GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN



TAFELMUSIK SINFONIA

Transcribed for String Orchestra from the Quartet TWV 43:d1 (1733) by Elaine Fine Like his friends George Frideric Handel and Johann Sebastian Bach, Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) enhanced his native German style of writing with contemporary French and Italian styles. Telemann, who spent most of his professional life in Hamburg, wrote a tremendous amount of music including thirty-three operas, more than eighty sacred choral works, many keyboard music, concertos, works for solo instruments, and a great deal of chamber music.

Telemann's *Musique de Table* or *Tafelmusik*, one of the last examples of "table music" (dinner music to be played at court feasts) was published in 1733. Subscribers to the first publication included Handel, Pisendel, Quantz, and Blavet.

Tafelmusik is a collection of eighteen pieces divided into three sets of six. The Sonata à 4, TWV 43:d1 is the second piece in the second set. It was written for two transverse flutes, a solo alto recorder (or a solo bassoon), and continuo.

For this string ensemble transcription I transposed the piece from D minor into the key of G minor, realized the basso continuo, and redistributed the solo parts. The violin 2b part, which contains important essential material, can be played either by less experienced violinists or as a second viola part.

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After the Sonata à 4, TWV 43 (1733) for String Orchestra































































































