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# Brandenburg Concerto No.3

for Clarinet Choir

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## I

Allegretto ♩ = 84

Score for Clarinet Choir, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Part I. The score is for 11 parts: Eb Clarinet (optional), Bb Clarinet (optional), Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Clarinet 3, Clarinet 4, Clarinet 5 (for Alto Cl), Alto Clarinet (for Clarinet 5), Bass Clarinet 1, Bass Clarinet 2, Contra Alto Cl. (optional), and Contrabass Cl. (optional). The music is in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is Allegretto with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The dynamic marking is forte (f). The score shows the first three measures of the piece.

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E♭ Cl.

B♭ for E♭ (Opt.)

Cl.1

Cl.2

Cl.3

Cl.4

Cl.5 (Alto)

A. Cl. (Cl5)

Bs. Cl.1

Bs. Cl.2

C. A. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

# II

## Adagio

Eb Clarinet (optional) *p*  
 Bb Clarinet (for Eb) (optional) *p*  
 Clarinet 1 *p* *mf* (*alla cadenza*)  
 Clarinet 2 *mf* (*alla cadenza*)  
 Clarinet 3 *p*  
 Clarinet 4 *p*  
 Clarinet 5 (for Alto Cl) *p*  
 Alto Clarinet (for Clarinet 5) *p*  
 Bass Clarinet 1 *p*  
 Bass Clarinet 2 *p*  
 Contra Alto Cl. (optional) *p*  
 Contrabass Cl. (optional) *p*

*This is the 2nd movement! I have no idea what Bach was thinking. He wrote just the two chords, seemingly unrelated to the surrounding movements. I have added an embellishment (as is often done in performances) but it is up to you whether you play this, or just the two chords (only the 2nd pause in the original) or have a much more extensive extemporisation, or leave the chords out all together.*

# III

Allegro ♩. = 66

Score for Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 for Clarinet Choir, Part III. The score is for a 12-part clarinet choir and includes parts for optional Eb and Bb clarinets, Clarinets 1-5, Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinets 1-2, Contra Alto Clarinet, and Contrabass Clarinet. The music is in 12/8 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes and rests, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

Parts listed on the left:

- E♭ Clarinet (optional)
- B♭ Clarinet (for E♭) (optional)
- Clarinet 1
- Clarinet 2
- Clarinet 3
- Clarinet 4
- Clarinet 5 (for Alto Cl)
- Alto Clarinet (for Clarinet 5)
- Bass Clarinet 1
- Bass Clarinet 2
- Contra Alto Cl. (optional)
- Contrabass Cl. (optional)