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OF

Treble, Tenor, Baritone, Bass & Double-Bass

CONCERTINAS

AND

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DIAGRAM OF THE CONCERTINA & ÆOLA

Showing the Position of the Keys on the Music Staves.

LEFT HAND  
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CONCERTINAS.

TREBLES.

No. 1a. Mahogany, French polish, metal vibrators
1. Walnut, French polish, ivory keys, metal vibrators
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3. Rosewood, French polish, G, silver keys, moulded edges, keys and tops bushed throughout, leather five-fold bellows, very fine tone, rapid articulation, best special composition metal vibrators
4. Rosewood, French polish, moulded edges, fitted with round top keys, steel vibrators, bushed throughout, morocco leather five-fold bellows
5. Rosewood, superior finish and materials throughout, French polish, moulded edges, bushed throughout, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, steel vibrators giving pure tone and rapid articulation, best morocco leather five-fold bellows
5a. Ebony, superior finish and materials, moulded edges, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, steel vibrators, solid morocco leather five-fold bellows
6. Ebony, Raised Ends, very finest finish, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, but steel vibrators, giving the purest and best tone that can be produced, solid dark morocco leather five-fold bellows, the finest selected materials throughout. Recommended for hard wear

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7. Same finish and materials as No. 5, but with fifty-six keys
8. Concert Instrument, same finish and materials as No. 6, but with fifty-six keys. Exceedingly fine and powerful tone
8a. Same materials and finish as No. 8, but with sixty keys to A

TENOR-TREBLES.

No. 11.
11. Same materials and finish as No. 6, fifty-six keys, from Tenor C to C
12. Same materials and finish as No. 6, sixty-four keys, from Tenor C to G

BARITONES.

THREE OCTAVES AND THREE NOTES, FORTY-EIGHT KEYS.

No. 8.
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9a. Rosewood, French polish, G, silver round top keys, moulded edges, keys and tops bushed throughout, green morocco leather bellows, steel vibrators, fine tone, rapid articulation
10. Same materials and finish as No. 5. Very mellow and powerful, organ-like tone
10a. Same materials and finish as No. 5. Extremely rich and pure in tone
10b. Same materials and finish as No. 10a, but with fifty-six keys, from G on the first line of the Bass Clef to G above, very fine tone

Any other Compass to Order.

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Tuning Forks, of the standard pitches accurately tuned and tested, 1/6 each.

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TENOR-TREBBLES.

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TENOR-TREBBLES.

11a. Same materials and finish as No. 22, fifty-six keys from Tenor C to C

23s. 0d.

12a. Same materials and finish as No. 22, sixty-four keys from Tenor C to G

25s. 0d.

BARITONES.

Three Octaves and Three Notes.

From G on the First Line in the Bass Clef.

26. Same material and finish as No. 21, forty-eight keys

14s. 0d.

27. Same material and finish as No. 22, forty-eight keys

19s. 0d.

28. Same material and finish as No. 22, but with sixty keys

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CONCERTINA.

The concertina was invented about the year 1827 by Charles Wheatstone (the inventor of the Electric Telegraph), and has been improved from time to time by Messrs. C. Wheatstone & Co., and now becomes one of the most perfect, durable, and useful of musical instruments.

The concertina has a complete chromatic scale, and possesses qualities which have never hitherto been combined in a single musical instrument. It is especially adapted to the most expressive and most rapid execution, whether confined to the succession of single notes, or as other instruments are, or in harmony of two, three, or four parts. From the remarkable simplicity of its fingering, and the great facility with which its tones are produced and sustained, it is very easily learned. An instrument which can play the two complete parts of a difficult violin duet, with very little special study, cannot be other than easy to acquire; and as it cannot be sounded out of tune, the most perfect crescendos and diminuendos may be obtained without the least amount of practice which is so requisite on other instruments. The fingering being the same on the Treble, Tenor, Baritone and Bass Concertinas, enables players to take any part in Trios, Quartets, Orchestral, or other concerted music, which would be impossible in the case of string or other wind instruments. For example, a violin player cannot play Viola, Violino or Bass without knowledge of such instrument, whereas a Treble Concertina player can play the same part on Bass with equal facility. These comparisons apply also to the wind instruments, such as Flutes, Clarinets, Bassoons, Oboes, Piccolos, etc.

The concertina, when played as Obbligato or any other form of accompaniment with the voice, produces a most charming effect; for the concertina, as an aid to the voice, cannot be equalled by any other instrument.

The performances of Madam Amy Rowbotham, Miss Edith Drake, Mr. John C. Ward, Mr. Charles Ruttterford, Mr. J. Piroshnikoff (U.S.A.), the late Signor Giulio Regondi, Mr. Richard Blagrove, Mr. Roe, and others, at many concerts during the past and present years, have frequently enabled the musical public to judge of the effects and capabilities of the concertina. An inspection of the music published will show that, either for solo or accompaniments, it is equal to, if not more effective than any other instrument in present use; whilst in its peculiar effects, and particularly in those of its harmonies, it is unrivalled. The concertina is capable of performing music written for the violin, flute, or any other orchestral instrument, besides which many pieces of the highest artistic merit have been expressly composed or written by Macfarren, Mikkely, Bennett, Wallace, Slits, Regondi, Blagrove, and many others. The concertina produces the same sound whichever way the bellows is moved, the action of which becomes very similar to that of the bow of the violin, violincello, etc.

The concertina can take part in quartets, etc., and do its work—as previously suggested—without any way interfering with the musical interest; in fact, greatly augmenting it. To still further illustrate its great powers of adaptability and sympathy, when used in an orchestra or band for the rendering of any special part, it lends itself entirely to that part, inking its own individuality. For example, it would be absurd to give a violin part to a flute or oboe, but the concertina being assigned, say, a flute or violin part, would render that part with all that instrument's characteristic.

Messrs. C. Wheatstone & Co.'s modern concertinas, being much lighter and easier to manipulate than those of the older construction—all superfluous materials being dispensed with—are particularly adapted for the use of ladies.

Notwithstanding the important improvements which have recently been made—the most notable of which being the invention and introduction by Messrs. C. W. & Co. of rounded or spherical-ended keys, which, having no square or sharp edges to impede the movements of the fingers, give a most pleasant and comfortable feeling to the touch, and have facilitated the rendering of difficult passages, which previously required much practice—a further considerable reduction in the price of the various descriptions of the concertina has been made, as the subjoined list will show. This Messrs. C. W. & Co. have been enabled to effect by the increased demand, and use of extensive and valuable machinery, by which the public not only have the advantage in price, but also in the superiority of the workmanship and quality of tone, which is confirmed by the preference given to the PRESENT CONCERTINAS by the leading professors and artists.

Messrs. C. W. & Co. may here mention that all their concertinas are turned on the equal temperament system, which is the only recognised method that is used for the pianoforte and all other instruments.

The concertinas with perfected duplex screwed notes and new steel vibrators, Messrs. C. W. & Co. have every confidence in saying will never get out of tune. Steel vibrators were first introduced by Messrs. C. W. & Co. in the year 1862, for the use of Signor Giulio Regondi and Mr. Richard Blagrove, and have since then stood the severest tests.

All their concertinas are accurately tuned to the standard pitch, so that each can be brought together without any trouble to the players. They can also be tuned to any other pitch to suit special requirements. All Messrs. C. W. & Co.'s concertinas are double action unless otherwise specified. All the improvements are made entirely upon their own premises under personal superintendence, are of highly-seasoned materials, and will stand extreme climates.

ÆOLA.

This charming little instrument, now attracting such favourable notice in the musical world, has been placed before the public by Messrs. C. W. & Co., the inventors and sole makers, for several years past.

It is universally admitted to be the finest toned musical instrument of the present day, possessing as it does, in so large a degree, the grand qualities of tone proper to a Stradivarius violin, together with a marked resemblance to the human voice.

The recent performances of Madam Amy Rowbotham, Miss Edith Drake, Mr. John C. Ward, Mr. Richard Blagrove, Mr. Charles Ruttterford, Mr. J. Piroshnikoff, and other leading professors, have demonstrated the capabilities of the AEOLA to be far in advance of those of any other portable instrument, and have conclusively proved that whilst it possesses an individuality of tone that is irreplaceable, it is thoroughly capable of producing and sustaining most of the effects peculiar to stringed instruments, as well as other effects that cannot be produced save by a combination of two or more instruments of other kinds, or by the organ.

The solo and concerto pieces of the great masters written for the violin, flute, etc., can be rendered upon the ÆOLA with greater effect and precision than in ordinarily possible upon their proper instruments, whilst as the keyboard of the ÆOLA is identical with that of Wheatstone's English concertina, the whole of the important repertoire of the latter is of course available to the player.

The resonant character, and the extreme mellowness and purity of the tone of the ÆOLA, together with its delicate and expressive touch, combine to recommend the instrument at once to the musical connoisseur as a really sympathetic and legitimate member of the wind instrument family, and one calculated to well repay the trouble of taking up, more especially as the outlay is presented to the student incomparably fewer difficulties to overcome than does any other kind of instrument that can be named. For so simple is the arrangement of the keyboard, and so easy the fingering, that with but slight knowledge of music a beginner, who can devote no more than, say, half-an-hour a day, may become able to perform fairly well on the ÆOLA in the course of a few weeks—an achievement utterly impossible with the violin, flute, etc.

The ÆOLA is also invaluable to vocal students when practising, as well as for the rendering by themselves obligato accompaniments. On this account of some is unapproachable save by Wheatstone's concertina.

The ÆOLA is made with a compass either of three and a half, four, or four and a quarter octaves, and only in one quality, namely, the very best. All ÆOLAS are fitted with Messrs. C. W. & Co.'s latest (Concertina & Æola) improvements, including their perfected duplex screwed notes, spherical keys, and new steel roads. They are tuned to any pitch required, and with ordinary care remain in tune practically for ever. Tenor or Bass Æolases also made.