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Fantasia on Diva Servatrix

Chorale Fantasia for Organ



Notes

This piece begins with a deceptive false start and then settles into a series of fugatos based on successive phrases of the melody. Harmonic colour is provided by frequent allusions to the Mixolydian mode and by ornamental chromaticisms, somewhat reminiscent of my *Recessional* (Tim Knight Music, 2019). Upon the completion of the final phrase the composition culminates in a restatement of the entire melody wreathed in parallel harmony in the right hand, a rapidly moving counter-melody in the left, and slowly progressing support in the pedal. The piece closes with fanfare-like gestures and further runs over a tonic pedal and, finally, a massive and unorthodox cadence in which chord IV with added fourth and sixth substitutes for the dominant.

The registration should vary according to the textural contours of the composition: bright and exciting for the first two bars, then reducing and building up again for the waves of fugato; from bar 31 onward the organ should be as loud and powerful as possible. I have made a few suggestions in the score, but it is expected that the organist will adjust according to their own taste and the capabilities of their instrument.

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Fantasia on *Diva Servatrix* (Bayeux Antiphoner 1739)

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