

Handel's six *Concerti Grossi* Op. 3 are the nearest that he came in his music to Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. The Op. 3, first published in 1734, draws largely on earlier work, including music composed around 1720 when Handel was in the employment of the Duke of Chandos. They are certainly full of the freshness and vigour of youth, and possess a characteristic Handelian breadth and charm.

George Frideric
HANDEL
(1685-1759)

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| 1-3 | Concerto Grosso in B flat major, Op. 3, No. 1 | 8:50 |
| 4-8 | Concerto Grosso in B flat major, Op. 3, No. 2 | 11:46 |
| 9-12 | Concerto Grosso in G major, Op. 3, No. 3 | 6:47 |
| 13-16 | Concerto Grosso in F major, Op. 3, No. 4 | 10:07 |
| 17-21 | Concerto Grosso in D minor, Op. 3, No. 5 | 10:02 |
| 22-23 | Concerto Grosso in D major, Op. 3, No. 6 | 6:31 |

Northern Sinfonia
Bradley Creswick, Director

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