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## BIOGRAPHY

Jan Bach, born in Illinois in 1937, attended the University of Illinois in Urbana where he received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition. His orchestral works include a Piano Concerto, a Horn Concerto, Gala Fanfare, Burgundy Variations, Sprint (recently commissioned by the Greenwich Philharmonia), and The Happy Prince (based on the Oscar Wilde story) for narrator and orchestra. Among his theatrical works is The System, an opera derived from Edgar Allen Poe. Jan Bach has also written a variety of works for instrumental ensemble including Rounds for brass quintet and Eisteddfod for flute, viola and harp, written for the Aldeburgh Festival.

Jan Bach has been the recipient of numerous awards, grants, and commissions, including a BMI Composer Prize, Koussevitsky Prize at Tanglewood, Mannes College Opera Competition Prize, first prize at the First International Brass Congress in Montreux, Switzerland, and first prize in the New York City Opera Competition for one act opera.

## PROGRAM NOTE

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) is possibly best remembered for "Lo, how a rose ere blooming". During his lifetime, however, he was revered as an excellent organist, the composer of over one thousand sacred works based on Protestant hymns, and a frequent collaborator, with Martin Luther, in contributions to the Latin liturgy. He was also an early musicologist; his *Syntagma musicum* remains our chief resource for knowledge of the Renaissance musical instruments of his day.

The source for the four arrangements included in the present suite is *Terpsichore* (1612), the only secular work of Praetorius that survives to the present time. It is a collection of dances popular around the turn of the seventeenth century and appears as Volume XV in Praetorius' complete works as published by the Möseler Verlag Wolfenbüttel.

The Courante is of the Italian rather than the French variety in its quick triple rhythms; the Bouree originated as a French folk dance. Both were popular enough to be retained in the instrumental suites of later Baroque composers, particularly Bach. The Spagnoletta was a dance in triple meter and all extant examples of this type begin with the same melody in the first three measures. The concluding Volta was a dance of Provencal origins; in its time it was considered lewd and suggestive because, unique among the dances of the time, the couples embraced during its execution (Louis XIII actually banned the dance from the French court for this reason).

From his own account, we know that Praetorius once arranged the dances from this collection for the instruments of his day. It is hoped that the present arrangements, transcribed for the colorful instruments of the present-day concert band, will give these delightful works the wider audience that Praetorius undoubtedly intended.

## INSTRUMENTATION

1 Eb Alto Saxophone I	2 Euphonium
1 Eb Alto Saxophone II	4 Tuba
1 Bb Tenor Saxophone	2 Percussion I
1 Eb Baritone Saxophone	(Timpani, Bass Drum, Sleighbells)
3 Bb Trumpet I	2 Percussion II
3 Bb Trumpet II	(Tam-Tam, Large Tom-Tom,
3 Bb Trumpet III	Snare Drum, Triangle)
1 F Horn I	2 Percussion III
1 F Horn II	(Suspended Cymbal, Bells, Large Tom-Tom)
1 F Horn III	2 Percussion IV
1 F Horn IV	(Bells, Triangle, Woodblock, Castanets,
1 Trombone I	Crash Cymbals)
1 Trombone II	
1 Trombone III	
	1 Eb Alto Saxophone II 1 Bb Tenor Saxophone 1 Eb Baritone Saxophone 3 Bb Trumpet II 3 Bb Trumpet III 1 F Horn I 1 F Horn III 1 F Horn III 1 F Horn IV 1 Trombone II

Two additional Dances from Terpsichore arranged by Jan Bach, a Bouree and a Ballet, are available on rental from the publisher. When all six dances are performed as a set the suggested order is as follows:

I Courante, II Gavotte, III Spagnoletta, IV Bouree, V Ballet, VI Volte



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