

serge prokofieff

Concerto No. 1, Op. 19

violin and piano

Edited by Joseph Szigeti

Preface to the Revised Edition

The revision of a piece of music by an editor is necessarily only one man's view of the work in question and it is only in actual practice that the suggestions made in such a revision can justify themselves or otherwise. In the case of classical works that have come down to us in many (and sometimes distorted) versions—like Tartini's *Devil's Trill* sonata, the Vitali *Chaconne* or Corelli's *La Folia*—a statement of the Editor's guiding principles, sources etc. (i.e. a *Revisionsbericht*, as it is called in German) is necessary.

In the present case, however, we still have the so-called *Urtext* (published by Edition A. Gutheil, 1921 and later [1947] re-issued by Boosey & Hawkes) at our disposal. I have been able, therefore, to limit myself—apart from some slight changes which the composer effected in the first movement as an afterthought (3 bars before **15** and 3 bars after **15**)—to performance-suggestions that are the result of the many dozens of performances I gave of this Concerto during four decades.

My suggestions between **28** and **29** in the Scherzo, for instance, that certain notes should be doubled (played in unison) aims at the realisation of the rugged, fierce character inherent in this passage. The alternative offered for the octave slides up to E (4 bars after **32** etc.) in the Scherzo is another such suggestion based on performance experience. At **34** in the Scherzo the original text did not make quite clear that up-bows were meant to be used *throughout*. That the fingerings of the bass notes at **44** are meant to bring out the bass character of this accompaniment figure should be obvious from the context. This is perhaps the place to point out that the composer did not indicate a change of tempo in the Scherzo (*Vivacissimo*) between **28** and **30** and that therefore no appreciable slowing-down is warranted in the *staccato marcatissimo* section. A tempo should be chosen which allows the negotiation of both sections at approximately the same speed.

The passage four bars from **60** is of course played as an uninterrupted double-stopped tremolo in sixths with only the bow alternating between the E and A strings.

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VIOLIN CONCERTO N° 1

(in D major)

1er Concerto pour Violon

Violin

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I

Andantino *sognando*

pp

1

2

3

4

5

pp

f

dim.

*Ossia

Violin

11 pizz. *p* G D G D A **12**

mf arco *f*

13 *espress.* 4 4 (1 4 3 1) 4 4 4

ff poco riten. **14** a tempo *f* (0 4 1 4 3 0)

15 A D G(b) (b) A A 4 0 4 3 2 1 3 4 3 2 1

E (3) 4 2 1 4 1 3 0 4 1 2 1 2 3 2 1 2 1 3 4 3 2 1

Violin

5

Violin

16

f

Poco più mosso

pizz.

| etc.

arco

$$ff$$

17

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first line of music, and the second system contains the second line. The music is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is characterized by eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. There are several triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 above the notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence.

mf

18

♭ sul G

dim.

19

Meno mosso

espr

$p_{sul\ Ge\ D}$

20

con sord.

Violin

Andante assai (Assai più lento che la prima volta)

21

22

22

8 3 2 3 3 2 1 A 4 1 3 1 2 2

8 3 2 3 3 2 1 A 4 1 3 1 2 2

8 3 3 3 4 3 1 2 2 3 3 3 1 A 4

loco

* Ossia 

Violin

violin

arco pizz. m.s. arco pizz. m.s. arco

8

f

A 2

f mp saltando f

pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

m.s. m.s. m.d. p

25

1 3 2 1 1 3 1

8

pizz. arco

m.s.

3 7

p

26

8

1 3 1 2 1 7

cresc.

f

8

0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 4 3 1 3

ff tempestoso (1)

27

3 2 IV 3 1 3

ff

28

staccato marcatissimo

ff

Ossia

2

29

G

f

etc.

III pos.

Violin

Violin musical score page 9, measures 30-33. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, dynamics (*f*, *p*, *mf*, *ff*), and performance instructions like *pizz.*, *arco*, *gliss.*, and *m.d.*. Measure numbers 30, 31, 32, and 33 are boxed. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Measure 30: *f* dynamics, triplets, slurs, and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4). Includes a *G* note and a *f* dynamic.

Measure 31: *p* dynamics, *pizz. m.s.*, *arco*, and *etc.* instructions. Includes a *V* (violin) marking and a *3* (triple) marking.

Measure 32: *mf* dynamics, *talón pizz. m.d.*, *arco*, and *etc.* instructions. Includes a *V* (violin) marking and a *3* (triple) marking.

Measure 33: *ff* dynamics, *gliss.* (glissando), and *0* (natural) markings. Includes a *V* (violin) marking and a *6* (sixteenth) marking.

Footnote: *pizz with 3rd finger. **pizz. with 4th finger. *** (slide from 1st to 3rd pos.)

Violin

34 *sul pont., con tutta forza sempre V V talon*

ff

restez

35

etc.

cresc.

D

36

con sord.

p

37

con sord. sempre V

restez

38

1 1 2 3 2 3 2 1 1

1 1 2 3 2 3 2 1 1

1 2 3 0 1 2 1 1

3 2 2 1 1

4 2 3 1 1

0

cresc.

39

8

mf

senza sord.

senza sord.

ff

Ossia V

talon □ con tutta forza

f

40

(ossia 3rd pos.)

8

ff

1st pos.

41

2

Ossia □

f

ff

* V V V etc.

(slide from 1st to 3rd pos.)

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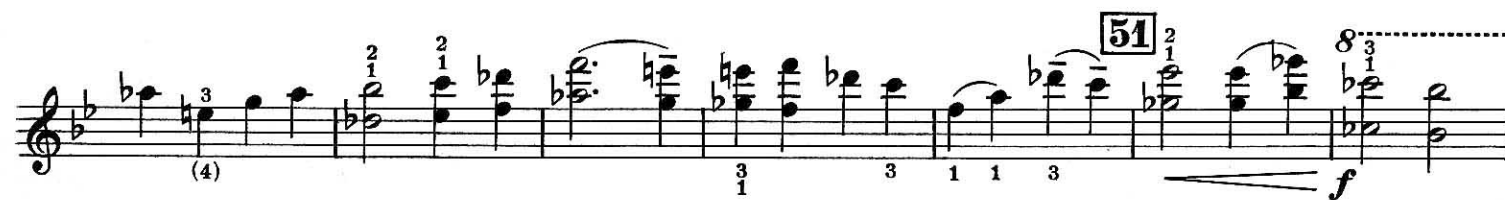
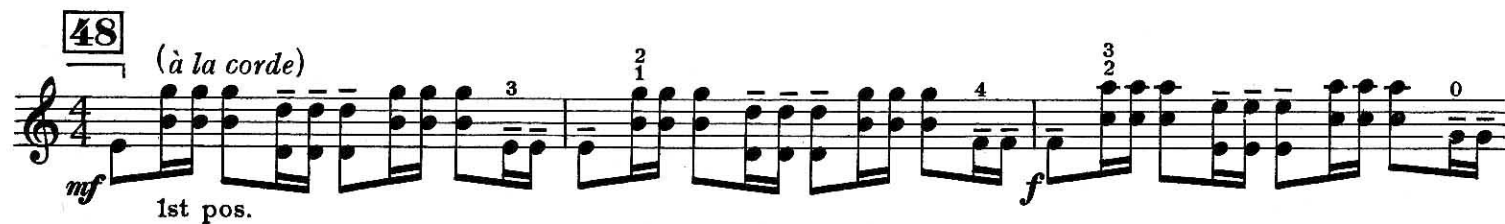
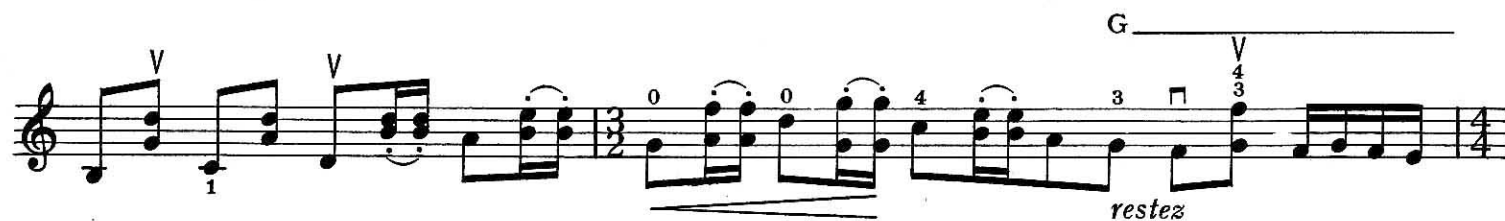
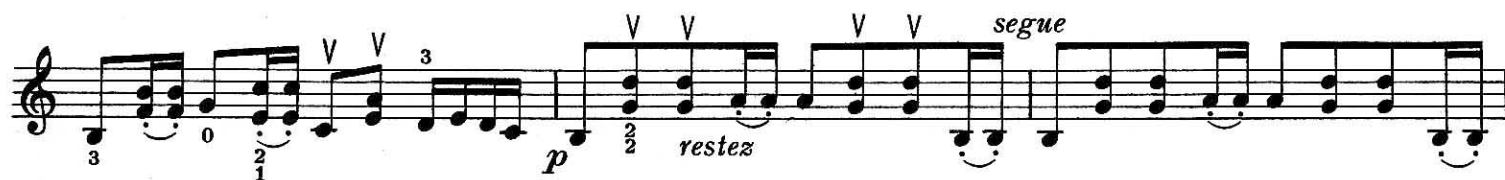
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Violin

III

[illegible]



Violin

53 Più mosso (Moderato come primo)

[illegible]

8 E

mf

4 3 2 2 1 4 4 2 2 V

(4 3 2 1)

8/4 V 4

55

restez

mf

restez

D

cresc.

(2) 1 1)

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "The Rose Tree". The score is written on two staves, both in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a "restez" instruction and a "ff" (fortissimo) dynamic marking. A box labeled "56" is placed above the staff. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a "broad" instruction and a "1 2" fingering. The score is marked with a "8" at the beginning and end of the first staff, and a "7" at the end of the second staff.

★ stretch

57

8

ff

ritard.

8

f *dim.*

58 Più tranquillo

8

pp *pdolcissimo*

59

8

(M) (V)

60

8

p

8

8

8

61

poco rit. 62 Poco meno mosso ritard.

p *pp* *p* *pp*