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PURCELL SOCIETY EDITION

In 2007 Stainer & Bell were invited to undertake completion of the ‘new’ Purcell Society Edition, a project begun in the 1970s to issue in 33 volumes a fundamentally re-edited edition of the composer’s entire output, replacing ‘The Works of Henry Purcell’ issued by the Society between the 1870s and 1970s. At the same time, the change of publisher marked the inception of the Purcell Society Edition Companion Series, which is now complete in six volumes as originally planned. The Companion Series presents in modern critical texts – and in most cases for the first time – a varied repertoire of previously inaccessible work by the composer’s contemporaries, which both illuminate his own achievement and further our understanding of this flourishing yet complex period of musical and theatrical activity as a whole.

This catalogue contains details of Stainer & Bell volumes for both series, including information about performing material and digital publications (see pages 14–19 for full details). Subscription to the Purcell Society Edition may begin with any volume and can be cancelled in writing at any time. Subscribers receive a discount of 10%. For full details please contact the publisher. If commitment to a subscription is impossible, single volumes may be purchased at the full retail price. An order form is enclosed for your convenience.
PE1  Henry Purcell: Three Occasional Odes
Edited by Bruce Wood      Price: £45.00

In addition to Celestial music did the gods inspire and Great Parent, hail!, formerly in Miscellaneous Odes and Cantatas which is now replaced by PE27 Symphony Songs, PE1 contains The Yorkshire Feast Song, Of old, when heroes thought it base, which was the inaugural volume of the series, published in 1878 and edited by a founder-member of the society, W. H. Cummings. The first English score with full Baroque instrumentation, including trumpets and oboes, it is a consummate display of orchestral mastery, and represents the composer’s first response to Giovanni Battista Draghi’s 1687 setting of Dryden’s Cecilian Ode From Harmony. Performing material for each ode is available for rental (see pages 15–17 for details).

PE12  Henry Purcell: The Fairy Queen
Edited by Bruce Wood and Andrew Pinnock
Price: £95.00

Presented in a highly praised new production by Glyndebourne Opera in 2009, revived in 2012, this edition of Purcell’s third semi-opera, The Fairy Queen, offers a new and definitive version of words and music prepared by two leading scholars in the field. The play-text, anonymously adapted from Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, is printed in full, and the role of the various sources, and the relationship of the manuscript theatre score to the printed word-books of 1692 and 1693, are thoroughly reappraised. The other sources include music manuscripts which have not previously been examined, and which prove to have a significant bearing on the musical text. Full account is taken of the varied instrumental resources and conventions accessible to the Restoration composer, reflected in the multi-purpose performing material for the edition which is available for rental (see page 16 for details).
PE13 Henry Purcell: Sacred Music, Part I: Nine Anthems with Strings
Edited by Margaret Laurie, Lionel Pike and Bruce Wood
Price: £75.00

As a further stage of the reordering of the Society’s edition of Purcell’s anthems, following on from Volume 29, the nine items in Volume 13 span the whole of the composer’s output of symphony anthems. It contains his first two works in the genre, My beloved spake (both the original and the revised version being presented in full) and Behold, now praise the Lord; three two-violin anthems from the mid-1680s, They that go down to the sea in ships, I will give thanks unto the Lord, and O Lord, grant the King a long life; and four anthems composed between 1687 and 1690: Behold, I bring you glad tidings, Blessed are they that fear the Lord, My song shall be alway, and Thy way, O God, is holy. The last of these is, for the first time, published complete with its instrumental movements, which survive only in the rediscovered Gostling Manuscript. Three of the Society’s most senior editors have collaborated in the preparation of the volume.

Performing material is available for purchase (see pages 15–18 for details). The individual anthems from this volume are also available in digital form (see page 19 for details).
Purcell began writing for the stage in 1680. His work for the two London theatre companies (which merged in 1682, but which in 1695 split once more into two competing factions) constituted an increasingly important aspect of his creative activities in the late 1680s, and became exceptionally fruitful in the last six years of his life, encompassing not merely his four great dramatic operas but also a prodigious quantity of music for more modest stage pieces.


The original Purcell Society edition of this volume, edited by Alan Gray and published in 1917, has long been out of print. This comprehensive new edition – the only one available of most of the music – is based on a fresh examination of all the surviving materials, including newly discovered manuscript sources, carried out by one of the greatest living authorities on Purcell’s dramatic music.
Purcell’s only setting of the Morning, Communion and Evening services of the Anglican rite, the Service in B flat major, includes the four principal and the four alternative canticles and psalms, the Responses to the Commandments, and the Creed. The style is ‘full’, though including numerous verse sections with kaleidoscopic changes of scoring, and the music is relatively straightforward, perhaps being intended for ordinary cathedral use rather than for the Chapel Royal. Its six canonic doxologies and four other canons were almost certainly intended to emulate those of Blow’s G major Service, but are actually more complex, and are fine examples of the composer’s contrapuntal skill, surpassing even that of his master. A setting of the Te Deum and Jubilate in Purcell’s celebratory D major manner, with trumpets and strings (the first setting with orchestra by an English composer), was admired by his contemporaries and was the inspiration for similar pieces by Blow, Turner, Croft and Handel. Included in the appendix to the volume are the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G minor, attributed to Purcell though more probably by his brother Daniel.

Please see page 17 for performing material for the Te Deum and Jubilate in D (including a vocal score with accompaniment for organ alone). Selected titles from this volume are also available in digital form (see page 19 for details).
Like its counterpart the symphony anthem, the symphony song is an essential genre of Restoration vocal music. The nine duets and trios in this new volume of the revised Purcell Society Edition were originally distributed in anthologies of duets, trios and catches (Volume 22) and of miscellaneous odes and cantatas (Volume 27), which dated from 1922 and 1957 respectively. In contrast, *Symphony Songs* presents these works as a distinctive musical corpus, and in entirely new editions incorporating several important primary sources recently discovered, with a comprehensive list of variant readings and a textual history that greatly enhances our understanding of these works, how they evolved, and how they were performed. The complete works, with literary texts, included in this volume are: *Hark, Damon, hark!, Hark how the wild musicians sing, How pleasant is this flow’ry plain, If ever I more riches did desire, Oh! what a scene does entertain my sight!, See where she sits (Weeping), Soft notes, and gently rais’d (A Serenading Song), We reap all the pleasures, and In a deep vision’s intellectual scene (The Complaint).* A set of instrumental parts is also available (see page 17).
As the penultimate stage in the reordering of the Society’s edition of Purcell’s anthems, the fourteen items in the new Volume 28, which were originally scattered among Volumes 28, 29 and 32, constitute the earlier part of the composer’s output of continuo verse anthems; the volume thus complements Volume 29, which assembles all the later ones. Nine of the works in the new volume span the years between about 1675, well before the composition of any of Purcell’s court odes or most of his instrumental music, and 1679; they therefore track his early development as a composer more comprehensively than any other genre. The first two anthems, *Turn thou us, O good Lord* and *Who hath believed our report*, are the work of a prentice hand, though the second of them already displays striking eloquence. The next four, however, *Lord who can tell how oft he offendeth*, *Blessed be the Lord my strength*, *Let God arise* and *O Lord our Governor*, found immediate professional acceptance, entering the repertoire at Westminster Abbey and the Chapel Royal by the end of 1677. *Give sentence with me, O God*, *O praise the Lord, all ye heathen* and the bass solo anthem *I will love thee, O Lord* followed prior to Purcell’s appointment as Abbey organist in 1680, while the treble solo anthem *The Lord is King* probably dates from the beginning of his tenure there. The remaining four anthems, *Let mine eyes run down with tears*, *Hear my prayer, O God, O Lord, thou art my God* and *Out of the deep*, all date from between about 1682 and 1685, and each of them can lay claim to be regarded as a masterpiece; *Let mine eyes run down* in particular, scored for five-part verse group with divided trebles, is outstanding, even within Purcell’s output, for its expressive power and the assurance of its polyphonic writing.

Each of the anthems in this volume will be available separately, in digital form (see page 19 for details).
This volume continues the reordering of the Society’s edition of Purcell’s anthems, under which all the large-scale verse anthems with strings will be found in Volumes 13, 14 and 17; all the verse anthems with organ in Volumes 28 (due for publication in 2020) and 29; and the *stile antico* anthems and the Latin motets in Volume 32 (in preparation).

All eleven pieces in the present volume were probably composed for the Chapel Royal, and all appear to belong to Purcell’s later years. Four of them are explicitly dated – the earliest 1687 – in an authoritative source which was not available to previous editors of the music: a score-book in the hand of the celebrated bass singer John Gostling, whose cavernous low register Purcell exploited for its dramatic effect in some of his finest compositions for the Chapel.

The individual anthems from this volume are also available in digital form (see page 19 for details).

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**CHAPEL ROYAL, HAMPTON COURT PALACE (Ceiling)**

*The opulent vaulted ceiling of the chapel at Hampton Court was commissioned by Henry VIII in the 1530s. Henry Purcell was appointed organist of the chapel in 1682 and by the end of the century the organ had become known as ‘Purcell’s Pipes’.*
PURCELL SOCIETY EDITION
COMPANION SERIES

PC1 Louis Grabu: *Albion and Albanius*
Edited by Bryan White      Price: £50.00

*Albion and Albanius* is the first full-length all-sung opera in English, to a libretto by John Dryden, and produced at London’s Dorset Garden Theatre on 3 June 1685. It was composed by the erstwhile Master of the King’s Musick, Louis Grabu (fl. 1665–1694), a French musician mentioned by Pepys, who most likely was chosen for the role at the suggestion of the influential actor and impresario Thomas Betterton. A panegyric to James II and Charles II, the score is of particular interest as representing in its recitatives, ensembles and choral and orchestral numbers the French style of Lully, usually encountered in English stage music at the time as only one influence among many, and it is in striking contrast to the score for Dryden’s sequel to the work, *King Arthur*, with music by Henry Purcell. Performing material is available for rental (see page 15).

PC2 John Blow: *Venus and Adonis*
Edited by Bruce Wood      Price: £45.00

John Blow’s pastoral opera *Venus and Adonis*, an important addition to the Companion Series, is another key score from the decade of the 1680s: a stage work that was an important focus of transition between the pre-Restoration masque and the genres of opera and semi-opera. Long recognised as influential far beyond its modest scope, this delightful piece is newly edited by the distinguished 17th-century scholar Bruce Wood, with the original and revised versions of the work printed in parallel text on facing pages – the first time an opera has ever been presented in this way. Full performing material for the opera, including single-version scores, is available for rental or purchase (see page 14 for details).
Giovanni Battista Draghi: **From Harmony**  
(A Song for St Cecilia’s Day, 1687)  
Edited by Bryan White  
Price: £50.00

Never previously published, though surviving in no fewer than five manuscript copies, Draghi’s *A Song for St Cecilia’s Day* of 1687 impressed his contemporaries, and merits admiration from modern audiences for its intrinsic musical qualities and as a crucial reference point for English music of the period. It is by far the largest of Draghi’s surviving works; its rich Italianate scoring includes a pair of trumpets (their first known appearance in an English choral work), and features concerto-like contrasts between voices and instruments. Greatly expanding on its models of court and Cecilian ode, *From Harmony* testifies both to Draghi’s reputation amongst his English contemporaries, and to his influence in style, form and instrumentation on the composer of *Hail! bright Cecilia* and The Yorkshire Feast Song (included in PE1) in particular. Performing material is available for rental (see page 14).

**Restoration Trio Sonatas**  
Edited by Peter Holman and John Cunningham  
Price: £55.00

Highly appealing to scholars and amateur and professional performers alike, the nine pieces in this collection comprise all the known trio sonatas that survive complete and appear to have been written in England during the reign of Charles II by composers other than Purcell. John Blow’s G minor Ground and Sonata in A, and a G minor sonata by Draghi, not only stand comparison with music of the younger composer, but also, in their varied approach to form, throw fascinating light on his more Italianate approach to the genre. All the sonatas – by Robert King (a *Sonetta after the Italion way*), Johann Gottfried Keller, Nicola Matteis senior and Gerhard Diesineer – are attractive to play and listen to, and the collection significantly extends our understanding of the context in which Purcell’s famed sonatas arose. Performing material is available for purchase (see page 18).
An extraordinary acknowledgement of the esteem with which the composer was regarded in his lifetime, the three surviving odes on the death of Henry Purcell are also in themselves among the finest works by his English contemporaries. John Blow’s extended elegy *Mark how the lark and linnet sing*, which sets a poem by Dryden, modestly scored for two voices, two recorders and continuo, is a masterpiece displaying both the contrapuntal skill which Blow had taught Purcell and the florid declamatory style which Purcell had brought to perfection in such numbers as ‘’Tis Nature’s voice’ in *Hail! bright Cecilia*. Henry Hall’s *Yes my Aminta*, laid out for similar forces, is an eloquent and finely crafted pastoral dialogue in the pathetic style, with words probably written by the composer himself. Grandest in conception is *Come, come along for a dance and a song*, by Jeremiah Clarke. Setting a conventional pastoral elegy penned by an unknown hand, it marshals three solo voices, chorus and full baroque orchestra in a sequence of contrasting movements – including both the song and the dance to which the title refers – which together form a lament at once arresting and poignant. The three works have not hitherto been presented together, and the Clarke appears for the first time in a modern critical edition – together with Godfrey Finger’s hitherto unpublished ‘Farewell’ Suite in G minor, probably from his own lost ode on Purcell’s death. For performing material, please see pages 14–15.
English Keyboard Music 1650–1695
Edited by Andrew Woolley  Price: £85.00

This wide-ranging anthology offers performers and scholars both a musical context for the keyboard works of Henry Purcell and a generous selection of fascinating repertoire from the period. All the selected music is of fine quality, and the works published here either for the first time, or for the first time in modern editions, include harpsichord suites by John Blow, Albertus Bryne, John Cobb, Giovanni Battista Draghi and Francis Forcer, a setting of Lully’s Scocca Pur, and organ verses and voluntaries by John Hingeston and Anon. In addition, the latter contributes a pair of keyboard suites whose pattern of almand-corant-saraband is amongst the earliest found in English sources. For a complete picture, there are also new editions of more familiar works by Blow and Matthew Locke, offering in this single-volume format an attractive collection of music, much of which is not available elsewhere.
PERFORMING MATERIAL

The Purcell Society volume to which the performing material relates is shown in brackets after the title.

John BLOW
Mark how the lark and linnet sing (PC5)
Two countertenor soloists, two recorders and continuo
Set of Instrumental Parts Y319 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

Venus and Adonis (PC2)
Two soprano (or one soprano and one treble) and bass soloists and SATB chorus, with two recorders, continuo and strings 3.3.2.2. In addition, there are minor roles for soprano, countertenor, tenor and bass soloists, to be drawn from the chorus. For the Chorus of Huntsmen (ATB) in Act I, male singers are preferable, and the Little Cupids in Act II (SS) should if possible be sung by trebles.

Version 1 (original version):
Full Scores and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL391A Rental
Performance Score Y281 £9.95
Set of Instrumental Parts Y282 £50.00

Version 2 (revised version):
Full Scores and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL391B Rental
Performance Score Y283 £9.95
Set of Instrumental Parts Y284 £50.00

Jeremiah CLARKE
Come, come along for a dance and a song (PC5)
Soprano, countertenor and bass soloists and SATB choir, with two recorders, two oboes, two trumpets in C, kettledrums, strings 3.3.2.2. and continuo (bowed bass/theorbo/keyboard)
Full Score and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL421 Rental

Giovanni Battista DRAGHI
From Harmony (A Song for St Cecilia’s Day, 1687) (PC3)
Two treble, two countertenor, tenor and bass soloists, with TrTrATB choir, two trumpets in C, two recorders, continuo (harpsichord and organ) and strings 5.5.2.2.3. (Violins 1 and 2, Violas 1 and 2, and Instrumental Bass: the string strength shown is for players rather than desks).
Full Score and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL402 Rental
Louis GRABU
Albion and Albanius (PC1)
For a minimum of 14 soloists* (four sopranos, one countertenor, four high tenors (or countertenors) and five basses), SATB chorus, two recorders, two oboes (ad lib.), strings (3 x violin 1, 3 x violin 2, 2 x viola 1 [or violin 3], 2 x viola 2, 2 x viola 3, 5 x bass violin) and basso continuo (parts supplied to allow for one or two bass viols, two harpsichords and two theorbos/guitars).
*Minimum numbers of soloists required for a staged performance. For a concert performance, the minimum number of soloists required is four sopranos, one countertenor, two high tenors (or countertenors) and three basses (but for some of the male voices, more than one role in the same act will need to be doubled).

Full Scores and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL409 Rental

Henry HALL
Yes my Aminta, ’tis too true (PC5)
Soprano and bass soloists, two recorders and continuo
Set of Instrumental Parts Y319 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

Henry PURCELL
Behold, I bring you glad tidings (PE13)
Alto, tenor and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 4-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y331 £25.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

Behold, now praise the Lord (PE13)
Alto, tenor and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 4-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y332 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

Blessed are they that fear the Lord (PE13)
Two treble, alto and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 4-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y333 £22.50
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

Celestial music did the gods inspire (PE1)
Soprano, countertenor, tenor and bass soloists and SATB choir, with two treble recorders, two oboes (optional), instrumental bass (theorbo/bassoon/bass recorder), strings 3.3.2.2. and harpsichord continuo
Full Score and Instrumental Parts HL394 Rental
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand) or for rental
Henry PURCELL cont....
The Fairy Queen (PE12)
Three soprano (or two soprano and one mezzo soprano), three countertenor, two tenor and two bass soloists* and SATB chorus, with two treble recorders, two oboes, two trumpets, timpani, instrumental bass (theorbo/bassoon(s)/bass recorder), strings 3.3.2.2. and harpsichord continuo

*Minimum numbers of soloists required for a staged performance. For a concert performance, the minimum number of soloists required is two sopranos, two countertenors, one tenor and one bass (but more than one role in the same act will need to be doubled).

Full Scores, Play-Texts and Vocal and Instrumental Material HL390 Rental

Great Parent, hail! (PE1)
Soprano, countertenor, tenor and bass soloists and SATB choir, with two treble recorders, two oboes (optional), instrumental bass (theorbo/bassoon/bass recorder), strings 3.3.2.2. and harpsichord continuo
Full Score and Instrumental Parts HL396 Rental
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand) or for rental

I will give thanks unto the Lord (PE13)
Tenor and two bass soloists, TrATB choir, 3-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y334 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

My beloved spake (revised and original versions) (PE13)
Alto, tenor and two bass soloists, TrATB choir, 4-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y335 £35.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

My song shall be alway (PE13)
Bass soloist, TrATB choir, 4-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y336 £25.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)

O Lord, grant the King a long life (PE13)
Alto, tenor and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 3-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y337 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)
Henry PURCELL cont....

Of old, when heroes thought it base
(The Yorkshire Feast Song) (PE1)
Two countertenor, one tenor and two bass soloists and SSATB choir, with
two treble recorders, two oboes, two trumpets, instrumental bass (theorbo/
bassoon/bass recorder), strings 3.3.2.2. and harpsichord continuo
Full Score and Instrumental Parts HL395 Rental
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand) or for rental

Oh that my grief was thoroughly weigh’d
(attributed to Henry Purcell) (PE30, forthcoming)
High tenor, tenor and bass soloists, instrumental bass and keyboard continuo
Rebecca Herissone’s meticulous detective work has discovered
a new devotional partsong by Henry Purcell, surviving, though
previously unidentified, in the music library of the 18th-century
collector Philip Hayes. Oh that my grief was thoroughly weigh’d,
setting verses from the King James version of the book of Job,
is an important addition to the small yet distinguished corpus of
such pieces, also including Plung’d in the confines of despair, When
on my sickbed I languish, and In guilty night.
Score D109 £8.50

Symphony Songs (PE27)
Five cantatas and three vocal duets, plus ‘In a deep vision’s intellectual
scene’ (‘The Complaint’) for two sopranos, bass and continuo
Set of Instrumental Parts (two violins or
treble recorders and instrumental bass) Y241 £24.50
Vocal scores of individual songs are available for purchase (print to demand)

Te Deum and Jubilate in D major (PE23)
Two treble, two alto, tenor and bass soloists, TrTrATB choir and orchestra
or organ
Vocal Score D107 £6.75
Full Score and Instrumental Parts HL422 Rental

They that go down to the sea in ships (PE13)
Alto and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 3-part strings and organ
Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y338 £20.00
Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)
Thy way, O God, is holy (PE13)
*Alto and bass soloists, TrATB choir, 3-part strings and organ*

Full Score and Instrumental Parts Y339 £20.00

*Vocal scores are available for purchase (print to demand)*

**Restoration Trio Sonatas Set 1** (PC4)
*Two Violins, Instrumental Bass and Continuo*

Giovanni Battista Draghi: Sonata in G minor
John Blow: Ground in G minor
Johann Gottfried Keller: Sonata with Suite in G minor

Performance Score and Parts Y301 £20.00

**Restoration Trio Sonatas Set 2** (PC4)
*Two Violins, Instrumental Bass and Continuo*

John Blow: Sonata in A major
Gerhard Diesineer: Sonata in G minor
Nicola Matteis senior: Sonata in A major

Performance Score and Parts Y302 £20.00

**Restoration Trio Sonatas Set 3** (PC4)
*Two Violins and Continuo*

Johann Gottfried Keller: Sonata in A major
Robert King: Sonata in A major (‘Sonetta after the Italian way’)
Nicola Matteis senior (attrib.): Sonata in D major

Performance Score and Parts Y303 £15.00
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