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OF
"WHEATSTONE"
ENGLISH CONCERTINAS

AND
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DIAGRAM OF KEYBOARD OF THE CONCERTINA & ÆOLA

(Actual Size)

Showing the Position of the Keys in relation to the Music Stave.

LEFT HAND

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RIGHT HAND

THUMB STRAPS
IMPORTANT NOTICE.—C. Wheatstone & Co. have absolutely and exclusively the sole and exclusive right to manufacture and market all Concertinas and Celestas. All Instruments are tuned Equal Temperament and Old Tuning. All Instruments fitted with Perfected Duplex Screwed Notes.

CONCERTINAS.

Trade Mark—"WHEATSTONE.''

TREBLES.

No. 4. Rosewood, French polish, round top keys, steel vibrators, bushed throughout, morocco leather five-fold bellows.

Price 10 10 0

5. Rosewood, superior materials and finish, French polish, bushed throughout, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, steel vibrators, giving pure tone and rapid articulation, morocco leather five-fold bellows.

Price 12 0 0

5a. Ebony, superior materials and finish, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, steel vibrators, morocco leather five-fold bellows.

Price 14 0 0

6. Ebony, Raised Ends, very finest finish, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, best steel vibrators, giving the purest and best tone that can be produced, dark morocco leather five-fold bellows, the finest selected materials throughout.

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EXTENDED COMPASS.

No. 8.

8. Same materials and finish as No. 6, but with sixty-four keys.

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8a. Same materials and finish as No. 6, but with sixty keys to A.

Price 22 0 0

TENOR-TREBLES.

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

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

Price 24 0 0

BARITONES.

No. 11.

9a. Rosewood, French polish, N, silver round top keys, bushed throughout, green morocco leather bellows, steel vibrators, fine tone, rapid articulation.

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10. Same materials and finish as No. 5. Very mellow and organ-like tone.

Price 15 0 0

10a. Same materials and finish as No. 6. Extremely rich and pure in tone.

Price 18 0 0

10b. Same materials and finish as No. 6, but with fifty-six keys, from G on the first line of the Bass Clef to fourth G above.

Price 22 0 0

Any other Compass to Order.

The disposition of the keys of the above being the same as on the Treble Concertina, but sounding an octave lower, those who are already acquainted with the latter can play the Baritone. These Instruments are admirably adapted for Vocal Tenor or Baritone Music, also for the Violin part in Trios, Quartets, etc., in addition to which they will not only play a Vocal Bass part, but are capable of performing Patriotic Mourns, chorus, gliss., etc., which in the Treble Clef, are unsuitable for these voices.

Basses and Double-Basses, according to requirements, also Concertinas and Celestas of the Compass of the Piccolo, all Clarinetts, Bassoon, etc., made to Order.

Concertina in No. 6 quality can be made in Amboyna Wood, with Gold-plated fittings, at £2 extra.

Any Instrument, from No. 4, can be fitted with Special Composition Reed, Reeds for Damp and Tropical Climates, without extra charge.

C. W. & Co.'s Improved Square Cases for Treble Concertinas, £1 15s. 18s., 24s. & 30s. Ditto, Ditto, for Baritone Concertina, 21s., 32s. & 40s.

Cord and Attachments for supporting the Concertina when playing standing (detachable) 1/6 each.

Tuning Forks, of the standard pitches accurately tuned and tested, 2/6 each.

It is always best to let the Piano Tuner have one of our tested Forks, being preferable to taking the pitch from the Concertina.

The three recognized pitches in use are—Continental C 617 3 Vibrations; New Philharmonic C 322; and Old Philharmonic C 540.

Light Portable Folding Music Stands for Concertina Players, from 6 6s. Metronomes, from 21s.

Warren's Complete Instructions for the Concertina is the best and easiest book to teach and learn from. Price 6s. Nett.

A New Catalogue of Concertina Music may be had post free for 2d. Stamp.

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THE "ÆOLA." New Octagonal Model.

TREBLES.

No. 17. Forty-eight keys, very finest Ebony finish and best materials throughout, Eight Sides and Raised Ends, C. W. & Co.'s new round top silver keys and fittings to match, finest special grade new steel vibrators (large scale), dark morocco leather six-fold bellows, latest approved eccentric action and very short touch, giving extremely rapid articulation. Powerful and rich tone

Price 18 10 0

No. 18. Same materials and finish, but with fifty-six keys, to top Violin G

22 0 0

No. 18a. Same materials and finish, but with sixty keys to A above

24 0 0

No. 18b. Same materials and finish, but with sixty-four keys to C sharp above

26 0 0

TENOR-TREBLES.

No. 19. Same materials and finish, with fifty-six keys, four octaves, from Tenor C to C...

24 0 0

No. 19a. Same materials and finish, with sixty-four keys, four-and-a-half octaves, from Tenor C to top G...

26 0 0

BARITONE-TREBLES.

No. 14. Same materials and finish as No. 17, fifty-six keys from G on bottom line of Bass stave and up to G on fourth line above Treble stave, seven-fold bellows

24 0 0

No. 15. Same as No. 14, but with sixty-two keys, up to C above fifth line, eight-fold bellows

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No. 16. Same as No. 15, but with sixty-four keys, down to F below bottom line of Bass stave, eight-fold bellows

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BARITONES.

Three Octaves and Three Notes.

From G on the First Line in the Bass Clef.

20. Same materials and finish, but with forty-eight keys

20 0 0

20a. Same materials and finish, but with fifty-six keys, to extend the compass to four octaves, from G on the first line in the bass clef to the fourth G above

24 0 0

Baritas can be fitted with Raised Nickel-plated metal ends, if desired, at £1 10s. extra, or with Ambrosia Wood ends and gold-plated fittings, at £2 extra.

PLATED METAL END CONCERTINAS.

Trade Mark—"WHEATSTONE."

Forty-Eight Keys.

TREBLES. Fifty-Six Keys.

No. 21. Nickel-plated ends, silver keys, steel vibrators, leather five-fold bellows, keys & tops bushes throughout

Price 11 0 0

21a. Nickel-plated ends, superior materials and finish, silver keys, steel reeds, morocco five-fold bellows

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22. Best nickel-plated Raised Ends, spherical end silver keys and finger plates to match, best steel vibrators, morocco leather five-fold bellows, keys and tops bushes, new improved action, short touch and rapid articulation. Powerful tone

17 0 0

24. Same materials and finish as No. 22, but with fifty-six keys, G to G

21 0 0

25. Same materials and finish as No. 22, but with sixty keys, G to A

23 0 0

TENOR-TREBLES.

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

23 0 0

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

25 0 0

BARITONES.

Three Octaves and Three Notes.

From G on the First Line in the Bass Clef.

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

19 0 0

28. Same materials and finish as No. 22, but with fifty-six keys

23 0 0
THE “WHEATSTONE” CONCERTINA.

The “WHEATSTONE” CONCERTINA was invented about the year 1827 by Sir Charles Wheatstone (the inventor of the Electric Telegraph), and having been improved from time to time by Messrs. C. Wheatstone & Co., has now become one of the most perfect, durable, and cheapest of musical instruments.

The “Wheatstone” Concertina has a complete chromatic scale, and possesses qualities which have never hitherto been combined in a single musical instrument. It is equally adapted to the most expressive performance and the most rapid execution, whether confined to the succession of single notes, as most 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 large amount of practice which is so requisite on other instruments. The fingering being the same on the Treble, Tenor, Baritone and Bass Concertinas, enable players to take any part in Trios, Quartets, Orchestral, or other concerted music, which would be impossible in the case of string or wind instruments. For example, a violin player cannot play Violin, Cello or Bass without knowledge of each instrument, whereas a Treble Concertina player can play the Tenor or 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 Madame Amy Rowbotham, Miss Edith Drake, Miss Eva Taylor, The Payne Four, Messrs. Harry Merton, Charles Rutterford, J. Asley, Colin J. Campbell, W. F. Alderson, C. & F. Campbell (N.Z.), G. Manszewitz (U.S.A.), the late Signor Giulio Regondi, Messrs. Richard Blagrove, John C. Ward, George Roe, and others, at many concerts during the past and present years, have frequently enabled the public to judge of the effects and capabilities of the Concertina. An inspection of the music published will show that, either for solos or accompaniments, it is equal, 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 either 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, Mollison, Bawset, Wallace, Sibley, 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 Violon, Violoncello, etc.

The Concertina can take part in quartets, etc., and do its work—as previously suggested—in 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 the music, it lends itself entirely to that part, sinking its own individuality. For example, it would be absurd to give a Violin part to a Flute, or vice-versa, but the Concertina being assigned, say, a Flute or Violin part would render that part with all that instrument's characteristics.

Messrs. C. W. & Co. may here mention that all their Concertinas are tuned on the Equal Temperament system, which is the only recognised method that is used for the pianoforte and all other instruments. 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 sets 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 instruments are made entirely upon their own premises under personal superintendence, and are of highly-seasoned materials.

THE “ÆOLIA.”

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

It is universally admitted to be the finest tonal 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 Madame Amy Rowbotham, Miss Edith Drake, The Payne Four, Mr. John C. Ward, Mr. Richard Blagrove, Mr. Charles Rutterford, Mr. G. Manszewitz, and other leading Professors have demonstrated the capabilities of the ÆOLIA 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 inimitable, 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 concerted pieces of the great masters written for the violin, flute, etc., can be rendered upon the ÆOLIA with greater effect and precision than is ordinarily possible upon their proper instruments, whilst as the keyboard of the ÆOLIA 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 chamber, and the extreme mellowness and purity of the tone of the ÆOLIA 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 at the outset it presents 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 perform fairly well on the ÆOLIA of a few words—an achievement entirely impossible with the violin, flute, etc.

The ÆOLIA is also invaluable to vocal students when practising, as well as for the rendering by themselves obligato accompaniments to their own performance of songs, a feature in which the instrument is unapproachable save by Wheatstone's Concertinas.

The ÆOLIA 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 ÆOLIAS are fitted with Messrs. C. W. & Co.'s latest Concertina & Æolia improvements, including their perfected duplex screwed keys, spherical keys, and new steel reeds. They are tuned to any pitch required, and with ordinary care remain in tune many years. Tenor or Bass Æolias also made.