

# Coronation Scene *from* Boris Godunov

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881)

*Arranged by David Marlatt*

## Instrumentation:

Piccolo - 1  
Flute 1 - 4  
Flute 2 - 4  
Oboe 1 - 1  
Oboe 2 - 1  
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 3 - 4  
Eb Alto Clarinet - 1  
Bb Bass Clarinet - 1  
Bassoon 1,2 - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 2 - 2  
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 1  
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1  
Bb Trumpet 1 - 2  
Bb Trumpet 2 - 2  
Bb Trumpet 3 - 2  
F Horn 1,2 - 2  
F Horn 3,4 - 2  
Trombone 1 - 2  
Trombone 2 - 2  
Trombone 3 - 2  
Baritone Bass Clef - 1  
Baritone Treble Clef - 1  
Tuba - 4  
Xylophone - 1  
Chimes, Bells - 1  
Timpani - 1  
Snare drum, Bass drum - 1  
Suspended cymbal, Gong - 1  
Piano - 1

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**THE WORK:**

Boris Godunov is an opera that centers around the Russian people in the early 17th century. Coronation Scene is one of the grandest scenes in the opera. This is when the great square in Moscow is filled with people and the pealing of the great bells of the Kremlin sound with trumpets, gong and full chorus. As Boris himself (the baritone in this arrangement) proceeds towards the Cathedral of the Assumption the people sing out: "Voice your joy - Now exult and rejoice". When the Tsar Boris sings "My soul is sad", the mood is quiet and reflective but then, with the invitation of the great banquet, the feeling quickly returns to elation and this section ends with "Glory, Glory. Glory" and "Long life and glory to our kind Father".

This great opera was premiered in St. Petersburg in 1874 and the first American production was done at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1913.

**NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR:**

This piece is not too technically difficult but there are a number of subtle musical elements that must be brought out for the performance to truly be successful.

The opening top's music drop down enough in volume for the sound of the gong to ring through. At bar 20 the chimes (great bells of the Kremlin) are heard. The indicated pitches should be played randomly until a cutoff from the conductor. This fermata may last anywhere from 3-15 seconds depending on the desired effect. The pealing of the bells at bar 38 should, once again, be played randomly but time should be counted accurately for the entrance of the brass two bars later.

The accelerandos should be sweeping and the sixteenth-notes should drive upwards to the new tempo.

The section beginning at the key change (114) is the singing of the title character Boris. The accompaniment figures should always be far under the soloist in volume. The best way it can be described is to tell the euphonium/baritone soloist to play as though she/he was the only one in the room. This effect is most important to show the importance of the Tsar speaking. At bar 138 the trombones join the baritone and a more blended sound is once again desirable.

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M. Moussorgsky  
(1839-1881)  
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Alla marcia non troppo allegro  $\text{♩} = \text{ss}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Bb Clarinet 1

Bb Clarinet 2

Bb Clarinet 3

Bb Bass Clarinet

Bassoon 1, 2

Eb Alto Saxophone 1

Eb Alto Saxophone 2

Bb Tenor Saxophone

Eb Baritone Saxophone

Bb Trumpet 1

Bb Trumpet 2

Bb Trumpet 3

F Horn 1, 2

F Horn 3, 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Baritone

Tuba

Xylophone

Chimes

Bells

Timpani in Bb, F/Gb

Snare drum

Bass drum

Susp. Cymbal

Gong

Piano

*optional 4 hands (down octave)*





Picc  
 Fl 1  
 Fl 2  
 Ob 1  
 Ob 2  
 Cl 1  
 Cl 2  
 Cl 3  
 B Cl  
 Bsn 1, 2  
 A Sax 1  
 A Sax 2  
 T Sax  
 B Sax  
 Tpt 1  
 Tpt 2  
 Tpt 3  
 Hn 1, 2  
 Hn 3, 4  
 Trbn 1  
 Trbn 2  
 Trbn 3  
 Bari  
 Tuba  
 Xylo  
 Chimes Bells  
 Timp  
 S.D.  
 B.D.  
 S.C.  
 Gong

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. The woodwinds (Piccolo, Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bass Clarinet, Bassoons) and strings (Saxophones, Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Baritone, Tuba) play melodic and harmonic lines. The percussion section (Xylophone, Chimes/Bells, Timpani, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Gong) provides rhythmic support. Dynamics such as *f*, *fp*, and *ff* are indicated throughout. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "PREVIEW ONLY" is centered across the middle of the page, partially obscuring the musical staves.



Score for Percussion and Woodwinds, including parts for Piccolo, Flutes (Fl 1, Fl 2), Oboes (Ob 1, Ob 2), Clarinets (Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3), Bass Clarinet (B Cl), Bassoon (Bsn 1, 2), Saxophones (A Sax 1, A Sax 2, T Sax, B Sax), Trumpets (Tpt 1, 2, 3), Horns (Hn 1, 2, 3, 4), Trombones (Trbn 1, 2, 3), Baritone (Bari), Tuba, Xylophone (Xylo), Chimes/Bells, Snare Drum (S.D.), Bass Drum (B.D.), and Gong (S.C.).

Key features of the score include:

- Tempo and Meter:** Starts with *Piu mosso* (♩ = 120) and *Moderato* (♩ = 92). The meter is 3/4.
- Dynamic Markings:** Includes *f*, *ff*, *mf*, *fp*, *p*, and *pp*.
- Performance Instructions:** Includes *one player only* for Flute 1, *tutti* for Flutes 1 and 2, and *vibes (or xylo)* for the Xylophone part.
- Articulation:** Features various articulation marks such as accents, slurs, and tenuto marks.
- Rehearsal Markings:** Includes rehearsal marks with repeat signs and first/second endings.

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Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Cl 3

B Cl

Bsn 1, 2

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Hn 1, 2

Hn 3, 4

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Xylo

Chimes Bells

Timp

S.D.

B.D.

S.C.

Gong

*mf*

*f*

*p*

*mp*

tutti

one player only

one player only (pass-off)

hard mallets

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*rit.* long *Piu mosso* ♩ = 72

Picc

Fl 1 one player only

Fl 2 one player only

Ob 1 one player only

Ob 2

Cl 1 one player only

Cl 2 one player only

Cl 3 one player only

B Cl one player only

Bsn 1,2 one player only

A Sax 1 one player only

A Sax 2 one player only

T Sax

B Sax Bsn one player only

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Hn 1,2 1.

Hn 3,4 3. 4.

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba one player only

Xylo

Chimes

Bells

Timp

S.D.

B.D.

S.C.

Gong

*mf* *pp* *p* *ppp* *rit.* *long* *Piu mosso* *tutti*

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Picc  
 Fl 1  
 Fl 2  
 Ob 1  
 Ob 2  
 Cl 1  
 Cl 2  
 Cl 3  
 B Cl  
 Bsn 1, 2  
 A Sax 1  
 A Sax 2  
 T Sax  
 B Sax  
 Tpt 1  
 Tpt 2  
 Tpt 3  
 Hn 1, 2  
 Hn 3, 4  
 Trbn 1  
 Trbn 2  
 Trbn 3  
 Bari  
 Tuba  
 Xylo  
 Chimes Bells  
 Timp  
 S.D.  
 B.D.  
 S.C.  
 Gong

Musical score for 'CORONATION SCENE pg. 17'. The score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout with multiple staves for each instrument family. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo and dynamics change significantly between measures 156 and 158.

**Instrumentation:**

- Picc.
- Fl 1
- Fl 2
- Ob 1
- Ob 2
- Cl 1
- Cl 2
- Cl 3
- B Cl
- Bsn 1, 2
- A Sax 1
- A Sax 2
- T Sax
- B Sax
- Tpt 1
- Tpt 2
- Tpt 3
- Hn 1, 2
- Hn 3, 4
- Trbn 1
- Trbn 2
- Trbn 3
- Bari
- Tuba
- Xylo
- Chimes Bells
- Timp
- S.D. B.D.
- S.C. Gong
- Piano

**Dynamic and Performance Markings:**

- tr* (trills) are marked in measures 147-156 for Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1, Ob 2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, and A Sax 1.
- Measures 147-156 are marked with *f* (forte) for most instruments, with *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the woodwinds and strings.
- At measure 156, the tempo changes to *Broadly* and the tempo marking is  $\text{♩} = \text{ss}$ .
- Measures 157-159 are marked with *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the woodwinds and strings, and *f* (forte) for the brass and percussion.
- Chimes Bells have markings for *mf*, *f*, and *solo*.
- Timp (Timpani) has markings for *f* and *ff*.

**Watermark:** A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid across the center of the page.

The image displays a page of a musical score for a coronation scene, covering measures 160 through 168. The score is arranged in a standard orchestral format with multiple staves for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left side of the page include Piccolo, Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Clarinet 3, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon 1 & 2, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, Trumpet 3, Horn 1 & 2, Horn 3 & 4, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Baritone, Tuba, Xylophone, Chimes/Bells, Snare Drum/Bass Drum, and Gong. The music is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "PREVIEW ONLY" is centered across the middle of the page, partially obscuring the musical notation. The page number "CORONATION SCENE pg. 18" is located at the bottom left corner.

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$\text{♩} = 54$  183

$\text{♩} = 88$  184

185

*molto rit.*

*a Tempo*

Picc. *ff*

Fl 1 *ff*

Fl 2 *ff*

Ob 1 *ff*

Ob 2 *ff*

Cl 1 *ff*

Cl 2 *ff*

Cl 3 *ff*

B Cl *ff*

Bsn 1,2 *ff*

A Sax 1 *ff*

A Sax 2 *ff*

T Sax *ff*

B Sax *ff*

Tpt 1 *ff*

Tpt 2 *ff*

Tpt 3 *ff*

Hn 1,2 *ff*

Hn 3,4 *ff*

Trbn 1 *ff*

Trbn 2 *ff*

Trbn 3 *ff*

Bari *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Xylo *ff*

Chimes Bells

Timp *ff*

S.D. *mf*

B.D. *mf*

S.C. *mf*

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