1700 defines the French Prelude simply as a "prelude, flourish, forerunner." ${ }^{1}$ Brossard discusses the improvisatory prelude under the word "capricio."

CAPRICIO, veut dire CAPRICE. Ce font de certaines pieces, où le compositeur, sans s'assujitter à un certain nombre ou un certaine espece de mesure, où à aucun dessein prémédité, donne l'effort au seu de son genie, ce qu'on nomme autrement Phantasia, Preludio, Ricercata, \&c.?

This passage is translated by Grassineau in A Musical Dictionary as follows.

CAPRICIO means Caprice, the term is applied to certain pieces wherein the composer gives a loose to his fancy, and not being confined either to particular measures or keys, runs divisions according to his mind, without any premeditation; this is also called Phantasia. ${ }^{3}$
$1_{\text {Abel }}$ Boyer, The Royal Dictionary Abridged (London, 1700; reprint ed., Menston, England: The Scolar Press, Limited, English Linguistics 1500-1800 [A Collection of Facsimile Reprints], selected and edited by R. C. Alston, no. 285, 1971), s.v. "Prelude."
${ }^{2}$ Sebastien de Brossard, Dictionaire de musique, contenant une explication des termes grecs, italiens, \& françis les plus usitez dans la musique (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1703), s.v. "Capricio.

3James Grassineau, A Musical Dictionary (London, 1740; reprint ed., New York: Broude Brothers, Monuments of Music and Music Literature in Facsimile, vol. 40, 1966), p. 21.

Of the prelude itself, Brossard writes:
PRELUDIO, veut dire PRELUDE. C'est une Symphonie qui s'ert [sic] dintroduction ou de Preparation a ce qui suit. Ainsi les Ouvertures des Operas sont des especes de Preludes; comme aussi des Ritournelles qui sont au commencement des Scenes, \&c. Souvent on fait preluder tous les Instrumens d'un Orchestre pour donner le Ton, \&cc. ${ }^{1}$

Grassineau expanded this somewhat in his adaptation and translation.

PreIude, in Italian Preludio, is a flourish or an irregular air, which a musician plays off-hand, to try if his instrument is in tune, and to lead him into the piece to be played. Overtures of Operas are a sort of Preludes [sic]; very often the whole band in the orchestra run a few divisions to give the tone.

Grassineau described the voluntary, a type of composition like the prelude which was known particularly in England.

VOLUNTARY, that which a musician plays extempore according to his fancy, before he begins to set himself to play any particular piece, to try the instrument, and to lead him into the piece so to be played. ${ }^{3}$

The toccata and ricercase are regarded as sorte of preludes which are associated almost exclusively with keyboard instruments.

The features of the prelude which we have noted are also mentioned in Diderot's Encyclopédie.

PRÉLUDE, f.m. (Musique) est un morceau de symphonie qui sert d'introduction ou de préparation à une pièce de musique. Ainsi les ouvertures d'opera sont des especes de preludes, comme aussi les ritournelles qui sont au commencement de scenes. Prélude est encore un trait de chant qui passe par les principales cordes, du ton, ou une pièce irréguliere que le musicien joue

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\(1_{\text {Brossard, }}\) s.v. "Preludio."
\({ }^{2}\) Grassineau, p. 183 .
\(3_{\text {Grassineau, p. }} 336\).
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d'abord pour donner le ton, pour voir si son instrument est d'accord, \& pour se préparer de commencer. ${ }^{1}$

PRELUDE . . . (music) is a piece which serves as an introduction or preparation to a piece of music. In this way, the overtures of operas are types of preludes, as also the ritornellos which are at the beginnings of scenes. Prelade is also a passage of music which goes by the principal cordes of the key [i.e. the notes of the tonic triad], or an irregular piece which the musician plays at first to give the key, to see if his instrument is in tune, and to prepare himself to begin.

The following is also from the Encyclopédie.
PRELUDER, v.n. (Musique) C'est chanter ou jouer quelque morceau de fantasie irregulier \& assez court, pour donner le ton, ou bien pour poser sa main sur un instrument. ${ }^{2}$

TO PRELUDE . . . (music) That is to sing or to play some irregular and rather short piece of fancy to give the key, or else to get the feel of an instrument.

Discussion of preluding in books on wind playing is rather limited, but the sources are very consistent. Hotteterre's book offers the most extensive discussion of the subject, and is the only work, so far as I know, which is (at least ostensibly) devoted entirely to the subject.

Freillon-Poncein, in 1700, and Michel Corrette, c. 1735, also described the practice of preluding and included some examples of preludes in their treatises. The pertinent passages are quoted at length below so that comparison may be made with Hotteterre's work. The first excerpt is from Freillon-Poncein's work.
[Ee Prelude] . . n'est autre chose qu'une disposition pour prendre le ton du môde par ou l'on veut joüer. Cela se fait ordinairement suivant la force de l'imagination des Joueurs, dans
$I_{\text {Diderot and }} D^{\prime} A l e m b e r t$, Encvclopédie ou Dictionnaire Raisonné des sciences, des art, et des métiers, par un société de gens de lettres, (Paris: 1751-1780; reprint ed., Stuttgart \& Bad Cannstatt, Friedrich Frommann Verlag, 1966), vol. 13 (1765), p. 287.
${ }^{2}$ Diderot, Vol. 13 (1765), p. 287.
le moment même qu'ils veulent jöuer sans les avoir éerit auparavant.

Il n'y a point de regle particuliere pour le mouvement ny pour la longueur des Preludes; on les fait differenment selon la fantaisie, comme tendre, brusque, long, ou court, \& à mesure interrompué; on peur même passer sur toute sorte de Môdes, pourveu que l'on y entre \& que l'on en sorte à propos,
 il faut cependant que chaque Prelude commence sur une des trois cordes principales du Mode par où l'on veut jouer, \& qu'il finisse sur l'une des trois indifferement, cependant il est tourjours mieux de s'arretêr sur la finale. . .
[The prelude] is nothing but a way to take the key in which one wishes to play. That is ordinarily composed according to the force of the imagination of the players at the very moment they wish to play, without having written them in advance.

There is no particular rule at all for the tempo nor for the length of preludes. One plays them differently according to fancy, as [for example,] tenderly, brusquely, long or short, and in interrupted meters. One can even pass through all sorts of keys, provided he enters and leaves them properly, which is to say in a way which does not offend the ear. Nevertheless, it is necessary that each prelude begin with one of the three principel cordes of the key [i.e. one of the notes of the tonic triad] in which one wishes to play, and that it finish on any one of the three [principal cordes]. Nevertheless, it is always best to end on the tonic.

Corrette's treatise includes the following passage.
Le Prélude est un espece de Caprice qui se compose ordinairement sur le champ avart que de joüer une piece: on peut même exprimer quelques mesures du commencement de la piece. Pour bien préluder, il faut observer si le Mode de la Musique que l'on va faire.est Majeur ou Mineur, et préluder du même ton. Quand on joüe seul sans accompagnement, on peut composer un grand Prélude.

Pour lors on peut moduler sur tel ton que l'on voudra faire des passages vites ou lents, par degrez conjoint ou disjoint, selon que cela se présente a l'imagination. ${ }^{2}$

The prelude is a type of caprice which is ordinarily composed extempore before playing a piece. One can even state some measures of the beginning of the piece. In order to prelude well, it is
$1_{\text {Jean-Pierre }}$ Freillon-Poncein, La veritable maniere d'apprendre a jouer en perfection du haut-bois, de la flute et du flageolet, avec des principes de la musique nour la voix et pour toutes sortes dinstrumens (Paris: Jacques Collonbat, 1700), p. 28.
${ }^{2}$ Michel Corrette, Méthode pour apprendre aisément à joüer de la Flute traversière (Paris: Boivin, c.1735), p. 45.
necessary to observe whether the key of the music which one is going to play is major or minor, and to prelude in the same key. When one plays alone, without accompaniment, he can compose a lengthy prelude.

One can then modulate in whatever key he wishes, to make passages fast or siow, by step or by leap, according to what presents itself to the imagination.

Preludes for single-line instruments appear in several other publications. Humphry Salter's recorder book of 1683 includes two pieces which are each called a "fancy," and one piece called an "overture." Two rather lengthy collections of preludes are Select Preludes and Vollentarys for the Violin, Being Made and Contrived for the Improvement of the Hand, with Variety of Compositions by all the Great Masters in Europe for that Instrument (London: J. Walsh and J. Hare 1705 ), and a similar publication for flute, Select Preludes and Volluntarys for the Flute Being Made and Contriv'd for ye Improvement of ye Hand with Variety of Compositions by all the Eminent Masters of Eurove (London: J. Walsh \& Randall \& J. Hare, [1708]). The former publication includes 35 works, all called preludes, by Corelli, Torelli, Biber, Pepusch, Henry Purcell, and others. ${ }^{2}$
$1_{\text {Humphry Salter, }}$ The Genteel Companion; Being exact Directions for the Recorder: With a Collection of the Best and Newest Tunes and Grounds Extant (Lonaion: printed for Richard Hunt and Humphry Salter, 1683).
$2_{\text {I }}$ have not been able to examine the Select Preludes and Vollurtarys for the Flute, but it is only about half as long as the other collection (it has only 16, as compared to 35 pages.) At least one work, the prelude by Purcell (see Thurston Dart, ed. The Works of Henry Purcell, 32 vols. London: Novello and Company, Limited, 1959, vol. 31: Fantazias and Other Instrumental Works, p. 93.), appears in both publications, in G minor in the collection for violin, and in $D$ minor in the other. Presumably there are other preludes which appear in both collections, but many of the preludes for the violin include arpeggiated figures which are not particularly suited to the flute or recorder.

## The Second Part of the Division Flute, Containing the Newest

Divisions upon the Choicest Grounds for the Flute as also Several
Excellent Preludes, Chacons, and Cibells by the Best Masters (London:
J. Walsh, J. Hare, \& P. Randall, [1708]) includes four preludes, as well as two "chacones," two "divisions," and six "cibells" which are like the preludes in that they have no supporting bass line given.

The Bird Fancyer's Delight (London: Richard Meares, c.1717)1 includes four "flourishes," each only one to three measures long, which are quite rudimentary compared to the preludes included in the other publications.

Two other publications are mentioned by Edgar Hunt ${ }^{2}$ as containing "A Flourish or Prelude in every key on the Flute," which he described as amateurish in comparison to Hotteterre's preludes. These publications are The New Flute Master for the Year 1725 - Containing the Most Compleat Rules and Directions for Learners or the Flute (Iondon: [Walsh \& Hare], 1725) and Wright's The Second Book of the Flute Master improv'd Containing the Plainest Instructions for Learners, with Variety of Easy Lessons by the Best Masters (c.1725).

Hotteterre's own Méthode oour la musette includes some preludes which $I$ include in Appendix $D$ of this volume.

## Notes on the Translation

In preparing this translation, three copies of Hotteterre's L'Art
$I_{A}$ publication of the same title was also brought out by Walsh and Hare at the same time.
${ }^{2}$ Edgar Hunt, The Recorder and Its Music (New York: W. W. Norton and Company, Inc., 1962), p. 74.
de Préluder, which to my knowledge are the only three copies extant, ${ }^{1}$ were consulted. I was able to examine personally the copy belonging to the Library of Congress, and I worked primarily from a photocopy of this edition. The other two copies, one in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and the other in the collection of the Gemeente Museum, the Hague, were available to me on microfilm.

These three copies represent three different printings, although they were evidently made from the same plates. The dates of these printings may be established by examining the list of Hotteterre's works which appears on the second page in each copy. ${ }^{2}$ The copy in the Library of Congress is the earliest, probably representing the original publication in 1719. The last three pages are lacking in this copy. It is bound together with other works by Hotteterre, the Premier Livre de Pieces pour la Flûte-traversiere et autres instruments, Avec la Basse... Oeuvre Second, Nouvelle Edition (Paris, 1715), the Deuxième Livre de Pieces pour la Flûte-Traversiere Et Autres Instruments, Avec la Basse... Oeuvre Vẹ (Paris, 1715), and the Premiere Suite de Pieces a deux Dessus, sans Basse Continue. Pour les Flûtes-Traversieres, Flûtes a Bec, violes, \& c. . . Oeuvre quatrieme (Paris, 1712). This volume, recently rebound, measures approximately $20 \times 27$ centimeters.

The copy belonging to the Bibliotheque Nationale includes
${ }^{1}$ See Thomas E. Warner, An Annotated Bibliography of Woodwind Instruction Books, $1600-1830$, Detroit Studies in Music Bibliography, no.11 (Detroit: Information Coordinators, Inc., 1967), p. 11.
${ }^{2}$ See the ohotocopy of the Library of Congress cony, Appendix A herein, and the title page and Copie du Privilege from the other editions reproduced in Appendix $B$ and Appendix $C$.

Hotteterre's IIIe Suitte de Pieces a 2 Dessus, Oeuvre 8, in the list of his works, and thus represents a printing from no earlier than 1722. The Gemeente Museum copy lists the Méthode pour la musette, Oeuvre 10, and thus dates from no earlier than 1737. In this last edition, the title page and the second page, which gives the Copie du Privilège and the list of Hotteterre's works, are printed from new plates. Here Hotteterre is listed on the title page as "Ordinaire de la Musiaue de la Chambre du Roy," rather than as "Flûte de la Chambre du Roy," as in the earlier two editions. The bookseller is Boivin rather than Foucault, and Hotteterre's address is different.

There are corrections in the text which confirm the fact that these represent three separate printings rather than one printing with a new title page and second page supplied at different times. Most of these corrections are within the musical examples; they are noted in the footnotes as they appear throughout the text.

L'Art de Préluder has appeared in a modern French edition edited by Michel Sanvoisin (Paris: Editions Aug. Zurfluh, 1966), and has also recently been issued in facsimile by Minkoff. Some of the preludes have been published separately in Freillon-Poncein and Hotteterre le Romain, Preludes for Solo Treble Recorder, edited by Betty Bang Mather and David Lasocki (London: Faber Music, Ltd., 1968).

## Terms

Certain terms used by Hotteterre, and the problems they posed in translating the work, merit discussion.

Beat. The French "temps" has been translated throughout as
"beat." Hotteterre speaks of measures comprised of four "unequal beats" or "temps inegaux," and also describes the measure of simple 2 time as being beaten in two equal beats or "deux temps egaux."

Key. Hotteterre uses the terms "mode" and "ton" synonymously, and both have been translated as "key." The phrases "le ton mineure" and "le ton majeure" designate minor and major keys. Keys are also distinguished according to the third, as for example, "en 3ce mineure," "en $3^{\text {ce }}$ majeure," and "3ce naturel." "Naturel" has been translated as either "major" or "minor" as appropriate.

Key Signature. The French "clef" may mean either "clef sign" or "key signature," and Hotteterre uses it in both ways. The meaning in any particular instance has been clear from the context, however.

Meter. The French "mesure" expresses those concepts expressed in English by the words "meter," "measure," "time," or even "time signature." "Meter," rather than "measure," has been used most frequently in the translation, since it seers to express the concept of regularly reoccurring units of beats better than does "measure,". which could suggest the more limited notion of a single one of these units. Hotteterre also uses "mesure" in the sense of "time," as, for example, in "Mesure du Triple Simple" or "Mesure de $8_{8}^{3}$ " which have been translated as "simple triple time" and "three-eight time."

Modulate, Modulation. For Hotteterre, "modulation" and "moduler" suggest more than a change of key. He uses "module" also as we might use
${ }^{1}$ For the use of "temps" to indicate both of the somewhat different concepts of "pulse" and "true beat," see Newman Wilson Powell, "Rhythmic Freedom in the Performance of French Music from 1650 to 1735," (Ph.D. dissertation, Stanford University, 1959), p. 158.
the term "centered," for example, in the phrase "a piece centered (or modulated) in a particular key." Brossard's discussion of modulation will help to clarify Hotteterre's use of the word. les cordes essentielles \& naturelles d'un mode plus souvent que par les autres; mais aussi se servir des mêmes cordes dans les parties qui font harmonie, plus souvent \& préférablement à d'autres qu'il faut éviter; non qu'elles ne fussent bonnes, mais parce qu'elles seroient sortir souvent mal a propos du mode. Moduler est aussi sortir quelques fois hors du mode, mais pour y rentrer, a, propos naturellement. C'est encore donner a son chant une variété de mouvemens \& de figures différentes qui le rendent expressif sans etre ennuyeux ny trop affecte. Enfin c'est donner à sa composition ce certain je ne sçay quoy de doux \& de gratieux, qu'un long \& frequent exercise peut donner quelques fois, qu'un heureux genie fournit souvent naturellement \& sans peine, \& qu'on nomme Beau-Chant. ${ }^{1}$
. . To modulate . . . is not oniy to cause a tune to move by means of the essential and natural tones of a key more often than by the others; but also to use the same tones in the parts which form the harmony more often and in preference to the others which it is necessary to avoid, not that they are not good, but because they may often leave the key improperly. To modulate is also sometimes to go outside the key, but [only] in order to return to it appropriately, of course. It is also to give to the tune a variety of motion and different figures which make it expressive without being boring or too affected. Finally, it is to give to the composition that certain je ne sais quoi of sweetness and grace which a long and frequent practice may sometimes give, and which a fortunate genius frequently supplies naturally and without difficulty, and which is called Beau-Chant.

Tonic. Hotteterre uses the terms "note du ton," "note finale," and "la finale," all of which have been translated as "tonic." In one instance, 2 "note finale" is used in the sense of "last note." "Tonic is also sometimes expressed by the word "ton," which in other instances has been translated as "key."

Pitch names. Individual pitches are named by the French terms
$1_{\text {Brossard, }}$ s.v. "Moduler."
${ }^{2}$ Page 154 this translation; original page 50.
"1UUt," "le Re," "le Mi," etc., which have been translated as "C," "D," "E," etc.

In reference to keys, pitch names are most often given as "C, sol, ut," "D, la, re," etc., which retain allusions to the hexachord system. It is interesting to note that Hotteterre refers to cadences in this manner, as for example, "Cadence en D, la, re," implying perhaps that cadence is always thought of in terms of a particular key area and not in terms of an individual pitch. Keys are also referred to more simply, as for example, "Sol, 3ce mineure." Both this and the more lengthy " $G$, re, sol, $3^{\text {ce }}$ mineure," for example, have been translated as " $G$ minor."

Both ways of indicating pitch appear in conjunction with clef names. For example, Hotteterre calls the G clef "le clef de $G$, re, sol," and also "le clef de Sol."

## Notes on the Transcription of the

## Musical Examples

Clefs. With certain exceptions, most of the music which appears in Hotteterre's original in the G clef on the first line has been transcribed in the $G$ clef on the second line. The exceptions are the examples in Chapter $X$ (Hotteterre's discussion of clefs and transposition) which necessarily have been given as they appear in the original, and the examples in Chapter XI which have been given as in Hotteterre's book to facilitate comparison of them with their original sources.

Accidentals. $4, b$, and \#within the staff are those accidentals which appear in one or another edition of the original, whether they
appear there within or above the staff.
$4, b$, and above the staff are editorial suggestions. These are used to add a sign demanded by modern practice to indicate the alteration of a pitch which would have been made by an eighteenthcentury performer according to rules of the day, or to correct what are viewed as errors or omissions on the part of the composer or engraver.
$4, b$, and 护 in brackets are used in instances where a symbol in conformity with modern usage has been substituted for a different symbol used by Hotteterre; e.g., r\&l will appear where Hotteterre used a sharp to cancel a flat, or vice-versa. I have not felt it necessary to cite the original in those instances, since the substance of Hotteterre's work is not changed, and the original is available in Appendix A for comparison.

Key Signatures. The key signatures of the original have been retained even where they differ from modern usage; passages in $C$ minor, for example, appear with either two or three flats in the key signature. Key signatures have been edited, however, insofar as any particular sharp of flat appears in the key signature only once in transcription, whereas Hotteterre frequently, although not consistently, repeats certain accidentals in his key signature, as in the following.


The shape of the sharp has been changed to follow modern usage; e.g., 井 rather than .

Time Signatures. Time signatures appear in all instances as
in the original.
Bar Lines. Two sorts of bar lines are used in the original. These are the full bar line:
 and what Hotteterre calls "les petits traits de burin," or lines through only the lower line of the staff: This distinction has been maintained in the transcription.

Slurs. Slurs are shown only when they occur in the original. Beaming, Flags. Hotteterre's usage in the original has been followed in the transcription, even where it is contrary to modern conventions, as for example in beaming together notes separated by a bar line or in allowing a single l6th note to stand apart from other notes which make up the quarter-note beat.

Notes which appear in brackets, $f_{J}, c f_{1}$, are those which were shown in the original by dotting a note across a bar line, or those which were shown by a dot representing less than half the value of the note to which it was added. For example, $|c| J J||.5 d|$.
 Once again, I have not felt it necessary to cite the original in all these instances, since it is available in Appendix A.

A problematic rhythmic figure which appears several times is $\sqrt{. F}$ which occupies a quarter-note beat. In most instances the suggested reading is . W3J

Ornaments. The following, excerpted from Hotteterre's Premier Livre de Pieces Pour la Flute-traversiere, explains the performance of the ornaments which are encountered in L'Art de Préluder.

Signs for the Agréments.


Demonstration.


# JACQUES HOTTETERRE'S L'ART DE PRELUDER <br> AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY 

THE ART OF PRELUDING ON THE TRANSVERSE FLUTE, ON THE RECORDER
ON THE OBOE, AND OTHER TREBLE INSTRUMENTS. WITH PRELUDES
ALREADY COMPOSED IN ALL OF THE KEYS IN VARIOUS TEMPOS AND OF VARIOUS CHARACTERS ALONG WITH THEIR AGRÉMENTS. AND OF MANY DIFFICULTIES SUITABLE TO PRACTICE AND TO IMPROVE ONE'S SELF. TOGETHER WITH TKE PRINCIPLES OF MODULATION AND OF TRANSPOSIIIION; IN ADDITION AN INSTRUCTIVE DISSERTATION ON ALL THE

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## PREFACE

The word "prelude" well enough explains itself and is well enough generally known that it is not necessary to give any definition of it here. I will simply say that in speaking of music, one can consider two different sorts of preludes. One is the composed prelude, which is usually the first movement ${ }^{l}$ of what is called a suite or sonata, and which is truly a piece of music in those forms. Also of this type are the preludes which are put in operas and cantatas, and which precede and sometimes foretell what will be sung. The other sort of prelude is the prelude of caprice ${ }^{2}$ which is properly the true prelude, and it is this that I will discuss in this work. I shall endeavor to reduce it to rules and to give its plain and certain principles which I believe no one has yet attempted, either because this research has been neglected or because it has been judged [too] ungrateful and difficult to discuss. And indeed, since the prelude must be composed extempore without any preparation and moreover encompasses an infinite variety, it seems that it cannot be susceptible to rules or method. Nevertheless, having considered that these caprices are not composed entirely by chance, and that they must even be founded on a very regular modulation, I have conceived the outline of this work, and have flattered myself at the same time that it would seem to be of great benefit to those who wish to inform themselves and to

## $1_{\text {pièce }}$.

${ }^{2}$ le Prelude de Caprice.
perfect themselves in this science.
Therefore, instructions will be found here concerning the form which must be given to a prelude according to the rules for true modulation. I shall also give some preludes, already composed, in all the keys ${ }^{1}$ which will serve as models for making some of the [same] sort. I shall even give many of them in each key, in various tempos ${ }^{2}$ and in various characters. And also some passages ${ }^{3}$ like those which would be produced by someone accomplished in this art. Here one will see an explanation of what is called the leading tone ${ }^{4}$ of the key, an important thing for recognizing a modulation. Likewise, one will be found of cadences and of the distribution one must make of them in a prelude. In addition, I shall show how to discern ${ }^{5}$ the key of a piece or other musical work upon examining only its opening, and also what is the minor and major third. Moreover, a method for transposing in all the clefs and in all the keys. In addition, a dissertation on the various kinds of meters ${ }^{6}$ and the manner of playing eighth notes in each one. And to conclude, two lengthy and elaborate preludes, one in a major key and the other in a minor key, ${ }^{7}$ with cadences on all the degrees of the octave, to which I
$1_{\text {Tons. }}$.
$2_{\text {movements }}$.
3 traits detachées.
${ }^{4}$ la note sensible.
${ }^{5}$ connoitre.
$6_{\text {mesures }}$.
$7_{\text {Ton Majeur }}$. . Ton Min $\frac{r}{\text {. }}$.
have even added the bass for the satisfaction of those who like harmony. Finally, those who are not acquainted with the $G$ clef $f^{l}$ on the first line will find one of them on the second line at the erd of each set ${ }^{2}$ of preludes contained in this book.
$1_{\text {la Clef de Sol }}$.
${ }^{2}$ Suitte.

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## CHA PITER I

OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEGREES OF THE OCTAVE
AND THE CORDES BY WHICH ONE MUST
BEGIN OR END THE PRELUDE

It will be well, first of all to understand the proportions and the names of the degrees of the octave; this is where I am going to begin.

Ist Example, in the Key of D.


2nd Example, in the Key of $G$.


These degrees, as one sees, are distinguished first by the tonic, then the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, the sixth, the seventh, the octave, etc. One also sees what are the proportions which are found
${ }^{1}{ }_{1 a}$ note du ton.
between each of them. I have put a sharp ${ }^{1}$ on the seventh of the key because this degree must always te major in any key whatsoever. I shall explain this in chapter seven, in speaking of the leading tone.

The most essential rule of the prelude is that it be modulated in the key which one proposes for himself, especially in beginning and in ending. In order to understand what modulation is, it is necessary to know that every musical composition, whether an air, symphony, cantata, sonata, etc., is in a certain key ${ }^{2}$ and must end on the tonic of that key. The first note itself must be the tonic or one of the cordes ${ }^{3}$ of its perfect consonances, which are the third, the fifth, and the octave. Now, these same rules must be observed equally in regard to the prelude.

Therefore, having begun my prelude with one of the cordes of the key which I have set for myself, I run over the notes which are familiar to it for some space of time. I hear those which, in the different tunes ${ }^{4}$ which I produce, maintain the modulation of this same key, after which I come to fall on the final cadence. And if the prelude is long, I pass before ending through several of the cadences which are appropriate; ${ }^{5}$ we shall see examples of this in the following chapter.
$\mathrm{l}_{\text {Hotteterre }}$ uses the sign "*" in his text.
${ }^{2}$ Mode (ou Ton).
$3_{\text {The }}$ "chordes," "chordes essentielles," or "chordes principalles," are the notes of the tonic triad, either collectively, or any one of them individually. I have retained the French in preference to a more clumsy English construction. See Sébastien de Brossard, Dictionnaire de Musique, contenant une explication des termes Grecs, Latins, Italjens, \& Francois, les plus usitez dans la musique, s.v. "Modo," and Diderot and D'Alembert, Encyclopédie ou Dictionnaire des art et des métiers, par un societé de gens de lettres, s.v. "Mode."

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chants.
${ }^{5}$ That is, one may modulate to several different keys. See Hotteterre's discussion, pages 145-146.

OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PRELUDE, WITH SOME
VARIATIONS IN THE KEY OF G

Although the first example of this chapter is in a major key, one may, if he wishes, make it and also its three variations minor by adding flats on $B$ and observing those which I have put beneath some notes. It will be in this way !? . F is always sharp.
lst Example.


This example shows the principal cordes of the key of $G$, and may be considered a canevas ${ }^{l}$ on which nearly all the preludes in this key are built. In effect, it suffices to know how to place vocal ornaments and

[^3]passages ${ }^{1}$ between these notes, and one will make a great many preludes from it. Let us turn to the demonstration.
lst Variation, Major and Minor
Final Cadence


Final


4th Variation, Major and Minor

${ }^{l_{\text {traits }} \text { chantans et variés. }}$

5th Variation


There are some variations built on the first canevas. Let us see a second one varied in another way.
and Example or Canevas
In the form of a passage.

list Variation.
Reduction of the quarter notes to eighth notes.


4th Variation.


You see that many notes which are not the cordes of the key appear here by disjunct motion ${ }^{1}$ without, however, leaving the key. That is because they occur in a sequence ${ }^{2}$ and come finally to strike the major seventh which determines the key. This second canavas and its variations are nothing else but the eight degrees of the octave as one may see by following the notes beneath which I have put the small zeros. I am going to give an example by which one may see how one sometimes may leave the key almost without realizing it.

## Example.



The modulation in the first measure may be equivocal, but that which follows is absolutely in $C$.

This example, which begins and ends like the preceding, is not at all, however, in the same key, and what makes the difference is that from the second measure up to the end, it is centered ${ }^{3}$ in $C$ because although the last note is a G, it is not at all in the key of G. Also, it is not the tonic, since to complete this prelude, it is necessary that it finish with a C.
$l_{\text {par degres disjoint }}$.
${ }^{2}$ elle y retombent toujours sucessivemt
3 modulé.

Example. Prelude in C.


It is necessary then, to accustom the ear to true modulation in order never to stray while preluding. Let us see some other variations on our second canevas.

5th Variation on the 2nd Canevas.


One can descend in this way.


6th Variation.


One can descend in this way.


These examples may suffice to give an idea of the principles of the prelude, not only in these keys, but in them all. I shall give here the canevas in some [keys], and the others will be found on page[s] 88-89.
D Minor and Major.
E Minor and Major.


F Major and Minor.
B Minor and Major.

$B^{\text {b }}$ Major and Minor.
c\# Minor and Major.


See on page[s] 88-90 the keys which are missing here. In the following chapter, I am going to give models of preludes by means of which one may begin to make some of this sort.

PRELUDES IN ALL THE KEYS, IN DIFFERENT TEMPOS
AND OF DIFFERENT CHARACTERS FOR THE
TRANSVERSE FLUTE, THE RECORDER
THE OBOE, ETC.

I have informed you that eighth notes will be pointed, that is to say, unequal, in all these preludes unless a notice to the contrary is found. I will put this mark, at the beginning of those which may be played on the recorder, and when there will be any changes to be made on its account, I shall mark them, like a return, with the sign 平. These same preludes may also be played on the oboe, except those which prevail a great deal on the high notes. Finally, although I have measured the majority of these preludes, one need not subject himself to beating time, ${ }^{1}$ however, when he wishes to play them from memory.

G Major

$l_{\text {battre }}$ la mesure.


2nd Prelude. Simple Modulation.


4th Prelude, with a Cadence on the 5 th and the 6 th.


G Minor


2nd Prelude. Simple Modulation.




3rd Prelude. Simple Modulation.


4th Prelude.


## Cadence on

the 3rd


Clef on the 2nd Line
for the Preceding Set
 Ordinarily one does note put a $C^{\#}$ in the key signature in this key as I have done to reconcile the two positions.
A Minor
lst Prelude. Simple Modulation.


2nd Prelude. Simple Modulation.



3rd Prelude, with a Cadence on the 5th.


4th Prelude, with a Cadence on the Srd.


## Clef on the Second Line



## A Major



2nd Prelude, with a Cadence on the 5th.


3rd Prelude，with a Cadence on the 5th．
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th Prelude，with a Cadence on the Eth．
Gay．And（with］equal eighth notes．
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## Clef on the 2nd Line.



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\mathrm{B}^{\mathrm{b}} \text { Major }
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3rd Prelude, with a Cadence on the Fth.


Cadence on the th


Clef on the and Line.


B Minor
lIst Prelude, with an Imperfect Cadence on the Fth.


南 居

3rd Prelude．


草 4 th Prelude
Q 年


Clef on the 2nd Line.


B Major



Clef on the 2nd Line.

$B^{b}$ Minor

$I_{A}$ cautionary flat on $D$ appears in the Library of Congress and the Bibliothèque Nationale copies, but is deleted from the Gemeente Museum copy.

2nd Prelude.


C Major


\％पिये －च据哲 3rd Prelude．
Q C．TM Z ）毒

C Minor


Ordinarily, one does not put an $A^{b}$ in the key signature in this key at all.

$l_{\text {Sharps appear on the two sixteenth note } C \text { 's in measure one in the }}$ Library of Congress coby, but are deleted from the other two editions.
${ }^{2}$ The natural on $A$ is added to the Bibliotheque Nationale and the Gemeente Museum copies.


Clef on the and Line.


D Minor


One rarely puts a flat in the key signature in this key.

## 2nd PreIude.



3rd Prelude.

$I_{A}$ sharp is added on the dotted quarter note $F$ only in the Bibliotèchque Nationale and the Gemeente Museum copies.

Clef on the 2nd Line.


D Major


2nd Prelude



The two preceding preludes and the two following [ones y can be played in this key [with the clef] on the second line.


> th Prelude.

original: Q $_{4} H$

Clef on the 2nd Line.


E Minor
lst Prelude.


2nd Prèlude


3rd Prelude.


E Major

Ist Prelude.



The preceding preludes and the two following ones can be played in this key.


2nd Prelude.


3rd Prelude.

$I_{A}$ cautionary sharp appears on $D$ in the Library of Congress and the Bibliotheque Nationale copies, but is deleted from the Gemeente Museum copy.


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\mathrm{E}^{\mathrm{b}} \text { Major }
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2nd Prelude．


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F Major

1st Prelude．
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and Prelude.


3rd Prelude.


Clef on the and Line

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等


## F Minor

lst Prelude.


2nd Prelude.


## Clef on the ?nd Line.



End of the preludes for the transverse flute.

## CHAPTER IV

CONTAINING MANY PASSAGES ${ }^{1}$ IN ALL THE KEYS

I have given the name "passages" to the fragments which will be found in this chapter. My intention was to give them the character of the caprices which one plays when he is just doing what is called "badiner." As these are only excerpts, ${ }^{2}$ one may begin them with cordes other than those of the key. I shall give some difficult ones which will be suitable only for study.


Traits.
${ }^{2}$ der morceaux detachées.


5th.



6 th .



G Minor


3rd.



5th.


7th.


2origimal: 7 兒


Clef on the and Line.


[^4]A Minor


2nd.


3rd.



Clef on the 2nd Line.


A Major


2nd.



2nd.



Clef on the 2nd Line.


B Minor




4th Passage.



## Clef on the 2nd Line.



## B Major



3rd.

$\mathrm{B}^{\mathrm{b}}$ Minor


Clef on the 2nd Line.


C Major
 $3 r d$.


4th.


C Minor
lst Passage.


3rd.
 4 th .


5th.


Clef on the 2nd Line


## D Minor

## lst Passage.



3rd.


4th.


Original: 1 GYY E Hfiti

6th.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


D Major
lst Passage.


2nd.


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4the（i）
量

$\qquad$

Q4c＋年

7th. Double of the Preceding.


8th.


9th.


Clef on the 2nd Line


E Minor
lst Passage.


2nd.


Sautillé


3rd.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


E Major

## lst Passage.




2nd.


2nd.


Ioriginal: $1 \cdot 4\}(17\}_{1}$


F Major
lst Passage.


3rd.


4th.


F Minor



Clef on the 2nd Line.


End of the passages for the transverse flute.

## CHAPTER V

## PRELUDES FOR THE RECORDER

Many of these preludes may be played on the transverse flute as they are notated here, that is to say, with the clef on the first line, but they all, without exception, are suited to being played with the clef on the second line. It will be found at the end of each set as before. Many will also be suitable for the oboe in one clef or the other. I am going to begin with some canevas ${ }^{l}$ in all the keys.

F Major and Minor


B Minor and Major


D Minor and Major

$E^{b}$ Major and Minor


Preludes

F Major
lst Prelude.




Clef on the 2nd Line for the Preceding Set.


F Minor



2nd Prelude.


Clef on the and Line.


F\# Minor
lIst Prelude.

and Prelude.


Clef on the and Line.


G Minor



[^5]Clef on the ?nd Line.


G Major
list Prelude.

and Prelude.


${ }^{1}$ Hotteterre uses the sign $\rightarrow$ to indicate that the articulation "tu, ru" should be used if the passage is played on the recorder. See page 1ll. He discusses articulation in Chapter 8 of his Princines de la Flute Traversiere. . . (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1707). In simple 2 time, as in this example, he says there that "tu, ru" should be used for eights which move by step, but that only "tu" should be used for eighths which move by leap. (Page 27.) See this same passage in Princioles of the Flute, Recorder and Oboe, trans. David Lasocki (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1969), p. 59-60, and also Mr. Lasocki's

## Clef on the and Line.



A Minor

and Prelude.

discussion of pronunciation and articulation in his introduction to the translation, pp. 19-23. The use of "tu, ru" bears some relationship to the practice of rhythmic alteration, but Hotteterre does not make this clear.


3rd Prelude.


A Major



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茾 3rd Prelude．
类


4th Prelude.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


B Minor
lst Prelude.



2nd Prelude.


Clef on the 2nd Line.

$I_{\text {In }}$ the Library of Congress copy, the sign for a trill ( + ) appears on the $F^{\#}$ rather than on the $A^{\#}$ as it does in the other two editions.
$B^{b}$ Major
lst Prelude.


2nd Prelude.

$\qquad$
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$B^{b}$ Minor


2nd Prelude.



Clef on the 2nd Line:


C Major
lst Prelude.



## Clef on the and Line.



C Minor


> Ind Prelude.


c\# Minor



D Minor



This mark, $\longrightarrow$ signifies that it is necessary to pronounce "tu, ru"
on the two notes which it embraces if one is playing the recorder.

> D Major

and Prelude.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


E Minor

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 E Major 1st Prelude势
 2nd Prelude．势


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车＋
$\qquad$ sar meluate．
势
卉

$E^{b}$ Minor

$1_{\text {Les }}$ 4. Preludes precedent peuvent se joïer indifferement dans le même Mode.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


End of the preludes for the recorder.

CHAPTER VI

PASSAGES FOR THE RECORDER

> F Major


2nd.



G Minor
list Passage.



Clef on the and Line.


G Major.

and.



4 th .


A Minor



2nd. 1



3rd.

$I_{\text {The }}$ bar lines are editorial.


A Major

Ist Passage.


Clef on the 2nd Line.


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B^{b}[\text { Major }]
$$

lst Passage.


2nd.
 3rd.

ºriginal: yy fiffitulfi



Clef on the and Line for
the Preceding Set and
for the Following [One]


B Major
list Passage.

and.

original: y yule

3rd.


B Minor
lst Passage.


2nd.


Clef on the ?nd Line.

$B^{b}$ Minor
list Passage.

and.


Clef on the and Line.

${ }^{l_{A}}$ natural sign is added above the $A$ in the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Gemeente Museum copies.
${ }^{2}$ A cautionary flat appears on the $A$ in the Bibliotheque Rationale and the Gemeente Museum copies.

C Major


Clef on the 2nd Line.


C Minor



Ordinarily, one does not put an $A^{b}$ in the key signature in this key at all.
and.


The arpeggio which is in $C$ minor, page 77 , can be joined to the preceding passages. It can be played in major and in minor. C\# Minor
list Passage.



> Clef on the and Line for
the Two Preceding Sets


D Minor
list Passage.



3rd.


D Major


2nd.


3rd.


E Minor
lst Passage.


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2nd.


3rd.


Clef on the and Line.

= $2 \times$ C Major can be played in this key.


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\mathrm{E}^{\mathrm{b}} \text { Minor }
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last Passage.

and.


$$
\mathrm{F}^{\#} \text { Minor }
$$

list Passage.

and.


Clef on the and Line.


End of the passages for the recorder.

## OF THE LEADING TONE AND THE RULES WHICH

ONE MUST OBSERVE IN THE PRELUDE

That which is called the leading tone of the key is the major seventh, as $I$ began to relate in the first chapter. But as it is not naturally major in all keys, a sharp is put here in those [keys] where it is naturally minor. For example, in the key of $D$, the $C$, which is the seventh, must be sharped; in the key of $E$, the $D$ must be sharped; in the key of $F$, it is naturally major; in the key of $G$, the $F$ must be sharped; in the key of $C$, it is naturally major. These notes are sharped by means of an accidental, except for $F$ in the key of $G$, which is ordinarily sharped in the key signature. ${ }^{1}$

These keys of which I have just spoken are the natural modes. Now let us see what the others are and how they are treated. I begin again, then, with the seven scales ${ }^{2}$ of the octave in their most usual transpositions, which I find comes to eleven. I shall give an example of each in particular.
Examples.
D Major.

in the key signature.
${ }^{1}{ }_{\text {la clef }}$.
${ }^{2}$ les 7 Modes de 1 Octave.


C Minor.

) Here one puts a 4 .

By these examples, one sees that in any key whatsoever, the seventh must always be major, especially in ascending to the tonic. We observe simply that in minor keys, ${ }^{1}$ the seventh is more frequently minor than major in descending, as is the sixth, also.

Example. D Minor


Nevertheless, if one doesn't go beyond the sixth, A, in descending, or even the fifth, B, and if he must ascend again immediately after that, then the sixth, and sometimes also the seventh, $D$, may be major. Furthermore, if one stops on the seventh, $C$, in descending, it must always be made major.
lst Example. D Minor

${ }^{1}$ les tons dont la $3^{\text {ce }}$ est mineure.


Another Example. Taken from the 3rd Variation in Minor, page 29.


The seventh is also sometimes minor in descending in major keys as one can see in the following.

Example. G Minor


Although the Fth, $D$, seems to ascend, it descends nevertheless to the fth, E.

Another Example. C Major


But it is essential to make it major in ascending in any key whatsoever, because if one were to make it the opposite, he would fall into a completely different modulation although the notes are in the same order.

## Examples.



I am going to continue this same project with some observations and some remarks. I shall make it modulate ${ }^{1}$ in the key of $G$ major, I shall introduce a cadence on $D$ which is the fifth of the key, [and] then $I$ shall make it return to its key in order to finish.


These four measures are in the key of $G$; to change the key it is necessary to bring in a leading tone from another key.

Example.


This C\#-D-causes me to enter the key of $D$ because it is the leading tone of it. Let us follow the same prelude up to the cadence in this key.

${ }^{1}$ je le feray moduler.

The cadence on $D$ is made here; now it is necessary to return to the key of $G$ in order to finish.


I returned to my key and my final cadence without hardly turning aside, yet I touch upon an $F$ natural-E-which could have taken me to the key of $C$ if I had wished to prolong my prelude and to vary it some more, as one sees by the following example, where $I$ once again take this same F natural -E and close with a cadence in $C$.


One will notice by this example, then, that the minor seventh can lead to a cadence on the fourth of the key.

The cadence on $C$ is in the key of $G$, although it does not fall on one of the cordes of the key; I shall explain this further in the following chapter.

But as I have established that one cannot move from one key to another without a leading tone, and yet there seems to be none in the last example at the place where I introduced the cadence on $C$, I will say, to explain this problem, that this leading tone which does not appear is nevertheless in the harmony, and that if one were to compose a bass beneath the $F$ natural- $E$-which precedes this cadence, a $B$ would necessarily occur in its accompaniment, or even in the bass itself. Example.


One will perhaps be pleased to see the same idea worked out in $C$. I shall introduce a cadence on $G$, which is the fifth of the key.

$1_{\text {module. }}$


## EXPLANATION OF CADENCES AND OF THE DISTRIBUTION <br> WHICH ONE MUST MAKE OF THEM IN <br> MAJOR AND MINOR KEYS

As it seems to have happened that many persons were not instructed in what are called cadences, I shall say that in reference to composition, or modulation, this term means "falling," that is to say that the modulation, having for some space of time run over the cordes of a certain key, comes to fall on its tonic and finishes. Then, again taking another, it proceeds in this manner, from cadence to cadence, to that which at last forms the final cadence of the piece ${ }^{l}$ of music. Here are several examples of some of them.


On A.
On F .
On E.
On B.


These cadences are called perfect or final [cadences], and there are a certain number of them within the extent of a prelude or piece. Each key has its appropriate cadences. For example, in minor keys, cadences are

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morceau.
made on the 3 rd , on the 5 th , on the 4 th , and sometimes on the 7 th , [and] then the final. There is hardly any piece, unless it be a long one, which contains this number of cadences. In major keys, cadences are made on the fifth, on the sixth, on the second, and on the fourth, [and] then the final. The cadence on the fourth is put in place of that on the third, which is only very rarely made in major keys.

There is yet another sort of cadence which is called [an] imperfect [cadence]. Some of them can be seen in the following example from an opera overture by Mr. Lully. It is from Thesée. ${ }^{1}$

Example.

${ }^{1}$ Jean-Bantiste Lully, Thesée, Tragedie Mise en Musique. . . 2 Seconde Edition (Paris: Ballard, 1720), prologue, overture, treble part, measures 1-16. Hotteterre's example varies in some details of ornamentation. Modern edition in Les chef d'oeuvres classiques de l'opera francois, 40 vols., Jean B. Weckerlin, et. al., eds. (Leipzig: Breitkopf \& Härtel, [1880]; reprint ed., New York: Broude Brothers, 1971), vol. 26, p. 1. (Les chefs d'oeuvre classiques is hereafter cited as CF.) The example is transcribed here as it appears in Hotteterre's book, with the treble part in the $G$ clef on the first line, so that this example, like the examples in Chapter XI, may more readily be compared with its original source.

## Imperfect <br> Cadence



What will help in distinguishing between imperfect and perfect cadences is that the latter ones always fall on the tonic-or sometimes, but rarely, on the third -of the modulation which precedes them, whereas the imperfect ones are treated in a different way, as one can see above. For example, the cadence-A-ends on $E$, but it is not preceded by a modulation to that key since the $D$, which is the seventh, is not sharped. Therefore, it is imperfect. In the same manner, the cadence-B-falls on D, but the C natural which precedes it proves that it is not in the key of D. The bass is also treated differently in one and the other because in the perfect cadences, the note which precedes the toniclabsolutely must be

[^6]the fifth of the key, and in the imperfect [cadence], it is not the same.

We will note two things here. First, that one sometimes finds cadences of a type which are not placed in the class of true cadences, as for example, the one which may be seen in the preceding example at C, which according to the modulation of the treble has completely the form of an imperfect cadence, and according to the bass could not pass for such at all. But these examples are rare, and it even seems that in this excerpt the celebrated composer has affected a unique turn of modulation for which the work indeed deserves admiration because of the variety contained within such a limited extent.

The second remark which we have to make is that perfect cadences which end on the third seem to suspend the tune more than to bring it to a perfect conclusion. Also, one sees hardly any of these endings ${ }^{\text {lexcept }}$ in Airs de Trompettes. Here are some examples.

The key of the piece is $C$.
This cadence is on $G$.


I shall not speak here at all of the third sort of cadence which is called "broken cadence, " ${ }^{2}$ because the difference is only in the bass.

There is an explanation of all the types of cadences which ordinarily are introduced into the prelude or other type of music. In

[^7]${ }^{2}$ Cadence rompue.
practice, then, one can distribute the perfect [cadences] according to the order which I followed in the list of them which I made above. ${ }^{1}$ As for the imperfect [cadences], they place themselves as they are introduced by the tune. Both sorts of them will be found in the preludes contained in this book, by which one can be guided; in addition, one will consult the works of the best composers. At the end of this book, I shall give two lengthy ${ }^{2}$ preludes in which I shall introduce cadences on all the degrees of the octave, which is something out of the ordinary.
$1_{\text {See p. }} 1_{4}$ 5-146.
${ }^{2}$ grands.

## CHAPTER IX

METHOD FOR DISCERNING AT THE BEGINNING OF A PIECE
IN WHAT KEY IT IS, WITH AN EXPLANATION
CONCERIING THE MINOR THIRD
AND THE MAJOR THIRD

It is not easy for those who are not accomplished in music to know at the beginning of a piece what key it is in; this requires much practice, or even a smattering of composition. Here I shall explain this sub.ject as clearly as $I$ can, ${ }^{1}$ and $I$ shall say that the first note of a piece (as I have already said) must be the tonic or one of the cordes of the key, which are the third and the fifth. But since the cordes of one key may also be those of another, one can often misinterpret these signs; for example, $D$ may be the tonic of D. It may also be the third of $B$, or even the fifth of $G$. Thus, of all these, it is any one in particular. Therefore, the first note is not enough to determine the key of a piece. In addition, it is necessary to run over the first several measures and to observe the intervals which are found there, which usually must be the cordes of the key. The leading tone is also found here often enough, which is why it is necessary to notice if there is a sharped note- [shown] either in the key signature or with an accidental-because it is almost certain to be this note. But it is not easy to discover it in the key of $C$ and in that of $F$, where (as I have observed elsewhere) it is natural and has no sharp which

[^8]could make it noticeable. This same difficulty will exist also in the keys of $B^{b}, E^{b}$, and some others; that is why in these keys one will judge only by the intervals. Here I shall give simply these two examplé.

## Air.



## Air.

And again, this.


Therefore if one finds an air which modulates at the beginning as this first[example does], it will not be difficult to know that it is in $C$, seeing that it begins with $G$, which is the fifth of $C$, then falls ${ }^{l}$ on the third, then on the tonic, rises again to the fifth, then to the octave, strikes the leading tone, falls to the fifth, etc. The key of $C$ is found to be established without question.

As for the second [example], it begins on $D$, then strikes all the cordes of the key, comes to fall on CH , which is the leading tone, and returns to the tonic, which is sufficient to establish the key.

One will also anply one's self to notice what is in the key signature, ? and he will be able to read a good indication of it, because if there is a single flat, it can only be $G$ minor or $F$ natural, [or] sometimes, but rarely, D. If there are two of them, meaning one on $B$ and the other on $E$, it can only be $B^{b}$ major, $C$ minor, [or] sometimes, but rarely, also $G$ minor. If there is a sharp on $F$, it can only be $G$ major or $E$ minor, [or] sometimes A major. And in the same manner, other keys of which some examples can be seen in the chanter on the leading tone, page 137, and in

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ce aui accomnagne la clef.
the preludes, page 34 and following. There one will also notice that when there are neither sharps nor flats in the key signature, it can only be C major, D minor, or A minor. It is true that not all airs indicate their key as clearly as these of which I have given examoles above; I find, for example, that those of which the beginning goes by the intervals of the second or the fourth and [which] form chutes of the siyth on the notes-which are not at all the cordes of the key-will not puzzle those who have experience, but for the others, they will go over it further until they will have discovered what they are searching, and as it is use ${ }^{l}$ which gives this experience, they will in this way acquire the most of it they can. I shall also say that these types of airs are not the most numerous. One will perhaps be well pleased to see some examples of them.

Overture from the Opera Béllerophon ${ }^{2}$ In the Key of $C$.

$\mathrm{l}_{\text {1'habitude. }}$
${ }^{2}$ Lully. Béllerophon, Tragédie Mise en Musique . . . (Paris:
Christophe Ballard, 1679), prologue, overture, treble part, measures l-5. Rhythm in measure 4 occurs as $\sqrt{.7}$ J. . Differs also in a few details of ornamentation from Hotteterre's example. Modern edition in CF, vol. 19, p. 1 .

| Air from Cadmus |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Same Key. | From the Same Opera ${ }^{2}$ |
| Same Key. |  |



Air from the Opera Proserpine ${ }^{3}$


Air from Le Temple de la Paix
Same Key.

${ }^{1}$ Lully, Cadmus et Hermione, Tragedie Mise en Musique . . . (Paris : J-P Christophe Ballard, 1719, act 1, sc. 3, duo, "Serons-nous dans le silence," part for la Nourrice, measures l-2. The melody is also that of the following gavotte which is played before the second verse is sung. Modern edition in Oeuvres complètes de J-B Lully, ed. Henry Prunieres, vol. 1, Cadmus et Fermione, pp. $191 \& 192$.
${ }^{2}$ Apparently from Lully's Cadmus et Hermione. I have been unable to identify this exactly, however.
$3_{\text {Lully, }}$ Proserpine ( 18 th-century MS copy, Library of Congress, M1500/.L95), p. 415, act 5, sc. 6, "Premier Air," treble part, measures 1-3. Modern edition in CF, vol. 24, p. 355.
${ }^{4}$ Lully, Ballet du Temple de la paix . . . (Paris: Ballard, 1685), prologue, "Preparons-nous pour la Feste nouvelle," voice part, measures 1-2.
${ }^{5}$ Lully, Roland, Tragedie Mise en Musique . . . (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1685), D. j, prologue, overture, treble part, measures 1-4. Has additional signs for trills ( $t, t r$ ) not given by Hotteterre.

It frequently happens, as one can see by these examples, that the second measure modulates to the fourth. This is why we make note of it. Sometimes one begins an air with a note which is not one of the chordes of the key; but these are [artistic] licenses and are rarely found. One [example] of this type can be seen on page [s] 169-170.

I will be told, perhaps, that in order to discern the key of a piece without giving one's self so much trouble, one has only to look at the last note ${ }^{l}$ and he will see it at once. I agree with that, although the rule is, nevertheless, not without some exceptions; but I shall answer that among those people who apply themselves to the sciences, there are some who content themselves to run over the surface of them, and others who cannot examine them thoroughly enough to satisfy their taste. ${ }^{2}$ But it is for these latter ones that I have written this, and not for the others.

I shall end this chapter with an explanation of what is $[a]$ minor third and [a] major third within a key. In order to prepare one's self to do this, it is first necessary to know that between one tone and another there is more or less considerable interval. As for example, from $D$ to $E$ there is a whole-step, and from $E$ to $F$ there is only a half-step, etc., in the same way as is demonstrated in the first example, page 26 . Thus once one knows how to calculate it, it will be easy to know the third of any key whatsoever; he will bear in mind only that the minor third is made up of a [whole]-step and a half-step, and the major third, of two
${ }^{1} 1$ n note finale.
${ }^{2}$ et autres qui ne peuvent a leur gré assez les approfondir.
whole-steps. I wish to know, for example, of what sort is the third of D. ${ }^{1}$ For that, I begin to count from D, which is my tonic, going up to $E$, and I find a whole-step; I continue my calculation to $F$, which is the third of $D$, and find only a half-step; this tells me, therefore, that the key of $D$ has a minor third because it is made up of only a [whole-] step and a half-step. In the same manner, I wish to know the third of C; I find that from $C$ to $D$, it is a whole-step, and from $D$ to $E$, a whole-step, which makes two [whole-] steps; so the key of $C$ has a major third.

One may apply this observation to all sorts of music, assuring himself first of the key. He will also pay attention to the sharps and flats which are often found in the key signature [and] which change the third according to the lines or spaces on which they are placed, since as one must know, the sharp raises by a half-step, and the flat lowers by as much. The preludes which I have given in this book will be particularly suitable to put these principles into practice.

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## CHAPTER X

## METHOD FOR LEARNING TO TRANSPOSE IN ALL THE <br> CLEFS AND ALL THE KEYS

The most commonly used clef for instruments which play the treble is the G clef; it has two positions, one on the first line, and the other on the second. It is the former position which is the most usual in French Simphonies. It is also the most suitable for flutes and obses, seeing that it divides the range equally enough, and that one is not obliged to draw a great many lines above the usual five as is done in some foreign countries where this clef is used only on the second line, and where the pieces which are played on these instruments-and principally on the recorder-are sometimes so high that they cannot be notated without drawing three and four lines above the staff while those on the bottom are never used. I am not attempting here to condemn nor to reform this practice, but rather to give some instructions for learning to play in all the clefs in their various positions.

Therefore, I will begin with that of $G$ on the second line, taking for granted that one has complete mastery of it on the first line. And I will say that this clef, being thus transposed two degrees, likewise transposes all the notes which it governs, so that the $G$ which one was accustomed to find on the first line will be henceforth on the second.

Example. G Clef on the list Line.

First Line


Same Clef on the and Line.


Therefore, one will endeavor to imagine that the line from above is moved below the others.

Example on the list Line.
The Same Notes on the and Line.


Or else one will suppose for a while that it is not there at all.

Example. The Same Notes as Before.


This is nearly all that one can say- [and said], I believe, in the most intelligible and concise [manner]-concerning this position, but one cannot become familiar with it without much use, which is why one will practice sufficiently. To this end, one can make use of the preludes from this same book by playing them in this clef, as one will find at the end of each set.

We shall go on now to the clef. We shall direct our attention first of all to its most usual position, which is on the first line, and we shall make two observations. The first is that one can play in this clef making the notes precisely what they are in relation to the clef, which the following demonstrates.


One can put this demonstration into practice with the following examples in the C clef.

One must therefore assume that the $G$ clef is on the third lineas above, placed before the C clefmand he must endeavor to imagine that the two top lines, written with small dots, are moved below-where one sees two others, also written with dots, and marked "first," and "second." These assumptions, together with practice, can soon make this transposition familiar.

As for the second observation which we have to make, it is that one can play in this clef as in that of $G$ on the first line, provided that he follows the following remarks exactly. That will transpose [it] a fifth higher.

First remark. When the key is without flats or sharps in the C clef, one must imagine a sharp on $F$ in the $G$ clef.


Second. When there is a flat on the fourth line in the c clef, one must make all the notes natural.


Third. If there are two flats, one makes only one of them, on B.


Fourth. If there are three flats, one makes them on $B$ and on $E$, etc. ${ }^{1}$
$I_{\text {It }}$ is not particularly clear what Hotteterre intends by his "\&c," but it is obvious that he does not mean that any more than two flats should be used in the transposition.


Fifth. When there is a sharp, one imagines [one of] them on $F$ and [one] on $C$.
Example. C Clef G Clef


Sixth. If there are two of them, one sharps $F, C$, and $G$.


And in the same manner, the others which may occur.
This last operation presents no difficulty in comparison to that which precedes it, to which one must apply himself quite a lot because it leads to the ability to play airs at their true pitch and in unison with the voice.

We still have three positions of the same clef, which are firstly, on the second line; secondly, on the third; and thirdly, on the fourth. The first of these three is but little used except for the violas. Nevertheless,

[^10]I shall not neglect to give the rules for it after $I$ have spoken of the other two.

As concerns the position on the third line, with which I am going to begin, it will be well to make one ${ }^{p}$ self better acquainted with it. Here is the computation that must be made: the $C$ clef is set on the third line; as a result, the note which is on this line will be a $C$; in this way, this $C$, as well as all the other notes, will be found a degree higher than in the $G$ clef on the first line. Therefore, in my head, I must imagine all of them a degree lower than they are in this clef until I have become used to this transposition.

Example. C Clef.
The Same Notes in the G Clef.


Sol La Si Ut Re Mi Fa Sol La Si Ut Sol La Si Ut
One can practice this rule on the following examples notated in the $C$ clef.

One can also play in this clef as if it were that of $G$ by observing the changes which will be seen demonstrated here. That will be found a second higher according to our plan. 1

C Clef.
G Clef.

$1_{\text {Here, and throughout the rest of the chapter, Hotteterre }}$ discounts the octave transpositions which result from his comparisons of the $C$ and $G$ clefs. Here, for example, the notes will be found a ninth, rather than a second, higher in the G clef.


In order to follow the outline which I set myself, I will now discuss the position on the fourth line, and I will say that the note which is found on this line-following the rule established-becomes a $C$, and that transposes $C$, and as a result all the other notes, four degrees higher ${ }^{l}$ than in the $G$ clef on the first line.

Example.

$1_{\text {Hotteterre }}$ is mistaken. He should say "three," rather than "four degrees higher." He is correct, however, in the next paragraph when he says that the notes will be transposed a fourth higher (again discounting the octave transposition).

If one wishes to play in this clef as in that of $G$, here are the changes it will be necessary to make. That will transpose the notes a fourth higher.

Examples.

C Clef.

G Clef.


C Clef.
G Clef.


C Clef.
G Clef.


I return to the position of this clef on the second line as $I$ promised. Here, then, are the comparisons which one will make with the $G$ clef on the first line.

Example.
The Same Notes in the G Clef.


Here also is the manner of playing in this clef as in that of $G$. That will lower all the notes by a whole-step. Examples.
C Clef.
G Clef.
W
C Clef.
G Clef.


> C Clef.

G Clef.


C Clef.
G Clef.


There is the plan which to me seems the simplest and the most intelligible for the various positions [of the $C$ clef]; it is only necessary to use them and to practice a great deal on these transpositions if one wishes to become familiar with them.

So as not to omit anything, I shall give some information concerning the $F$ clef. Although this clef is never used for the transverse flute, one may, nevertheless, find it of some use, as in playing basses which do not have too great a range, and also pleasing vocal airs. ${ }^{1}$ The operation is simple enough, as one will see. It will be necessary, then, to play in the F clef on the fourth line in the same manner as in the $G$ clef on the first, with this difference, that one always puts the notes an octave lower than they are, ${ }^{2}$ as long as that can be done without making a poor melody. ${ }^{3}$ One will also take care to play only abovermiddle D, except in rare instances. Here $I$ shall give some examples.

## Examples.

Bass of an Air from the Prologue to the Overa Persée ${ }^{4}$


Apolication of the Rules Above, Or the Manner of Playing the Same Bass on the Flute

${ }^{1}$ d'un chant gracieux.
2i.e. an octave lower than they appear to be. In this way, passages will be played generally an octave, rather than two octaves, higher than the original.

3 faire de mauvais chant. That is, this octave transposition may be used so long as it does not require awkward skips to accommodate the range of the instrument.
${ }^{4}$ Lully, Persee, Tragedie Mise en Musique. . . (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1682), pp. xij-xiij, prologue, duet for Megathyme and Pronime, bass line, measures 1-31. Measure 31 is (d.d|, rather than as in Hotteterre's example. Kodern edition in CF, vol. 22, p. 13-15 (some variants).


Bass of an Air from the Prologue to the Opera Amadis ${ }^{1}$


Aodication of the Rules to the Same Air

${ }^{1}$ Lully, Amadis, Tragedie Mise en Musique - . . (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1684), pp. xxxix-ix, prologue, chorus for "une des suivantes d Urgande \& le Choeur." Nodern edition in Oeuvres complètes de J-B Lully, vol. 3, Amadis, p. 34.

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Air from the Prologue to the Opera Roland ${ }^{1}$


Apolication of the Rules to the Same Air

${ }^{l_{\text {Lully, }}}$ Roland, pp. xxxix-xlj, prologue, second entrée, "C'est l'Amour qui nous menace," vocal bass line, beginning measure 1 . Varies slightly from Hotteterre's example.

If one wishes to play a vocal air which is in this clef and which descends below $D$ on the third line, it will be necessary, in order to put it in an appropriate range, to suppose it [to be] in the $C$ clef on the first line, or in that of $G$ on the second line.

This excerpt descends to $B$.
It is from the opera Roland. ${ }^{1}$


In the C Clef In the G Clef on the Second Line


With regard to this last clef, one will be guided for the various keys by the preludes of this book, at the end of each one of which I have put one of them. ${ }^{2}$

The $F$ clef is sometimes found on the third line, which moves all the notes two degrees lower. Thus, one will make a special study of this which consists of setting the $F$ on the third line and all the notes in proportion [to it] as follows.

$1_{\text {Lully, Roland, }}$ p. 35, act 1, sc. 6. "Triomphez charmante Reyne," voice part, measures 1-4.
${ }^{2}$ Hotteterre should say that he has put one at the end of each set of preludes, not at the end of each prelude. Cf. p. 157.

I am going to demonstrate that by means of the various positions of the clefs, the same note can be placed on all the lines and on all the spaces, which will give an idea of the variety of transpositions.


All these G's correspond to that in the lowest octave of the transverse flute with the exception of the two which I have marked "8va" which correspond to that in the next octave according to our plan. It yet remains for me to discuss the manner in which one can transpose an air in one key to another because there is not a one which cannot be played in all the keys in the manner which I am going to demonstrate. For that, I shall choose that old brunette which everyone knows. It is in a minor key.

Air, or Brunette ${ }^{1}$
In the key of $G$.


IThe name for simple, popular French songs of this type, "brunette," is thought to come from this particular example in which the text runs, "Le beau berger Tircis. . /Chantait dessus sa Musette:/ Ah! petite Brunete, / Ah tu me fais mourir!" A setting of this song is found in Brunetes, ou petits airs tendres avec les doubles et la Basse Continue, published by Ballard in 1703, and in Michel Pinolet de Monteclair's Brunetes anciennes et modernes, Ier Receuil. . . (Paris, n.d.), both of which are found in Carol MacClintock, ed. The Solo Song 1580-1730 (New York: W. W. Norton \& Company, Inc., 1973), pp. 215-219.


Note that the 3 rd does not change at all.
In A In B Minor In C Minor


In D In E Minor In F Minor


One sees that this air is transposed to [each of] the seven degrees [of the octave], always moving up by a whole-step. Thus, one can follow this method to transpose all sorts of music providing that he observes that the notes are all in the same interval as the original subject. One can also transpose by half-steps, but as this leads to extremely odd and rarely used modulations, I I will not give a method for it. Nevertheless, one will be able to do it according to the same principles which I have fust discussed if he has much inclination.
$I_{\text {i.e. Keys. }}$

OF THE VARIOUS SORTS OF METERS, ${ }^{1}$ WITH EXPLANATIONS
OF THE EIGHTH NOTES, ETC.

What is most problematical when one begins to beat time is the number of signs which distinguish the different sorts of [meters]. There are eleven sorts of them of which I am going to give examples and explanations.

## Meter of Four Slow Beats

This meter is marked by a $C$. It is made up of four quarter notes or the equivalent; it is beaten in four beats, and ordinarily very slowly. Eighth notes are equal and [are] as long as quarter notes in other meters; sixteenth notes are pointed, that is, one long and one short. It is used in vocal and instrumental [music] alike, as are nearly all the other meters. For example, in this first sort, it is much used in recitative in general, as also in many airs, whether from motets or cantatas, rarely in French opera, but frequently in Italian opera. In instrumental [works], it is suitable for preludes or first movements of sonatas, for allemands, adagios, fugues, etc., but little for Airs de Ballet.

[^11]Examples.
Recitative from the Opera Roland ${ }^{1}$


Ah! que mon coeur est agite!

Air from [a]Motet by Mr. Campra, Book $2^{2}$
Recitative from a Cantata by Mr. Clerambault, Book $2^{3}$


Prelude Prom a Sonata
by Simn Corelli, Op. 54

$1_{\text {Lully, Roland, }}$ p. 2, act 1 , sc. 1, recitative for Angelique, "Ah: que mon coeur est agite," measures 1-2. Rhythm varies slightly.
${ }^{2}$ André Campra, "II. Motet a voix seule, et deux dessus de violons," from Motets A I, II, et III. voix, et instruments avec la basse continue.. Livre Second (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1700), included in Recueil des Motets Mis en Musique par Monsieur Campra (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1703), book 2, p. 23, "Florete parata," voice part, measures 5-6. This is marked "Gravement." Beaming and slurring differ slightly in Hotteterre's example.
${ }^{3}$ Louis Nicholas Clerambault, "Léandre et Hero, Cantate II. A voix seule et simphonie," from Cantates Francoises Mellées de Simphonies. . . Livre II ${ }^{e}$ (Paris: I'Autheur et Foucault, 1713), p. 19, voice part, measures 22-23.
${ }^{4}$ Archangelo Corelli, Parte prima (seconda) Eonata a violino e violone o cimbalo, Op. 5 (Rome, 1700), Sonata 9, first movement, "Preludio, Largo," violin part, measure 1. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres de Archangelo Corelli, ed. by J. Joachim and F. Chrysander (London: Augener, Ltd., [1888-91]), hereafter cited as Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 80.
${ }^{5}$ Corelli, Op. 5, p. 76, Sonata 10, second movement, "Allemande. Allegre," violin part, measure 1. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 86.

It will be quite apropos in all the meters to give notice of the tempo as almost always practiced by the Italians where the same sort is sometimes very lively and sometimes very slow.

## Meter of Barred C

This meter, indicated by the sign " $\boldsymbol{H}$," is made up in the same way as the preceding, of four quarter notes, etc. Eighth notes must be strictly equal unless the composer has put dots there. Its tempo is usually [in] four light and easy or two slow beats. The Italians use it but little except for what they call Tempo di Gavotta and Tempo di Capella, or Tempo alla breve. In this last, it is beaten in two light and easy beats.

Examples.
By Sign. Stuk[sic], Book $1^{1} \quad$ By Signr Corelli, Op. $5^{2}$

${ }^{1}$ Jean-Baptiste Stuck, "Cantate III avec deux Violons," from Cantates Francoises a voix seule, avec Symphonies . . . (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1706), pp. 40-41, fourth air, marked "air guay," measures 15-18.
${ }^{2}$ Corelli, Op. 5, p. 74. Sonata 9, third movement, "Tempo di Gavotta, Allegro," violin part, measures l-3. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 83.


Mr. Lully used it in his operas somewhat indifferently with that of simple 2. One finds there much unevenness, as in [the works of] many others. It seems to me enough in its true character in the Tempo di Gavotta of the Italians and in the two following examples.

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| From the Opera Alceste |  |
| 2 Slow Beats | From Armide |



One may conclude that this meter occupies the middle between the four beats marked with a $C$ and the two beats marked with a simple 2 , as we are going to see.
${ }^{1}$ Corelli, Sonate à trédue violini e violone ò Arcileuto col Basso per l'organo. . Op. 3. (Bologna: Pier-Maria Monti, 1695), Violin I part, p. 14, Sonata 4, fourth movement, "Presto," measures 1-2. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 1-3, p. 146.
${ }^{2}$ Clerambault, "La Musette, Cantate III. a voix seule et avec une Musette," from Cantates Francoises... Livre IIe, p. 50, "Air gay," voice part, measures 6-8 (also measures 14-16).
$3_{\text {Lully, }}$ Alceste. Tragedie Mise en Musique. . . . Premier Edition (Paris: H. de Baussen, 1708), p. 121, act 3, sc. 5, "Pompe funebre," treble part, measure 1-4. Modern edition in Oeuvres complètes, vol. 2, p. 197.
${ }^{4}$ Lully, Armide, Tragedie Mise en Musique. . . Seconde Edition
(Paris: Ballard, 1713), p. 59, act 1, sc. 4, measures 24-25, duo for Hiraot and Armide, Hiraot's part. Modern edition in Robert Eitner, ed., Publika= tionen aelterer praktischer und theoretischer Musikwerke (Leipzig: Breitkof \& Härtel, 1885; reprint ed., New York: Brode Brothers, 1966), vol. 14, p. 68.

## Meter of Two Beats

This meter is marked with a simple 2. It is made up of two half notes or the equivalent; it is beaten in two equal beats. It is ordinarily lively and staccato. It is used in the beginnings of opera overtures, in entrées of ballets, marches, bourées, gavottes, rigaudons, branles, cotillons, etc. Eighth notes are pointed. It is unknown in Italian music.

Examples.
Overture from the Opera Phaëton ${ }^{1}$ Entrée from the Same Opera ${ }^{2}$


March from the Same ${ }^{3}$
Bourée from the Same ${ }^{4}$

${ }^{1}$ Lully, Phä̈ton, Tragedie Mise en Musique... Troisième Edition (Amsterdam: Pierre Mortier, 1711), p. 1, prologue, overture, measures l-3. The rhythm in measure 2 appears as dJ. $f$ rather than as in Hotteterre's example. Modern edition in CF, vol. 23, p. 1.
${ }^{2}$ Lully, Phaëton, D. 47, prologue, "Air pour les suivants de Saturne," treble part, measures 1-2. Modern edition in CF, vol. 23, p. 33.
${ }^{3}$ Lully, Phaëton, p. 193, act 3, sc. 4, "Marche, où dansent les Peuples qui portent des presens a Isis," treble part, measures 1-3. Modern edition in CF, vol. 23, p. 185. (Some variants.)

4Lully, Phaëton, p. 49, prologue, "Bourée pour les Suivants de Saturne, \& les Suivantes d'Astree," treble part, measures 1-2. Modern edition in CF, vol. 23, p. 34.


If one uses it for slow pieces, he must give a notice. One can say, besides, that this meter is properly that of $C$ divided in two, and [with] the eighth notes changed to quarters.

## Major Triple, or Double Triple Time

This meter is marked with the sign " 3 ." It is made up of three half notes, etc. It is usually beaten in three slow beats; the quarter notes are pointed, like eighth notes in the others. It is used in pathetic and tender excerpts, like sommeils, plaintes, cantatas, graves in sonatas, and for courantes for dancing.

Examples.
"Sommeil de Protée," in Phaëton ${ }^{3}$

$I_{\text {Lully }}$ Roland, p. xxxvij, prologue, second entrée, "Gavotte," treble part, measures l-3.
${ }^{2}$ Campra, L'Europa Galante . . . (Paris: Jean-Baptiste Christophe Ballard, 1724; facsimile reprint ed., Farnborough, Hants., England: Gregg Press Ltd., 1967), p. 93, second entrée, sc. 3, "Premier Rigaudon," treble part, measures l-2.
${ }^{3}$ Lully, Phaëton, p. 96, act 1, sc. 5, air, "Heureux qui peut voir du rivage," treble part, measures 118-120. Not included in CF.

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\text { Another, from the Opera Persée }{ }^{1} \quad \text { Duo in Phaëton }{ }^{2}
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It is also notated
in this way. Air from the lst Cantata of Mr. Bernier ${ }^{3}$


Passacaille From the Opera Armide ${ }^{4}$ Chaconne From Phaeton 5

$1_{\text {Lully, Persée, act } 3 \text {, sc. } 3 \text {, treble of interlude before entrance of }}$ Meduse with words "O tranquile sommeil," measures l-4. Measure 4 is d. ل) $ل$ rather than as in Hotteterre's example. Modern edition in CF, vol. 22, p. 181.
${ }^{2}$ Lully Phaëton, act 5, sc. 3, air for Lybie and Epaphons beginning "O rigoureux martyre!," Lybie's part, measures 68-71. Does not include the trill on the first beat of measure 1 shown by Hotteterre. Modern edition, CF, vol. 23, p. 289. This same example is cited by Saint-Lambert in his Les principes du clavecin (1702) as a situation in which quarter notes in three-two time would be performed unequal. For the passage by Saint-Lambert and a discussion of it, see Powell, pp. 113-115.
${ }^{3}$ Probably Nicholas Bernier, from whose works Hotteterre cites other examples. I have been unable to identify this passage, however.

4ully, Armide, p. 161, act 5, sc. 1, Passacaille, treble part, measures 1-3 (also measures 5-7). Measure 3 (7) has a trill marked on the first note. Modern edition, CF, vol. 17, p. 277.
${ }^{5}$ Lully, Phaëton, p. 160, act 2, sc. 5, "Chaconne, où dansent une troupe d'Egyptiens et Egyptiennes. Une troupe d'Ethiopens et d'Ethiopiennes. Une troupe d'Indiens et d'Indiennes," treble part, measures l-3. The first beat of measure 1 and of measure 2 each has " + " marked above it. Modern edition in CF, vol. 23, p. 151. Michel Corrette cites this passage in his Methode, theorique et pratique, pour apprendre en peu de tems le violoncelle dans sa perfection (Paris: l'autheur, 1741), p. 5. For the passage by Corrette and a discussion of it, see Powell, pD. 165-66.


Air de Demons. It is from Thésée 3 Menuet. It is from Roland. ${ }^{3}$


Example of this same type of meter with equal eighth notes.
Couplet of the Passacaille from Armide ${ }^{5}$

${ }^{1}$ AndréCardinal Destouches, Issé, Pastorale Heroique. . . Nouvelle Edition, augmenté de deux Actes (Paris: Christophe Ballard, 1708), act 4, sc. 2, "Sarabande." marked "Lentement," treble part, measures 1-3. This edition gives this passage the rhythm $\partial J_{+}|\lambda . \rho| l \mid+\lambda . \rho$. Another edition published by Ballard [1697?] gives the rhythm as $j \lambda+1\|.5\|+d . \rho\rangle$. Modern edition in CF, vol. 10, p. 191 (variants).
${ }^{2}$ Lully, Persée, act 5, sc. 3, "Air pour les sacrificateurs," treble part, measures l-3. Varies slightly from Hotteterre's example. Modern edition in CF, vol. 22, p. 291.
${ }^{3}$ Lully, Thésée, p. 155, act 3, sc. 7, "Seconde Air," listed in the "Table-Airs a jouer" as "Deuxieme Air, pour les mêmes [́..e. pour les Demons]", treble part, measures l-2.
${ }^{4}$ Lully, Roland, p. 236, act 4, sc. 2, treble part, measures 1-3 of p .236.

5Lully, Armide, pp. 162-163, act 5, sc. 1, "Passacaille," treble part, measures 61-65. Michel Corrette cites this passage as an example of one in which eighth notes are played equal. For this passage by Corrette and a discussion of it, see Powell, pp. 164-165; 167. Modern edition in CF, vol. 17, p. 279.

What makes the eighth notes equal in this instance is first that they leap by intervals and more importantly, that they are mixed with sixteenth notes.

Courante by Sig. Corelli ${ }^{1}$
Other examples in Italian music, with equal eighth notes.


Sarabande by the Same ${ }^{2}$
Basses of sarabandes of the Italians when they are all eighths.


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8 Time, Called Minor Triple
This meter is made up of a dotted quarter note, etc. It is beaten in one beat when it is in its true tempo, which must be lively. Some composers have used it, nevertheless, in very slow airs; then it is beaten in three beats, like simple triple or even major triple. It is suitable for light airs like canaries, passepieds, etc. Eighth notes are equal, and sixteenth notes, pointed.
${ }^{1}$ Corelli, 0p. 5, p. 64, Sonata 7, second movement, "Corrente. Allegro," violin part, measures l-3. The passage begins with an eighth note, rather than with a sixteenth note, as in Hotteterre's example. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3. p. 71.
${ }^{2}$ Corelli, 0p. 5, p. 47, Sonata 8, third movement, bass line, measures 1-3. The last note of this example is an $E$ in the edition of 1700 , which corresponds to what Hotteterre has given; in later editions, the note is D. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 78.


By the Same, in Op. $3^{5}$


This meter is made up of three dotted quarter notes, etc. It is beaten in three beats; eighth notes are equal, and sixteenth notes, pointed.

[^12]It is sometimes used in cantatas, but more often in sonatas, and especially in gigues. It has been commonly used in France for only a short time.

Examples.
In the lst Cantata by Mr. Bernier ${ }^{1}$ Gigue by Sig. Masciti ${ }^{2}$


Sometimes one puts three eighth notes for a beat in simple triple time, which amounts to the same thing.

Example.
From the 3rd Cantata by Mr. Clerambault ${ }^{3}$

$I_{\text {Nicholas Bernier, "Pre Cantate, Diane," from Cantates Francoises }}$ ou Musiaue de Chambre a voix seule, Avec Simphonie et Sans Simphonie. Avec Basse Continue. . . Premier Livre (Paris: Foucault, n.d.), p. 11, 3rd air, "Respectons l'Amour, " voice part, measures $4-5$.
${ }^{2}$ Michele Masciti, Sonata da Camera A Violino Solo col Violone o Cembalo. . Opera Terza (Amsterdam: Estienne Roger, n.d.), Sonata 11, fourth movement, "Allegro," violin part, measure 1. Has additional slurs marked not shown by Hotteterre.
${ }^{3}$ Clerambault, "Orphee, Cantate IIIe," from Cantates Francoises A I. et II. voix. Avec Simphonie et sans Simphonie. . Livre Premier (Paris: L'Autheur and Foucault, 1710), p. 42, "Air gay, " "Chantes la victoire," violin part, measures 1-2.

This meter is made up of two dotted half notes, etc. It is most commonly beaten in two beats, that is, three quarters on beating, and three on raising. Some call it a meter of six slow beats; nevertheless, one sees few slow airs composed in this meter, and one sees, on the contrary, many lively and light ones. Eighth notes are pointed. It is used in the reprises of opera overtures, in loures, gigues, forlanes, and in some Airs de Ballet de caracteres, etc. It is rarely seen in Italian music.

Examples.


Loure. It is from Thétis. ${ }^{3}$
Gigue. From Roland ${ }^{4}$


It can be beaten in 4 unequal beats.
${ }^{l_{\text {Lully }}}$, Armide, p. 2, prologue, overture, treble part, measures 11-12. A trill is indicated on the downbeat of measure 12. Modern edition in Publikation aelterer nraktischer und theoretischer Musikwerke, vol. 14, 0.?.
${ }^{2}$ Lully, Proserpine, p. 2, prologue, overture, treble part, measures 13-14. Modern edition in CF, vol. 24, p. 1-2, reduced to six-eight.
$3^{3}$ pascal Colasse, Thetis et Péllée (Library of Congress, ML1500/.c69TL), p. 96, act 1, sc. 4, "Danse de Divinigex de la Mer," marked "Loure," treble part, measures l-2. Modern edition in CF, vol. 9, p. 63.
${ }^{4}$ Lully, Roland, p. xxxv, prologue, second entrée, "Gigue," treble part, measure 1.

${ }_{6}^{6}$ Time
This meter is made up of two dotted quarter notes, etc. It is beaten in two beats. Eighth notes are equal, and sixteenth notes, pointed. It is used generally enough, but principally in cantatas and in sonatas; it is particularly suitable for gigues, etc.

Examples.

${ }^{1}$ Campra, L'Europa Galante, fourth entrée, sc. 2, "La Forlana," treble part, measure 1.
${ }^{2}$ Lully, Le Triomphe de 1'Amour, Ballet Royal . . . (Paris: Ballard, 1681), p. 65, "Air pour l'entre de borée et des quatres vents," treble part, measure 1.
${ }^{3}$ Clerambault, "L'Amour piqué par une arbeille, Cantate Ie," from Cantates Francoises. . . Livre Premier, p. 2, "Air," marked "Grasieusement et loure, " voice oart, measures 5-7.
${ }^{4}$ Corelli, 00. 5, Sonata 7, third movement, violin part, measures 1-3. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 74.


This meter is made up of four dotted quarter notes, etc. It is beaten in four beats; eighth notes are equal, etc. ${ }^{2}$ It is more commonly used in instrumental music than in vocal [music]; it is especially suitable for gigues. The use of it is somewhat new in France.


Sometimes one puts three eighth notes on a beat in C or barred $\$$ time, which amounts to the same thing.
$1_{\text {Lully, }}$ Persée, act 4, sc. 6, "Gigue," treble part, measures 1-2. Modern edition in CF, vol. 22, p. 260.

2i.e., and sixteenth notes are pointed.
3Bernier, "6. Cantate, Les Forges de Lemnos," from Cantates Françises. . . Premier Livre, p. 91, "Air Gracieus," voice part, measures 9-10.
${ }^{4}$ Corelli, Op. 5, p. 32, Sonata 5, fifth movement, "Giga. Allegro," violin part, measure l. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 56.

Example.
Example.
Fragment in the Same Work

${ }_{4}^{2}$ Time

This meter is made up of two quarter notes, etc. It is beaten in two light and easy beats; eighth notes are usually equal, and sixteenth notes, pointed. It is suitable for light and staccato airs. It is used in cantatas and sonatas more than in motets or operas. Considered strictly, it is properly nothing but a meter of four beats cut in two.

## Examples.

In the list Cantata by Mr. Clerambanit ${ }^{\text {? }}$

$I_{\text {Corelli, Op. 5, p. 26, Sonata }}$ 4, fifth movement, "Allegro," violin part, measures 5-6. Modern edition in Les Oeuvres, vol. 3, p. 46.
${ }^{2}$ Clerambault, "L'Amour pique par ane arbeille," p. 91, "Air gay," voice part, measures 8-11.

In the 3rd Cantatal by the Same ${ }^{1}$ With the Eighth Notes Pointed

From a Sonata by S. Masciti ${ }^{2}$


Some composers have marked it in this manner.


One can still multiply the sorts of meters according to the style he invents. For example, a famous composer of our time introduces one of 12. It is composed of four dotted eighth notes, [and] by consequence, of twelve sixteenth notes, and it is beaten in four beats. Sixteenth notes are equal.
$1_{\text {Clerambault, }}$ "Orphée," p. 32, "air gay," voice part, measures 11-13. A trill is indicated on the second eighth note of measure 12 which is not shown by Hotteterre.
$2_{\text {Masciti, Op. 3, p. 16, Sonata 4, fourth movement, violin part, }}$ measures 1-4. Differs in some details of ornamentation from Hotteterre's example.

3Lully, Roland, p. 246, act 4, sc. 3, "Entrée de Pastres, de Pastourelles, de Bergers \& de Bergeres," marked "fort gay," treble part, measures 1-2. This has the time signature eight-four rather than foureight as Hotteterre has it, correctly, in his example.

4Marin Marais, Alcionne, Tragedie Mise en Musique . . . (Library Congress, M1500/.M25A5), p. 131, act 3, sc. 2, "3. Air des Matelots," treble part, measures 1-2. Differs in some details from Hotteterre's example.

Example.
Example.
Piece for Clavecin by Mr. Couperin


One can also make use of ${ }_{8}^{2}$ time which would be made up of two equal eighth notes or four unequal sixteenth notes, and would be beaten in one very leisurely beat. This meter would be suitable for certain Airs de Tambourin, and others of the same character.

One will no longer be frightened of all these signs when he knows that in practice, they are reduced to two types, that is to say, the four beats and the three beats. One will be able to convince himself of this by examining them with attention to the relations there are among them. One will find in my previous works and in this [work] all types of them except 12 and $\frac{2}{8}$.

Some composers (and principally the Italians) put a $C$ before all the signs of which I have spoken above, beginning with major triple. They even mark simple triple [time] with $3_{4}^{3}$. Here is how this addition must be understood: they suppose that there is only one true meter, which is that shown with a $C$, and [that] from it all the others are derived. They say then, for example, the meter of three beats is made up of only three quarter notes, but it derives from that of four beats which has four of them. Thus, it is three for four, [or] otherwise, three-quarters.

[^13]Example.


In the same way, the meter of ${ }_{8}^{6}$ is made up of only six eighth notes, but it derives from that for four beats, which has eight of them. Thus, it is six for eight, [or] otherwise, six-eighths.

Example.


I will add here to the subject of the meter of 12 , which I cited above, that three others may be made, which are $16,{ }_{1} 6$, and ${ }_{1}{ }^{3} 6$. One will find this first [one] used on pages 83 and 132 of this work. One will also find the second and third on the same page 132. As for the rest, although the discussion which is the subject of this chapter is not at all of the essence of the prelude, I thought that for all that, one would not be displeased to find it here. One will be able to use it in the preludes of this book, all [of] which I have measured, partly with this intention. Many are completely barred, and as for the others, one will notice the little lines of the engraver on the bottom line which divide the measures.

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## APPENDIX D

PRELUDES FROM HOTTETERRE'S
METHODE POUR LA MUSETTE
(1737)

PRELUDES FROM HOTTETERRE'S
MÉTHODE POUR LA MUSETTE

> lst Prelude in C Major.


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> lst Prelude in C Minor



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[^1]:    $l_{\text {d'en }}$ introduire d'impression étrangere.

[^2]:    $l_{\text {notre biblioteque oublique. The word "publique" appears only in }}$ the Gemeeten Museum copy.
    collationée.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Hotteterre's use of the word "canevas" is apparently unique. He does not define it but he uses it almost exclusively in reference to an arpeggiated figure based on a triad. (See pages 28, 33, and 88-90.) He also uses it to designate a motive or passage on which a prelude can be based. (See page 30.) In his Royal Dictionary Abridged, Boyer defines "Canevas (orojet de auelque ouvrage d'esprit)" as "the rough draft," and it is somewhat in this sense that Hotteterre uses it. "Canevas" can also be a canvas for printing or needlework or a process of parody in French opera (cf. Diderot, s.v. "Canevas... (Comm.)" and "Canevas."), but it is obvious that it is in neither of these ways that Hotteterre uses the term.

[^4]:    $I_{\text {The bar lines are editorial. }}$

[^5]:    $I_{B}$ natural is indicated (with a sharp) in the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Gemeente Museum copies.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ That is, the note which precedes the tonic in the bass.

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[^8]:    $l_{\text {je donneray }}$ icy les explications les plus claire que je pourray sur ce sujet.

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[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ les tailles de Violon.

[^11]:    ${ }^{1}$ Mesures. See the discussion of meter in the Introduction, page 10.

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