

Classics Attack!  
L4+

arr. Michael J. Glasgow  
5, 6, or 7 octaves handbells  
and optional 4, 5, 6, or 7 octaves handchimes

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THE JAMES RIVER RINGERS

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Handel Wagner  
Mendelssohn  
Beethoven Pachelbel  
Mozart Brahms  
Offenbach  
Debussy Gounod  
Chopin Delibes

Commissioned by members of The James River Ringers, Richmond, Virginia,  
in celebration of the group's 25th anniversary, and in honor of its founding director, Dottie Tweedie

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5, 6, or 7 octaves

Handbells used: 59, (67), (70)

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4, 5, 6 or 7 octaves

Optional handchimes used: 27, (29), (31), (32)

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5 octave choirs omit notes in < >.  
6 octave choirs omit note in { }.  
Mallets are required for all positions.

Optional Schtick

Optional additions of schtick are notated in boxes in the the score.  
They can be observed or omitted.

arr. Michael J. Glasgow (ASCAP)

Gently (♩ = c. 76)

KANON (P37), Johann Pachelbel

with respectful thanks and apologies to Beethoven, Brahms,  
Chopin, Debussy, Delibes, Gounod, Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart,  
Offenbach, Pachelbel, and Wagner (and maybe also Grieg and Puccini)

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11 12 13 14

*mf*

15 16 17 18

**Molto espressivo** (♩ = c. 46)  
**CLAIR DE LUNE** (L75), Claude Debussy

*p*

19 20 21

*mp*

*poco più mosso*

22 23 24

*mf*

*rilassante*

*poco accel.*

**Allegro** (♩ = c. 112-128)

**OVERTURE to A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** (Op. 21), Felix Mendelssohn

25 26 27 28 29

*sub. ff*

30 31 32 33 34

35 36 37 38 39

**HALLELUJAH** from **MESSIAH** (HWV56), G. F. Handel

40 41 42 43 44

Sk  
(ff)

64 65 66 67 68 69

6 and 7 octave choirs, play upstemmed notes  
8va only (do not double 8va)

70 71 72 73 74 75

**Lento** (♩ = c. 52)

**MARCHE FUNÈBRE** ("Piano Sonata No. 2," mvt. 3), Op. 35, Frédéric Chopin LV\*

76 77 78

79 80 81

\*These grace notes and LVs may be omitted.

Allegro spiritoso (♩ = c. 124-136)

HUNGARIAN DANCE No. 5, Johannes Brahms

This musical score page contains measures 82 through 97 of the piece. It is written for piano in 2/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked 'Allegro spiritoso' with a quarter note equal to approximately 124-136 beats per minute. The score is divided into four systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 82 begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. Measures 88 and 96 are marked with 'TD' (Tutti). Measure 97 is marked with 'LV' (Larghetto). Measure 94 includes a 'sub. *p*' (subito piano) marking. The notation includes various rhythmic values, accidentals, and articulation marks such as accents and slurs. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'PREVIEW' is overlaid across the center of the page.

7 octave choirs double top note 8va

*p* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*

108 109 110 111

*a tempo, sempre con rubato* *f* FD

112 113 114

*mf* *sempre cresc. e accel.* PI

115 116 117 118

*ff* *ff* *p* *sempre cresc. e accel.*

\*A light martellato may be substituted for mallets on the B $\flat$ 6 and B $\flat$ 7.

\*\* [Optional schtick: mm. 116-118]

To ham it up a bit, add a caesura at the end of m. 116. After the top position rings m. 116, all other ringers and director look at the player, turning their heads precisely on beat two. After a moment, the top position plays m. 117, timidly, almost as if "apologizing" for the inadvertent solo at m. 116. Hold a quick moment for reaction/attention. Player then continues at m. 118, living into the "diva moment," getting increasingly bolder (and thus faster and louder).

If performing without schtick, simply omit caesura and continue in tempo.

## Presto galoppo (♩ = c. 132-156)

*INFERNAL GALOP* from *ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD*, Jacques Offenbach

119 *lightly* 120 121 122 123

sub. *p*

124 125 126 127 128

129 130 131 132 133 134

*fff* *SHH!* *pp* *fff* *SHH!*

135 136 137 138 139 140

*pp* *sempre cresc.* *LV* *mp* *mf* *f*

*R* *LV* *R*

141 142 143 144 145 146

*ff* *rit.* \*

**Presto** ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 112-124$ )

**OVERTURE to THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO** (K492), W. A. Mozart

147 148 149 150

*pp* *mp* *p* *LV* *R*

(medium-density  
R yarn mallets)

151 152 153 154

*ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *LV* *R*

Obs. D5 chime in bass

155 156 157 158

*PI* *PI* *PI* *mf*

\* Optional schtick: mm. 145-146

Add caesura. Ringer acts oblivious. After caesura, director and ringer "check in" and music continues.

\*\* Recommendation: GA4 plays A4 and B4 chimes; B4C5 plays C#5 and D5 chimes.

Sturdy and German (♩. = c. 104-112)

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**RITT DER WALKÜREN** from **DIE WALKÜRE** (WWV86B), Richard Wagner

169 WITHOUT SCHTICK 170 171 172

*fff*

to m. 178

WITH SCHTICK \*

- OR -

Slower (♩. = c. 96)

**O MIO BABBINO CARO**  
from **GIANNI SCHICCHI**,  
Giacomo Puccini 2

Sturdy and German (♩. = c. 104-112)

**RITT DER WALKÜREN** from **DIE WALKÜRE** (WWV86B), Richard Wagner

169 170 171 172

*fff*

KANON,  
Johann Pachelbel

173 174 175 176 177

Sk

slowing, as bass  
realizes we're

Marts: **IN THE HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING**  
from **PEER GYNT, SUITE NO. 1** (Op. 46), Edvard Grieg

\* Optional schtick: mm. 169-177

The conductor should just "give up" at m. 173 as it becomes clear everything's going off the rails. At m. 177, unable to take it anymore, the director halts the craziness and issues a quick reminder ("We're on *Barber of Seville* everyone, OK?"). Everyone gets reset, makes a big deal out of the page turn, and the music continues at m. 178. **Optional:** for just a little bit of comedic effect without breaking the flow of the music, play the WITHOUT SCHTICK version, but add a shake to the treble bells under the fermata in m. 172. The shake should start strong, then diminuendo, then crescendo, then diminuendo (ideally with the ringers doing this "on their own," each hairpin occurring just as the conductor starts to prep the next segment), until the conductor simply cuts them off (effectively adding a caesura to the end of the bar).

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14 Like Bugs does (♩ = c. 84-92)

OVERTURE to *THE BARBER OF SEVILLE*, Gioachino Rossini

178 179 180

*mp* *p* *p* *mp* (simile)

181 182 > RT 183 > RT

*mp*

184 RT 185 TD 186 RT RT

The musical score consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 178-180) shows a piano accompaniment with chords in the bass and a melody line in the treble. The second system (measures 181-183) features a more active melody line with slurs and accents. The third system (measures 184-186) continues the melody with various performance markings. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.



196 197 198

199 200 201

202 203 204

LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV LV

*f*

*ff*

7

(suspended bells)

R

*fff*

\*

\* In m. 204, any or all of the lowest four notes may be doubled on chimes, as long as the lowest chime is a D.