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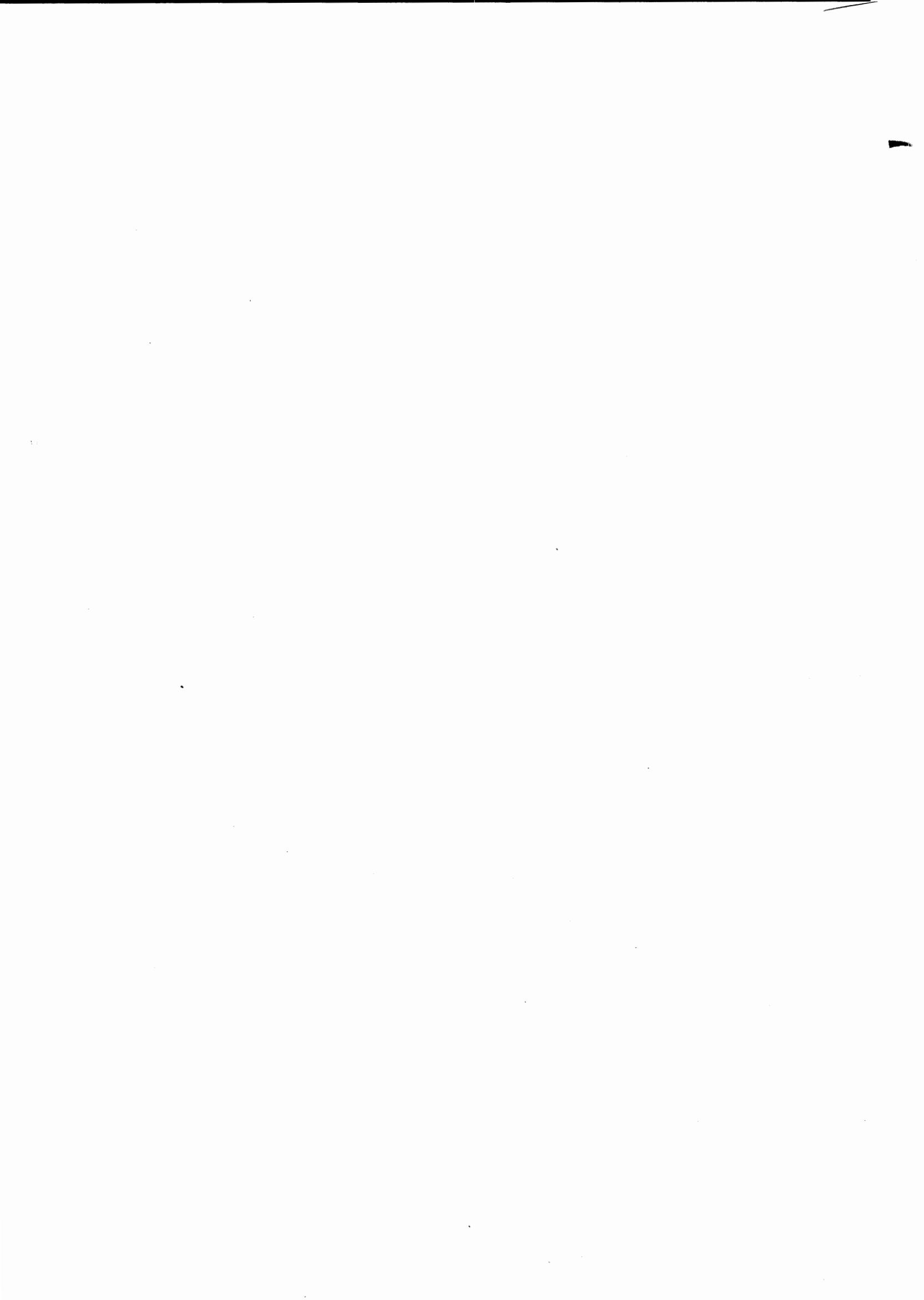
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## PIETRO ROVELLI

**P**IETRO ROVELLI, one of the distinguished violinists of the first years of the nineteenth century, was the product of a number of diverse artistic influences. He came of a family of noted Italian musicians; he was the pupil of Rudolf Kreutzer, an artist formed in the school of the Stamitzes of Mannheim; he studied in Paris, and was considered to have modelled his style much on that of Viotti, the great Italian, so much of whose work was done in Paris. Pietro's father, Alessandro, was at one time conductor of the orchestra in Weimar. Another of the family, Giuseppe, was a violoncellist in the service of the court of Parma, where Pietro was born on February 6, 1793. His grandfather, Giovanni Battista Rovelli, was first violin of the orchestra of the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, at Bergamo. Pietro showed precocity of musical talent, which was promptly cultivated by his musical elders. He was put under the tuition of his grandfather, and by the time he was thirteen years old he was travelling as a prodigy through the cities of Italy and Switzerland and arousing widespread admiration. An influential music lover, the Senator Alessandri, was impressed by his promise, and sent him to study with the famous Rudolf Kreutzer in Paris, at that time first solo violinist at the Opéra and in the private band of Napoleon. There, too, the young Italian player won much admiration, and he was considered one of Kreutzer's best pupils. When his father, Alessandro, was appointed to the place in Weimar, the son followed him thither; but he soon set out again for Paris. When he reached Munich, how-

ever, he found his further progress blocked by the insistent admiration of that capital. He was promptly made "Royal Bavarian chamber musician" and first concerto player at the Bavarian court, and was loaded with rich gifts. He stayed several years in Munich, his fame increasing continually through the German cities in which he played. He gave a number of "Academies" or concerts of his own in Vienna, which were highly successful. While he was visiting the Austrian capital in 1817, he met and married Micheline, an accomplished piano player, daughter of Emmanuel Aloysius Foerster, at that time highly esteemed as a composer. Two years later Rovelli returned to his native city, Bergamo, where he was appointed first violinist of the church, the place his grandfather had held before him, and violin teacher in the music school. But teaching was not to his taste, and he confined himself thereafter to playing solos. He suffered much from bad health, and died on September 8, 1838.

Rovelli's playing was considered "simple, expressive, graceful, noble; on the whole, classical; the kind of playing that wins the heart of the listener." Such was the judgment of the *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung* after his death. Rovelli had at least two noted pupils, Molique and Täglischsbeck, both of whom studied with him during his sojourn in Munich. He left a considerable number of compositions that are still highly esteemed by violinists, especially his Caprices; he also wrote several concertos and string quartets.

RICHARD ALDRICH.

# Twelve Caprices.

■ Down - bow  
▽ Up - bow

I: E - string.  
II: A - string.  
III: D - string.  
IV: G - string.

Allegretto.

**Violin.**

PIETRO ROVELLI.

1.

**Note:** The fingers should not be lifted from the strings unnecessarily. The first finger in particular should be kept on the string as much as possible.

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Sheet music for piano, page 3, featuring eight staves of musical notation. The music is in common time and includes the following dynamics and performance instructions:

- Staff 1:** Dynamics *p*, *f*. Fingerings: 0, 4, 0, 0, 2.
- Staff 2:** Dynamics *f*. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 3:** Dynamics *dimin.* Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 4:** Dynamics *pp*. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 5:** Dynamics *cresc.* Dynamics *mf*. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 6:** Dynamics *p*. Fingerings: II, 2, III. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 7:** Dynamics *cresc.* Dynamics *f*. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.
- Staff 8:** Dynamics *p cresc.* Dynamics *f*. Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2.

## Allegretto.

2. *f*

The sheet music contains eight staves of sixteenth-note patterns. Fingerings are indicated above the notes, such as '4' over a note in the first staff and '3' over a note in the second staff. Measure numbers 1 through 8 are present at the beginning of each staff.

**Note:** The finger employed in stopping the upper note should not be lifted until necessary.

Sheet music for a solo instrument, likely flute or recorder, featuring ten staves of musical notation. The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The key signature changes frequently, indicated by sharps and flats. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are present above the staves.

**Allegro moderato.**

Moderato.

4.

Musical score for string instrument (likely cello or double bass) in common time, key signature of one flat. The score consists of ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are indicated above the staves. The music features continuous sixteenth-note patterns, primarily using the fingers 1, 2, 3, and 4. Bowing is indicated by vertical strokes, and specific fingerings are marked with numbers above the notes. The score is numbered 4 at the beginning.



The image shows a page of musical notation for a string quartet, consisting of ten staves. The notation is in common time and uses a treble clef. The key signature changes between G major and F# minor throughout the page. Various dynamics are indicated, including crescendo (cresc.), decrescendo (decresc.), and forte (f). The page includes several rehearsal marks: 'I' at the beginning of the second staff, 'II' at the beginning of the third staff, 'III' at the beginning of the top staff, and 'ff' at the beginning of the ninth staff. The page number '9' is located in the top right corner.

Allegretto.

6. 

The sheet music consists of ten staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The key signature is A major (two sharps). The dynamics and performance instructions include:

- Staff 1: Dynamics *f* and *p*. Measure 10 ends with a repeat sign.
- Staff 2: Dynamics *cresc.*
- Staff 3: Dynamics *f*. Measure 11 ends with a repeat sign.
- Staff 4: Dynamics *dimin.*
- Staff 5: Dynamics *p*.
- Staff 6: Dynamics *mf*.
- Staff 7: Dynamics *cresc.*
- Staff 8: Dynamics *f*.
- Staff 9: Measures 1-3 are labeled "III".
- Staff 10: Measures 4-6.

Sheet music for guitar, page 12, featuring ten staves of musical notation. The music is in common time and consists of six measures per staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The notation includes fingerings (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) and various performance techniques. Dynamics and instructions include:

- Measure 1: **p**
- Measure 2: **mf**
- Measure 3: *dimin.*
- Measure 4: **> pp**
- Measure 5: *cresc.*
- Measure 6: **f**
- Measure 7: *dimin.*
- Measure 8: **p**
- Measure 9: **f**
- Measure 10: **p**
- Measure 11: **f**
- Measure 12: **p<sup>3</sup>**
- Measure 13: **II**

Sheet music for a solo instrument, likely guitar, featuring ten staves of musical notation. The music is in common time and consists of six measures per staff. The key signature changes from G major (two sharps) to F# major (one sharp). Various dynamic markings are present, including *mf*, *f*, *p*, *pp*, and *cresc.*. Fingerings are indicated above the notes in some staves.

## Andante.

7. *mf* III

*mf* III

*cresc.*

*f*

*dimin.*

*p cresc.*

*mf*

*f*

*I*

*II*



The image shows ten staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The music is in common time and consists primarily of eighth-note patterns. The first six staves are in G minor (indicated by a 'G' with a flat symbol) and the last four are in G major (indicated by a 'G'). Measure numbers are present above the first two staves. Articulation marks like 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'tr' (trill), and 'p' (piano) are included. The notation uses standard musical symbols including treble clef, quarter notes, eighth notes, and various rests.

The image shows 12 staves of musical notation for piano, arranged in three columns of four staves each. The music is in common time and consists primarily of eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 1 through 12 are placed above the staves. Various dynamics are indicated, including crescendo (cresc.), decrescendo (dimin.), mezzo-forte (mf), forte (f), and piano (p). Articulation marks like dots and dashes are also present. The notation uses both treble and bass clefs.

## Allegro moderato.

9. *mf*

*Segue*

*f*

*p*

*cresc.*

*dimin.*

*cresc.*

*f*

*dimin.*

*cresc.*

*f*

*p*

*cresc.*

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Sheet music for piano, page 19, featuring 12 staves of musical notation. The music is in common time and consists of two systems. The first system ends with a dynamic instruction *dimin.* The second system begins with a dynamic *p*, followed by *cresc.* It includes performance markings such as *f*, *mf*, *p*, and *allargando*. The music is written in G major (two sharps) and includes various note heads with numerical subscripts (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) and superscripts (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4).

### Allegretto.

20

Allegretto.

10. *f*

*mf*

*cresc.*

*f*

*p*

*dimin.*

*I*

*cresc.*

*mf* *w* *cresc.*

*f*

*w*

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Allegretto.

11.

II Pos.

*v legg.*

*p*

*cresc.*

*dimin.*

I II

*a tempo*

*p* *poco rit.* *pp* *mf* *f* *cresc.* *dimin.* *ff*

Allegro.

12.

*p*

*mf*

*f*

*mf*

*f*

*p*

*mf*

*cresc.*

*ff*

Sheet music for piano, page 26, featuring ten staves of musical notation. The music is in common time and consists of two systems. The first system ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line, leading to a section labeled "III". The second system begins with a dynamic instruction "eresc.". The music is written in a treble clef and includes various dynamics such as *mf*, *p*, *f*, and *cresc.*. Measure numbers 4, 3, and 2 are indicated above certain measures. The piece concludes with a final dynamic *f*.

0

4 3

*p*

III

IV

*f*

*mf*

III

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*f*

*mf*

*f*

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*pp*

II 3 4 3 3 0 3

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