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Francesco Barsanti was one of many Italian musicians who followed their fortunes to England in the early eighteenth century. He found work as an orchestral player for Italian opera productions and was active primarily as a flautist and oboist. His six recorder sonatas, Opus 1, published in 1724, were successfully aimed at the many fine amateur musicians in London for whom the instrument was a great favourite.



Francesco BARSANTI

(1690–1772)



Complete Sonatas for Recorder and Continuo, Op. 1

Sonata in D minor, Op. 1, No. 1

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| 1 Adagio | 1:54 |
| 2 – | 1:52 |
| 3 Grave | 1:56 |
| 4 Allegro Assai | 3:23 |

Sonata in C major, Op. 1, No. 2

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| 5 Adagio | 2:16 |
| 6 Allegro | 4:08 |
| 7 Largo | 1:58 |
| 8 Presto | 1:44 |

Sonata in G minor, Op. 1, No. 3

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| 9 Adagio | 1:37 |
| 10 Allegro | 3:50 |
| 11 Largo | 2:00 |
| 12 Gavotta | 2:12 |
| 13 Minuet | 0:53 |

Sonata in C minor, Op. 1, No. 4

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| 14 Adagio | 2:18 |
| 15 Con Spirito | 3:45 |
| 16 Siciliana Largo | 1:53 |
| 17 Gavotta Allegro | 1:22 |

Sonata in F major, Op. 1, No. 5

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| 18 Adagio | 1:43 |
| 19 – | 2:42 |
| 20 Siciliano Largo | 2:04 |
| 21 Minuet | 4:24 |

Sonata in B flat major, Op. 1, No. 6

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| 22 Adagio | 1:47 |
| 23 Non Tanto Allegro | 4:57 |
| 24 Sostenuto | 1:34 |
| 25 Allegro | 2:37 |

Barnaby Ralph, Recorder
Huguette Brassine, Harpsichord • Louise King, Violoncello

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