

Fanny Mendelssohn's  
**Selections from**  
**Das Jahr**  
ARR. DANIEL BUKIN

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**Instrumentation:**

- 8 Violin I
- 8 Violin II
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Contrabass
- 1 Percussion





## About:

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel was a German pianist and composer in the early 1800s, and the sister of composer Felix Mendelssohn. She composed *Das Jahr* (The Year), a 13-movement piano cycle, in 1841 as a Christmas gift for her husband, artist Wilhelm Hensel. Soon after, Fanny and Wilhelm collaborated to transform *Das Jahr* into a *Gesamtkunstwerk* (roughly translates to "total work of art"; a work of art that makes use of multiple art forms). Together they created a manuscript of the original music in which nearly every movement includes a vignette drawn by Wilhelm, as well as accompanying poetry for each movement taken from poets such as Ludwig Uhland, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, and Friedrich Schiller.

The first twelve movements depict the corresponding months of the year, while the final movement, *Nachspiel* (Postlude), provides a short endcap to the full piece. The entire cycle draws from a blend of secular and sacred elements, frequently combining Lutheran hymns alongside original romantic period melodies, and often within the same movement.

This arrangement encompasses the first 12 movements of the piece, corresponding to the months of the year. This 12.5-minute medley weaves together snippets from each movement to create a diverse, colorful, and emotional palette of sounds.

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MUSIC.**



# Selections from *Das Jahr*

Score

for string orchestra

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel  
arr. Daniel Bukin

Ahnest du, O Seele, wieder  
Sanfte süße Frühlingslieder?  
Sieh umher die falben Bäume!  
Ach! es waren holde Träume.

Do you foresee, oh soul, again  
gentle sweet spring songs?  
Look around at the faded trees  
Ah! Those were sweet dreams.

January - a dream

## Adagio, quasi una Fantasia ♩ = 60

div.  
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Viola  
Cello  
Contrabass  
Percussion (Glockenspiel, Chimes, Vibraphone)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

9 solo  
10 solo  
11 rit.  
12  
13  
14  
15

16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21

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*Denkt nicht ihr seid in deutschen Gränzen,  
Von Teufels- Narren-und Totentänzen,  
Ein heiter Fest erwartet Euch.*

Don't think you are in German realms,  
A merry festival awaits you  
Of dances of devils, fools and the dead.

February - Scherzo

**Presto** ♩. = 120

div.

Vln. I      Vln. II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.      Glock.

22      23      24      25      26      27      28      29

Glockenspiel

30      31      32      33      34      35      36      37

div.      unis.      div.      unis.      p      p      p      p

Vln. I      Vln. II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.      Glock.

38      39      40      41      42      43      44      45

p      p      p      p      p      p      p      p

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3

46

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

46 47 48 49 50 51

52

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

52 53 54 55 56 57

58

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

58 59 60 61 62 63 64

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*Verkündiget ihr dumpfen Glocken schon  
Des Osterfestes erste Feierstunde?*

Do your muffled bells already  
Announce the first hour of the Easter feast?

March

**Agitato** ♩ = 75

Musical score for the Agitato section. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). Measure 65 starts with a dynamic *mf*. Measures 66-71 show various rhythmic patterns and dynamics including *mp*, *mf*, and *p*. Measure 71 ends with a dynamic *mf*.

65 66 67 68 69 70 71

Musical score for the Agitato section, continuing from measure 72. The instrumentation remains the same. Measure 72 starts with a dynamic *p*. Measures 73-78 show more complex rhythmic patterns and dynamics, including *f* and *mf*. A large red circle highlights measures 69-70, and a large red diagonal line with the text "PERUSA legal use requires purchase" runs across the page.

72 73 74 75 76 77 78

**Andante** ♩ = 55

Musical score for the Andante section. The instrumentation includes Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb., and Glock. The key signature changes to G major (no sharps or flats). Measure 79 starts with a dynamic *p*. Measures 80-86 show sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The Glock part is labeled "Chimes" and the Cb. part is labeled "to Vibraphone". A large red circle highlights measures 69-70, and a large red diagonal line with the text "PERUSA legal use requires purchase" runs across the page.

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86

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5

*Der Sonnenblick betrüget  
Mit mildem, falschem Schein.*

The sight of the sun deceives  
with gentle, false light.

April - Capriccioso

**Allegretto**  $\text{♩} = 72$

solo a3

Vln. I

p solo a3

Vln. II

p solo

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Chim.

87

88

89

90

91

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Vib.

92

93

94

95

96

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**Allegro ♩ = 120**

97 tutti  
 Vln. I ♩ poco a poco cresc.  
 tutti  
 Vln. II ♩ poco a poco cresc.  
 Vla. arco  
 Vc. arco  
 Cb. ♩ poco a poco cresc.  
 Vib. to Chimes

97 98 99 100 101

102 f  
 Vln. I  
 Vln. II  
 Vla.  
 Vc.  
 Cb. f

102 103 104 105 106 107

108 p  
 Vln. I  
 Vln. II p  
 Vla. f p  
 Vc. f p  
 Cb.

108 109 110 111 112 113

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7

Musical score for measures 114 through 118. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. Measure 114 starts with a dynamic *f*. Measures 115 and 116 show continuous eighth-note patterns. Measures 117 and 118 continue the pattern. Measure 118 ends with a dynamic *f*.

114      115      116      117      118

Musical score for measures 119 through 122. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. Measures 119 and 120 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 121 and 122 continue the pattern. Measure 122 ends with a dynamic *f*.

119      120      121      122

Musical score for measures 123 through 126. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb., and Vib. Measures 123 and 124 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 125 and 126 continue the pattern. Measure 126 ends with a dynamic *f* and a box labeled "Chimes".

123      124      125      126

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*Nun blüht das fernste, tiefste Thal.* Now blooms the farthest, deepest valley.

May - Spring song

**Allegro vivace e gioioso**  $\text{d.} = 100$

div. a3

127

Vln. I      Vln. II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.      Chim.

*mf*      *mf*      *mf*      *mf*      *mf*      to Vibraphone

127      128      129      130      131

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132

Vln. I      Vln. II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.

132      133      134      135      136

## Selections from Das Jahr

9

Musical score for measures 137 through 141. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. Measure 137 starts with a melodic line in Vln. I. Measures 138-140 show a rhythmic pattern in Vln. II. Measure 141 concludes the section.

137

138

139

140

141

Musical score for measures 142 through 145. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb., and Vib. Measure 142 features a solo for Vln. I. Measure 143 shows a melodic line in Vla. Measure 144 includes a dynamic instruction *f dolce*. Measure 145 features a vibraphone part and a transition to Glockenspiel.

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142

143

144

145

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*Hör' ich Rauschen? hör' ich Lieder  
Hör' ich holde Liebesklage?*

Do I hear murmuring, do I hear songs,  
Do I hear gentle plaints of love?

June - Serenade

**Largo** ♩ = 60

146

146 147 148 149 150 151

152

152 153 154 155 156

*... die Fluren dürsten  
Nach erquickendem Thau,  
der Mensch verschmachtet.*

*... the fields thirst  
for refreshing dew,  
Man languishes [dies of thirst].*

July - Serenade

**A tempo** ♩ = 60 (♩ = ♩)

157                      unis.              *mp*

Vln. I                      Vln. II                      Vla.                      Vc.                      Cb.

157                      158                      159                      160                      161                      162

163                      *f*

Vln. I                      Vln. II                      Vla.                      Vc.                      Cb.

163                      164                      165                      166                      167                      168

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169                      *f*                      *p*                      *f*                      *p*

Vln. I                      Vln. II                      Vla.                      Vc.                      Cb.

169                      170                      171                      172                      173                      174                      175

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*Bunt von Farben  
Auf den Garben  
Leigt der Kranz.*

Bright with color  
on the sheaves  
lies the wreathes.

August

**Allegro** ♩ = 140

176 solo *f* rit.

Vln. I gli altri *p* *f* *p* *p*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

176 177 178 179 180 181 182

**Tempo di Marcia** ♩ = 110

183 tutti *p*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

183 184 185 186 187 188

189 *mf* *p sub.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

189 190 191 192 193 194

195

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.  
Vib.

*mf* *p* *p* *p* *p*

*f* *f*

*f*

*f*

*Glockenspiel*

195 196 197 198 199 200

201

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.  
Glock.

*p*

201 202 203 204 205 206

207

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.  
Glock.

*ff* *mf*  
*ff* *mf*  
*ff*  
*ff*

to Vibraphone

*f*

207 208 209 210 211 212

## Selections from Das Jahr

*Fließe, fließe, lieber Fluß,  
Nimmer werd' ich froh.*

Flow, flow dear river,  
Never will I be happy.

September - By the river

**Andante con moto**  $\text{♩} = 50$

213

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

ff  
ff  
*solo*  
*mf dolce*  
*pp*  
*pizz.*  
*pp*  
*pizz.*

213 214 215 216 217

218

Vln.  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

218 219 220 221 222

223

Vln.  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

223 224 225 226 227

228

Vln.  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
*p*  
Vc.  
Cb.

228 229 230 231 232

*Im Wald, im grünen Walde  
Da ist ein lustiger Schall.*

In the forest, the green forest,  
that is a cheerful sound.

October

**Allegro con spiritu** ♩ = 140

233

tutti

Vln.  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

233 234 235 236 237 238 239

240

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

240 241 242 243 244 245 246

247

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

247 248 249 250 251 252 253

254

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

254 255 256 257 258

*molt rit.*

*Wie rauschen die Bäume so winterlich schon  
Es fliehen die Träume des Lebens davon  
Ein Klagelied schallt  
Durch Hügel und Wald*

November

Mesto - 54

How the trees rustle so wintry already  
the dreams of life flee from there  
A song of complaint sounds  
through hill and forest.

259

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

259 260 261 262 263 264

265

265      266      267      268      269

*Vom himmel hoch, da komm ich her.*

From heaven on high, I come here.

December

**Moderato con moto**  $\text{♩} = 80$

271

271      272      273      274      275      276      277

278

278      279      280      281      282      283

284

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.  
Vib.

to Glockenspiel

284      285      286      287      288      289

290 **Allegro** ♩ = 120

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

f

290      291      292      293      294      295

*unis.*

*f*

296

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

div.

Glock.

Glockenspiel

*f*

296      297      298      299      300

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19

301

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Glock.

*mf*

*mf* unis.

*mf*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mf*

301      302      303      304      305      306

307

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*mp*

*f*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

307      308      309      310      311      312

313

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*rit.*

313      314      315      316      317      318