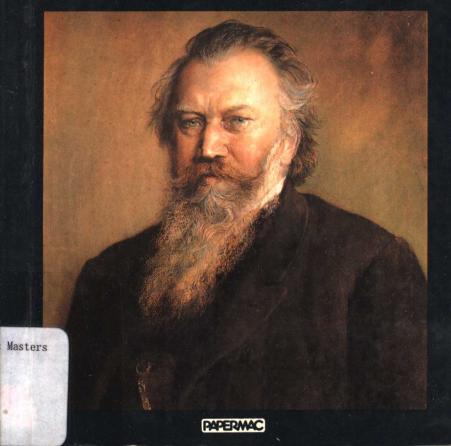


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## General abbreviations

A acc.	alto, contralto [voice] accompaniment, accompanied by Agnus Dei	Jb Jg.	Jahrbuch [yearbook] Jahrgang [year of publication/volume]
Anh. ant	Anhang [appendix] antiphon	к Ку	Köchel catalogue [Mozart] Kyrie
appx aut.	appendix autumn	lib	libretto
B Bar	bass [voice] baritone [voice]	movt	movement
bn Bs	bassoon Benedictus	n.d.	no date of publication
BWV	Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis [Schmieder, catalogue of	ob off	oboe offertory
	J. S. Bach's works]	orch orchd	orchestra, orchestral orchestrated (by)
<i>c</i> c.f.	circa [about]	org ov.	organ overture
cl collab.	clarinet in collaboration with	PO	Philharmonic Orchestra
conc.	concerto corrected	posth. pubd	posthumous(ly) published
Cz.	Czech	qnt	quintet
D	Deutsch catalogue [Schubert]	qt	quartet
d	died	R recit	photographic reprint recitative
db dbn	double bass double bassoon	repr.	reprinted
ded.	dedication, dedicated to	rev.	revision, revised (by/for)
edn.	edition	S San	soprano [voice] Sanctus
facs.	facsimile	Sp. str	Spanish string(s)
frag.	fragment	sum.	summer symphony, symphonic
Gl	Gloria	sym.	symphony, symphome
grad	gradual	T timp.	tenor [voice] timpani
hn	horn	tpt	trumpet
Hung.	Hungarian	transcr.	transcription, transcribed by/for
inc. inst	incomplete instrument, instrumental	trbn Turk.	trombone Turkish

U.	University	WoO	Werke ohne Opuszahl (works without opus
v, vv	voice, voices		number]
va	viola	ww	woodwind
vc	cello		
vn	violin		

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#### Bibliographical abbreviations

AcM Acta musicologica

AMw Archiv für Musikwissenschaft

BJb Bach-Jahrbuch

BMw Beiträge zur Musikwissenschaft

CAUSM Journal of the Canadian Association of University Schools of

ACEUM j. Music/Association Canadienne des Ecoles Universitaires

de Musique journal

CMc Current Musicology

DJbM Deutsches Jahrbuch der Musikwissenschaft

FAM Fontes artis musicae

Gf MKB Gesellschaft für Musikforschung Kongressbericht

HR Hudební revue HRo Hudební rozhledy HV Hudební věda

IMSCR International Musicological Society Congress Report

JbMP Jahrbuch der Musikbibliothek Peters

Mf Die Musikforschung

MGG Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart
MI. Music and Letters

MMR The Monthly Musical Record

MO Musical Opinion
MQ The Musical Quarterly
MR The Music Review
MT The Musical Times

NZM Neue Zeitschrift für Musik

OM Opus musicum

ÖMz Österreichische Musikzeitschrift

PMA Proceedings of the Musical Association
PRMA Proceedings of the Royal Musical Association

RaM La rassegna musicale ReM La revue musicale

RIM Rivista italiana di musicologia

SM Studia musicologica Academiae scientiarum hungaricae SMw Studien zur Musikwissenschaft

SMw Studien zur Musikwissenschaft
SMz Schweizerische Musikzeitung Revue musicale suisse

SovM Sovetskaya musika

ZfM Zeitschrift für Musik

ZMw Zeitschrift für Musikwissenschaft

#### **Preface**

This volume is one of a series of short biographies derived from *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* (London, 1980). In its original form, the text was written in the mid-1970s, and finalized at the end of that decade. For this reprint, the texts have been re-read and modified. The material on Wolf and Dvořák has been amended by the original authors. The Brahms article has been amended by its author, too, with the assistance of Margit McCorkle, who also has taken responsibility for the revision of the work-list. The author of the Bruckner text is the late Deryck Cooke; minor emendations have been made to his text and work-list with the assistance of Hans-Hubert Schönzeler, and Richard Evidon has updated the bibliography (originally supplied by Leopold Nowak).

The fact that the texts of the books in the series originated as dictionary articles inevitably gives them a character somewhat different from that of books conceived as such. They are designed, first of all, to accommodate a very great deal of information in a manner that makes reference quick and easy. Their first concern is with fact rather than opinion, and this leads to a larger than usual proportion of the texts being devoted to biography than to critical discussion. The nature of a reference work gives it a particular obligation to convey received knowledge and to treat of composers' lives and works in an encyclopedic fashion, with proper acknowledgment of sources and due care to reflect different standpoints, rather than to embody imaginative or speculative writing about a composer's character or his music.

It is hoped that the comprehensive work-lists and extended bibliographies, indicative of the origins of the books in a reference work, will be valuable to the reader who is eager for full and accurate reference information and who may not have ready access to *The New Grove Dictionary* or who may prefer to have it in this more compact form.

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#### ANTON BRUCKNER

Deryck Cooke

Leopold Nowak

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#### CHAPTER ONE

#### Life

#### I Early years

Anton Joseph Bruckner was born in Ansfelden, near Linz, on 4 September 1824. He was the eldest of five surviving children of the Ansfelden schoolmaster and organist, Anton Bruckner (b 1791), and his first acquaintance with music was when he was taken to Mass by his mother, who sang in the church choir. He received his first musical tuition from his father, learning to play hymn tunes on a miniature violin at the age of four, and soon afterwards finding their harmonies on the family spinet: by the age of ten he was already able to deputize for his father as organist at the church services. At this time his parents would sometimes take him to the nearby Augustinian monastery of St Florian where, amid the splendours of its Baroque architecture, he heard far more impressive services, accompanied by the majestic sound of the great organ. His first lessons in music theory came at the age of 11, when he was sent to the nearby small town of Hörsching, to stay with his 21year-old cousin and godfather Johann Baptist Weiss, who was schoolmaster and organist. Weiss was a local composer of some repute, and Bruckner learnt harmony from him, chiefly by the old traditional method of playing the organ from a figured bass; he also heard a Mozart mass for the first time, as well as Haydn's oratorios The Creation and The Seasons, and he perhaps made his own first attempts at composition.

The following year, the fatal illness of Bruckner's father necessitated his return to Ansfelden to deputize in the schoolhouse and the church and as fiddler at the village dances. But when his father died in 1837, his mother refused to allow the 13-year-old boy to lose his education by supporting the family; she moved with her four other children to cheap lodgings in another village, and secured from Michael Arneth, the kindly prior of St Florian, his admission as a chorister. The monastery was to be his home for the next three years, and his spiritual home for the rest of his life. As a chorister there, he pursued his education and music studies, taking further organ lessons from Anton Kattinger, the St Florian organist; he was eventually allowed to deputize for him at the less important services. He worked hard at theory, devoted much of his time to organ improvisation and also renewed his violin lessons. so that in 1839. when his voice broke, he was able to stay on for a further year as a violinist. But the time was approaching when he had to make his own way in the world, and with a surprising lack of self-confidence he decided to rely on the minimal security of his father's profession of schoolmaster-organist, rather than brave the hazards of a purely musical career.

To take his teacher-training course, Bruckner had to spend a year in Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, and since the post of schoolmaster was associated with that of organist, music played a large part in the curriculum. He studied music theory with the author of a standard and expert book on the subject, August Dürrnberger, while in the cathedral he heard some more of Mozart's masses and first encountered those of Joseph and

#### Early years

Michael Haydn. Much more important, however, was the fact that, as a 16-year-old provincial product of the organ loft, he first came into contact with metropolitan and international concert music: overtures by Weber. and particularly Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, gave him a glimpse of an entirely new world. After this experience his appointment to the humble post of assistant schoolmaster at the little village of Windhaag (near Freistadt), satisfactory as it was for supporting his family, could only be the more unpalatable to him. He took up the post in 1841 at the age of 17, and he also persevered with his own interests: he copied out Bach's Art of Fugue, as well as fugues by Albrechtsberger; he played the fiddle at the local dances; and he began composing again, with a small-scale Mass in C for alto solo, two horns and organ, written for a singer in the church choir. But the village was remote from his native district, his salary was pitiful, his superior was unsympathetic to his musical preoccupations, and his duties included farm labouring, even down to muck-spreading.

Bruckner was relieved when, after some 15 months, his St Florian mentor Michael Arneth arrived on a tour of inspection. There was no vacancy at St Florian, but Arneth found him a position as assistant schoolmaster in the village of Kronstorf (near Steyr), within his own native area. Although Kronstorf was even smaller than Windhaag, the situation was much more congenial: his salary was higher, his superior acted as a father towards him, and he made many close friends who took part with him in music-making. The horizon was also less limited: he could now visit St Florian whenever he had the time; he was able to take theory lessons once more, with the main choirmaster in the town of Enns, who

based his teaching on Bach's chorales and the '48'; and he could play a large organ again, that of the Steyr parish church. He had acquired more fluency as a composer, and he wrote a number of modest works during his three-year stay at Kronstorf, the most successful being another small-scale mass (for Maundy Thursday) for four-part unaccompanied choir.

#### II St Florian

At last, in 1845, the post of first assistant teacher at St Florian fell vacant, and Bruckner, at the age of 21, was able to return to the place he loved. He remained there for the next ten years, still regarding himself as a schoolmaster rather than a musician, though he continued studying and composing music. He pursued his course in Bach's music with the choirmaster in Enns; he attended Bach organ recitals in Linz, also encountering the music of Mendelssohn at concerts there; he formed a male-voice quartet with some friends, and composed the first dozen or so of his numerous pieces for the medium, as well as a few cantatas for particular occasions. He also enjoyed the luxury of playing on a Bösendorfer grand piano belonging to a friend, Franz Sailer, his brother's godfather; when Sailer died in 1848 he bequeathed the instrument to Bruckner. who composed at it for the rest of his life. It was Sailer's death that motivated Bruckner's first notable work. the Requiem in D minor for soloists, chorus, orchestra and organ, which was first performed at a memorial service in St Florian the following year. In 1848 he had been appointed provisional organist at St Florian, after the transfer of Kattinger to Kremsmünster, and in 1851 he was given the full appointment, an event which marked