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Nancy Green, *Violoncello*

East West Quantum Leap  
Symphony Orchestra  
*created by Stephen Ware*



*Includes Compact Disc and  
Printed Solo Part*

Selected  
SLOW-TEMPO  
Passages from the  
Accompaniment  
for Practice  
Purposes



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Track		Page
<b>FULL PERFORMANCE</b>		
[1]	1st Movement.....	5
[2]	2nd Movement.....	8
[3]	3rd Movement.....	10
<i>Note: no time delay between 3 movements.</i>		
[4]	Tuning Notes	
[5]	1st Movement minus 'Cello .....	5
[6]	2nd Movement minus 'Cello .....	8
[7]	3rd Movement minus 'Cello .....	10
<b>PRACTICE TRACKS</b>		
[8]	75% speed – Start to measure 23 .....	5
[9]	75% speed – Letter B to measure 59 .....	6
[10]	60% speed – Letter C to measure 110 .....	7
[11]	80% speed – Letter C to measure 110 .....	7
[12]	75% speed – Letter D to measure 166 .....	7
[13]	60% speed – Letter L to measure 480 .....	11
[14]	80% speed – Letter L to measure 480 .....	11
[15]	60% speed – measures 534 to 551.....	14
[16]	80% speed – measures 534 to 551.....	14
[17]	75% speed – Letter R to measure 647 .....	15

### ABOUT THE SLOW -TEMPO SECTIONS

WE HAVE INCLUDED slow-tempo accompaniment versions of selected portions of the concerto as a practice aid. This will allow you to gradually work through these sections as you learn the concerto. You can then substitute the normal accompaniment tracks once you feel comfortable working at full speed.

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in A minor, Opus 33

Violoncello

Edited by Nancy Green

**Allegro non troppo**



Track 8 - Start to measure 23 - 75%



Track 9 - letter B to measure 59 - 75%

B

45

47

51

54

*dim*

58

*p*

*sf*

65

*dim*

*pp*

73

*sf*

*cresc.*

80

*accelerando*

*f*

83

87

Track 10 - letter C to measure 110 - 60%  
 Track 11 - letter C to measure 110 - 80%

Violoncello

**C**

91 Animato

97

102

107

\* open A string

*cresc.*

*f*

**Allegro molto**

25

**D**

Tempo I

Track 12 - letter D to measure 166 - 75%

Woodwinds

137

142

148

153

158

*cresc.*

163

*f*

## Violoncello

**E**

174 

179

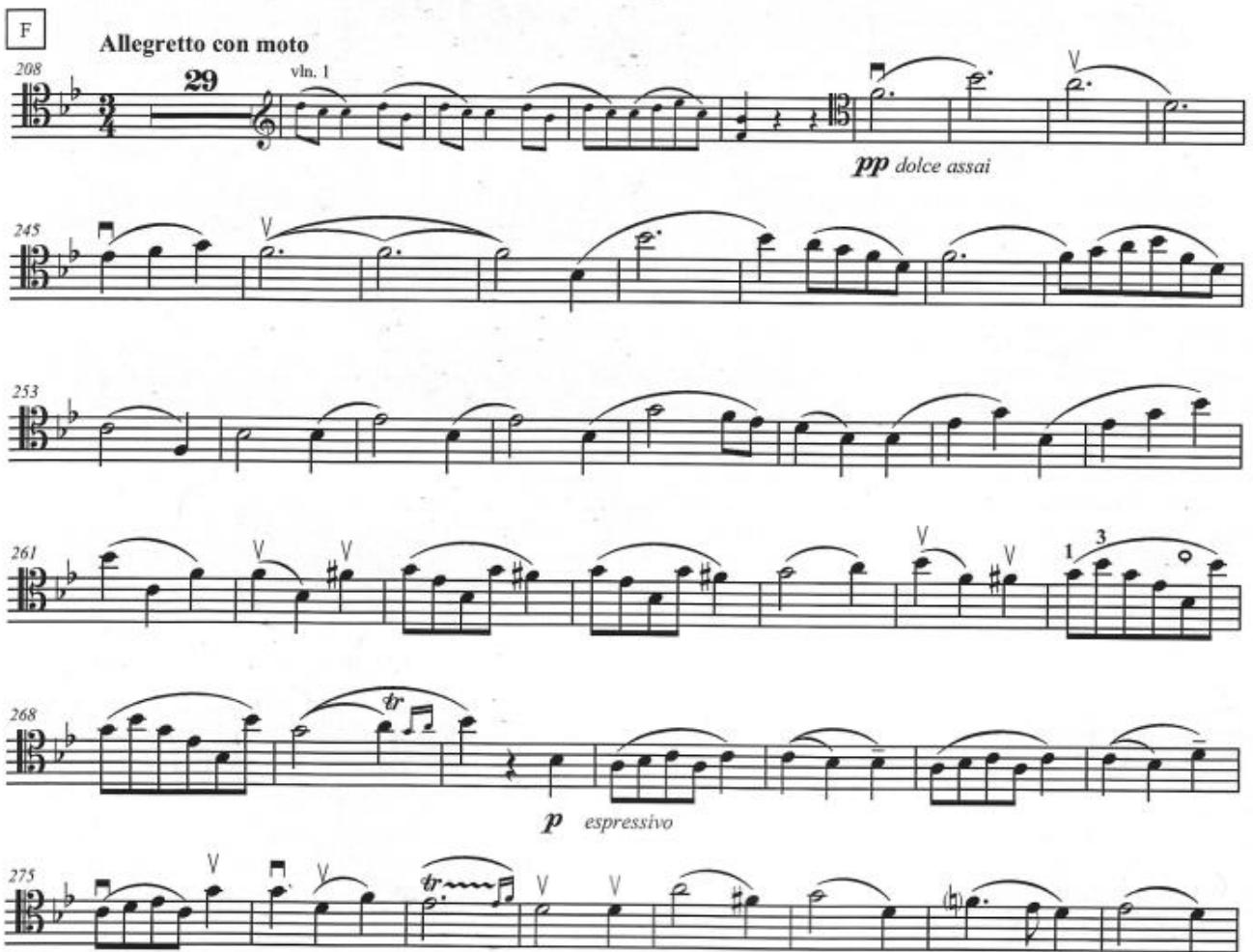
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194

202 rit.

**F**

Allegretto con moto

208 29 vln. 1 

245

253

261

268 p espressivo

275

## Violoncello

283

Violoncello

283

*sf* *p*

291

*accelerando* 3 2 *sim.*

298

G

312

*p*

318

324

*cresc.*

331

*dim* *pp*

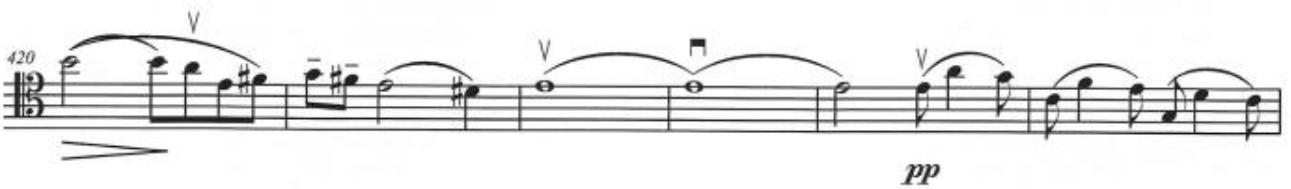
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8

## Violoncello

H *Tempo I*

6

K *Un peu moins vite*

## Violoncello

430

435

*cresc*  
L Track 13 - letter L to measure 480 - 60%  
Track 14 - letter L to measure 480 - 80%

442

II I

448

3

450

dim 3 2 1

452

1

454

3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1

456

2

458

3 2 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 2 3 1 M

## Violoncello



464 2 o  
cresc.

466 3 1 3 2 3 2

468 f

471 18

474 19

476 3 o ff

479 N 9

490 p 4

## Violoncello

0

496

*mf*

501

506

511

*dolce*

516

521

ritenuto poco a poco ad libitum

521

524

a tempo

524

Track 15 - measure 534 to 551 - 60%  
 Track 16 - measure 534 to 551 - 80%

534      4      1      ♫ V

536      3 1      sim.

538      2      ♫ V

540      1      V

542      3 1 2      3      1 1

544      1 1

546      1      1      1      1      1      1

548      V      V      3      V V lunga

552      p

557      3      3      < >

## Violoncello

562 

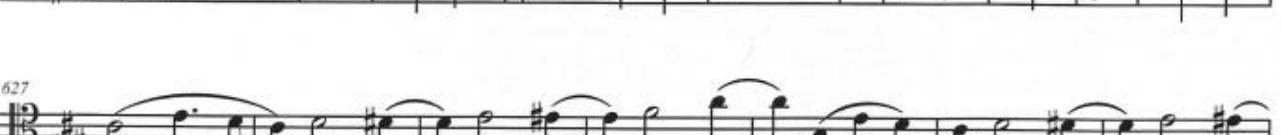
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573 

Molto Allegro 

R Track 17 - letter R to measure 647 - 75% 

621 

627 

634 

641 

645 

## Saint-Saëns CELLO CONCERTO No. 1 in A MINOR

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) first explored the cello as a solo instrument in 1862 when he composed his Suite, op. 16, but then largely neglected the instrument for the rest of the decade. In the 1870's however, his interest was renewed and in 1872 he composed his Cello Concerto no. 1 in A minor, op. 33 along with his first Cello Sonata in C minor, op. 32. These works were shortly followed by his popular Allegro Appassionato in B minor, op. 45 (1875) as well as the lesser known Romance in D major, op. 51 (1877). He would not write his second concerto (in D minor, op. 119) until 1902, thirty years after his first.

While there is no documented story that exists regarding the origin of his first cello concerto, it is known that Saint-Saëns had become acquainted with August Tolbecque, a masterful cellist who was a professor at the Conservatoire in Marseilles. Tolbecque played the solo part at the premiere in Paris on Jan. 19, 1873, and the concerto was dedicated to him.

The Cello Concerto no. 1 in A minor has an original structure as well as an attractive and challenging solo part. Although it is through-composed, it is easily divided into three movements. The main theme from the opening reappears several times in each of the sections, which gives the piece a unity and sense of organic wholeness.

1872, the year his First Cello Concerto was written, had not been a very successful year for Camille Saint-Saëns and was a period when many of his works were receiving vehement criticism. However, when it was premiered in Germany at a concert in Dresden on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1875, it was favorably received and quickly became one of his most popular works and a standard part of the classical repertoire. Now, more than 140 years later, it is still considered to be one of the most important works for solo cellists.



Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)



## NANCY GREEN

Hailed by *Fanfare Magazine* as "in the elite of today's concert cellists", Nancy Green is an internationally recognized recording artist, known for her highly acclaimed CDs of previously unrecorded works as well as staples of the cello repertoire. Her numerous CDs, which include many premieres, are broadcast frequently both in the United States and abroad and her performances have earned rave reviews internationally. Her recordings on the JRI (USA), Cello Classics (UK), and Biddulph (UK) labels have received special notice in publications such as *Fanfare Magazine* (top critic's choice of the year), *Strings Magazine*

(Editor's Choice), *MusicWeb International* (CD of the Month), *Classical Music Magazine* (CD of the fortnight) and her recording of the Brahms sonatas with duo partner Frederick Moyer was named by *Fanfare Magazine* as the "hands-down pick" for these standard works which have been recorded, sometimes multiple times, by the most acclaimed cellists in history. The Green/Moyer duo was called by *American Record Guide* "some of the best chamber playing around." International press reviews have likened her to great cellists such as Mstislav Rostropovich, Yo-Yo Ma, and Jacqueline du Pré.

Green studied at the Juilliard School with Leonard Rose and Lynn Harrell, performed in the master classes of Mstislav Rostropovich, and, after receiving a Rockefeller grant for study in London with Jacqueline du Pré, worked with Johannes Goritzki in Dusseldorf, Germany. She made her concerto debut in New York playing Dvorak concerto at Lincoln Center, was spotlighted as a Young Artist of the Year by *Musical America* and won prizes and awards including the Concert Artists Guild Award which sponsored her first New York recital. She has performed extensively as a soloist in Europe, the United States, and the Far East.

For more information and sound clips from Ms. Green's numerous and highly acclaimed CDs please visit [www.nancygreencello.com](http://www.nancygreencello.com).

Ms. Green's cello is a Paolo Antonio Testore made in Milan in 1732.



## STEPHEN WARE

Stephen Ware is a freelance musician and programmer. He studied musical theory under John Wray at CLS, and piano under Emil Philippe at the Guildhall School of Music in London, and oboe under Joy Boughton; and he played oboe and also double-bass in the London Medical Orchestra. He was a children's doctor in Southeast England for many years from which he retired in 2007 to spend more time with his music. Stephen builds his own virtual orchestras with samples from professional libraries within Kontakt, hosted by Plogue Bidule, and controls them with his own recording sequencing and editing software,

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