## **Performance Notes**

- 1. A sharp of flat persists until the end of the bar unless cancelled by a natural sign. Courtesy accidentals have been used extensively.
- 2. A note or chord tied over a barline retains its accidentals in the new bar unless indicated otherwise.
- 3.  $\sharp$  = sharp 1/4 tone
- 4. #= sharp 3/4 tone
- 5.  $\triangleleft$  = flat 1/4 tone
- 6.  $\phi$ = flat 3/4 tone
- 7. Most of the fingering positions and many of the symbols found in this set of compositions were obtained from <u>The Techniques of Oboe Playing</u> by Peter Veale & Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf, Bärenreiter, 1994.
- 8. The fingering positions provided are suggestions. Performers may choose to use alternate fingering so long as the desired effect is preserved. If a performer should be unable to reproduce any of the multiphonics that appear in the score, reference should be made to the recording that accompanies The Techniques of Oboe Playing in order to find suitable alternatives.
- 9. Where a fingering instruction has been supplied, it applies only to the note appearing directly below it and to the note(s) tied to the note that contains the instruction unless indicated otherwise.
- 10. = implied phrase
- 11. l.g = lip glissando (The performer may choose to finger the glissando if this is easier and results in a similar effect.)
- 12. fltz. = fluttertongue
- 13.  $\mathbf{Z}$  = teeth note or teeth multiphonic
- 14. The symbols  $\square$   $\square$   $\square$  represent gradations in air pressure. The range, going left to right, is from very weak to very strong pressure. ( $\square$  = normal air pressure)
- 15.  $\blacksquare$  = strong lip pressure
- 16. A picture of the reed  $(\nabla)$  with horizontal bands across it is used to indicate approximately how much reed should be used to produce the required effect.  $(\nabla)$  = normal reed position) In the case of teeth notes/multiphonics, the bands indicate the approximate position of the teeth.
- 17. The symbols  $\oplus$  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 are used to indicate gradations in timbre. "0" indicates the timbre produced by the standard fingering. "+" indicates a brighter than normal timbre. "1" to "5" indicates a gradual reduction in the brightness as well as an increased diffuseness of the pitch. Fingering for these gradations only occasionally appears in the score. However, these fingerings are only suggestions.
- 18. = harmonic
- 19. M = multiphonic (In the case of double harmonics, two small circles appear above the note.)
- 20. S = smorzato (This effect involves the oscillation of volume and timbre (not pitch) via movement of the jaw.)
- 21. Taxa = timbre trill

- 22. # = double trill
- 23. = gradually move from the current performance instructions to the instructions indicated at the end of the arrow head.
- 24. W = wide vibrato
- 25. W == gradually go from a wide vibrato to no vibrato (The reverse instruction also appears in the score, ie, from no vibrato to wide vibrato.)
- 26. A horizontal dash (-) placed above or below a note head indicates that the note is to be played with a slight accent.
- 27. The technique of circular breathing might be required in *Invention No.8*.
- 28. The approximate durations for each movement are as follows:

Invention Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 - 1 minute

*Invention Nos.* 2, 6, 10, 14 - 2 minutes

Invention Nos. 4, 12 - 4.5 to 5 minutes

*Invention No.8* - 9 minutes

29. Should the prospective performer or interested listener wish to know more about this composition, I can be contacted via e-mail at: music@calogeropanvino.com

## **Program Note**

15 Inventions for Solo Oboe owes much to the Two- and Three-Part Inventions for keyboard by J.S.Bach. Like the keyboard compositions, the oboe pieces in this collection emerged from a desire to create complete works of pedagogical value from musical fragments. In this instance the 'fragments' are taken from the corresponding Two- and Three-Part Inventions, and an effort has been made to gradually expose the perspective performer to difficulties associated with some of the more contemporary aspects of oboe technique.

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## Invention No.1

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