# W. A. Mozart 

# Six Serenades for Clarinet Trio 

Quarter MillenniumEdition

Themes from KVA 229, KV 439b,
"Don Giovanni", KV 527 and
"The Marriage of Figaro", KV 492

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The first five of these six serenades originate in the melodies found in KVA 229 (KV 439b). It is not known when Mozart composed them, nor in what form he intended them to be played. Konstanze Mozart, writing in 1800 to the publisher J. A. André, supposed that Anton Stadler, Wolfgang's lodge brother, still had the autographs, but Stadler, not uncharacteristically, claimed that they had been stolen. The sixth trio contains arrangements of three operatic arias, the first from "Don Giovanni" and the other two from "The Marriage of Figaro"and is assumed to have been written after the death of the composer.

The first complete collection of these trios was published by Nikolaus Simrock between 1806 and 1813, for two clarinets and bassoon, and since then they have appeared repeatedly for many different instrumental combinations. Their beguiling melodies are likely responsible for countless experiences of déjà $v u$ in the minds of listeners over the past two centuries..

It is often said that Mozart liked the basset horn; he gave it a prominent place in his operas and orchestral compositions as well as in many chamber works. Basset horns are not often found today in your neighborhood music shop so it is not surprising that Mozart's works for basset horn are more often played on the clarinet. As the Age of Information progresses and pieces find their way to the Internet, both in playable and printable form, the rather large number of works which Mozart composed for the basset horn will become much better known, thereby expanding our appreciation of his true love for the versatility of this instrument. One can only ponder ruefully over the masterpieces which he never composed for jazz clarinet with its ubiquitous tone bending and glissandos. Still, with all the cloning going on, if you own a lock of the master's hair, don't discard it just yet. We may be able to give him a second chance!

At this writing, many works by Mozart for clarinet and basset horn can be found at

## http://www.csudh.edu/oliver/clarmusi/clarmusi.htm

in .MUS and MIDI formats. The year 2006 will mark the quarter millennium of his birth. As his birthday bash of January 27 approaches, this edition and others which are in preparation will provide an opportunity for musicians everywhere in small ensembles and large symphony orchestras to celebrate his great musical gifts. To that end, the presentation of these trios has been assigned to the public domain. Copying is encouraged!

Happy playing all.
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## Serenade No. 1

for three Clarinets










Serenade No. 2, KV 439b
for Clarinet Trio
Allegro
W. A. Mozart
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## Serenade No. 3

## for clarinet trio

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# Serenade No. 4 

for three clarinets
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Serenade No. 5
for clarinet trio


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Serenade No. 6

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Clarinet 3
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2. Arietta "Voi che sapete"



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3. Aria "Non piu andrai, farfallone amoroso"











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