Girolamo Frescobaldi

Grade 3¹/₂ \$6.00

Arranged by James Higgins



The Arranger

James Higgins has a background in professional performance and educational music. Currently living in Richardson, Texas, Mr. Higgins has a private cello studio, performs with chamber ensembles and professional orchestras, and writes arrangements for schools as well as commercial groups.

Mr. Higgins has earned a Master's degree in cello performance, has taught public school strings, performed as a member of a professional orchestra, and has had many compositions published.

The Composition

Born in Italy, **Girolamo Frescobaldi** (1583-1643) was a prolific composer and wrote hundreds of compositions for keyboard (harpsichord and organ), various string and wind ensembles and much choral music. He was an organist and was, for many years, the organist at St. Peter's in Rome. Frescobaldi's musical gifts for dramatic melodies and unique harmonic progressions are well represented in **Toccata**.

A toccata is music written in an improvisatory style. This well-known toccata begins with a slow, but majestic theme. The faster section begins in a fugal manner but contains episodes in a truely improvised character. These passages lead to a restatement of the original slow theme which itself leads back to the faster music, providing an exciting ending to this unique toccata.

Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T. C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

TOCCATA



^{*} A part for 3rd Violin(Viola T.C.) is included in this set.

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