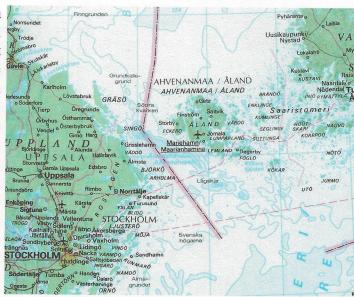
## Bernhard Henrik CRUSELL

## CONCERTANTE in Bb Major Opus 3

for Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn and Orchestra

## **Preface**

Bernhard Henrik Crusell was born 15 October, 1775 in the village of Nystad. Finland (today Uusikaupunki), about 250 km northeast of Stockholm across the gulf of Bothnia, to a family which had been in the bookbinding trade for several generations. Although there seems not to have been any distinguishing musical interest in his early environment, around the age of four little Bernt picked up a primitive two-key clarinet and began to impress friends and family with a surprising proficiency. At the age of 8 he received some instruction from a clarinetist in the Nyland regimental band; at 13 a local landowner noticed the boy's talent and took





him to the garrison at Sveaborg to hear the military band. Likely at the behest of this neighbor, Crusell was encouraged to play for the officers who recommended that he immediately enroll in the band as a volunteer musician. At 16 the band was transferred across the gulf to Stockholm where Crusell's talents were exposed to a broader audience and at the age of 18 he became a musician in the Royal Court Orchestra where he was employed for the next 40 years, except for periodic leaves to study clarinet with Franz Tausch in Berlin and with Jean Xavier Lefèvre in Paris. In Stockholm he studied music theory and composition with Britz, Vogler, Berton and Gossecily. During his career he became a respected composer and one of the finest clarinet soloists of his time. It is said that he was the outstanding Finnish composer before Sibelius. Although he is best known for this Sinfonia

Concertante, his three clarinet concertos and the "Introduction et Air suedois" for clarinet and orchestra (opus 12), he composed other concertante works. Entirely lost works include a set of variations for horn and orchestra and two movements of an unfinished horn concerto composed in the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This Concertante in Bb major was performed in Leipzig and London. During his life in Stockholm it remained his most-played work.

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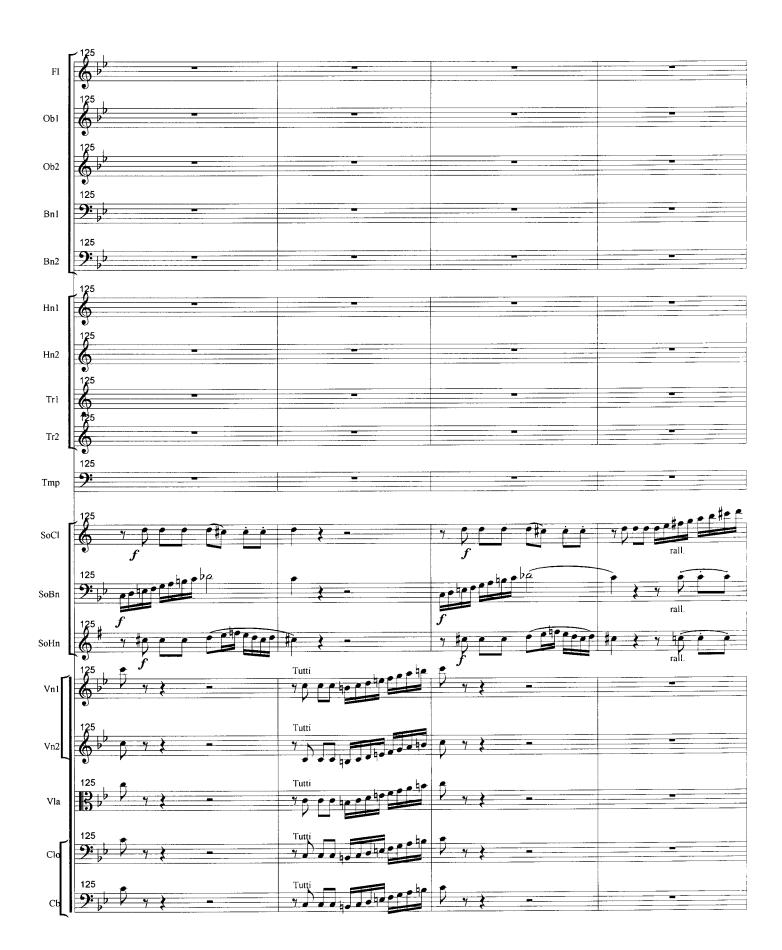








































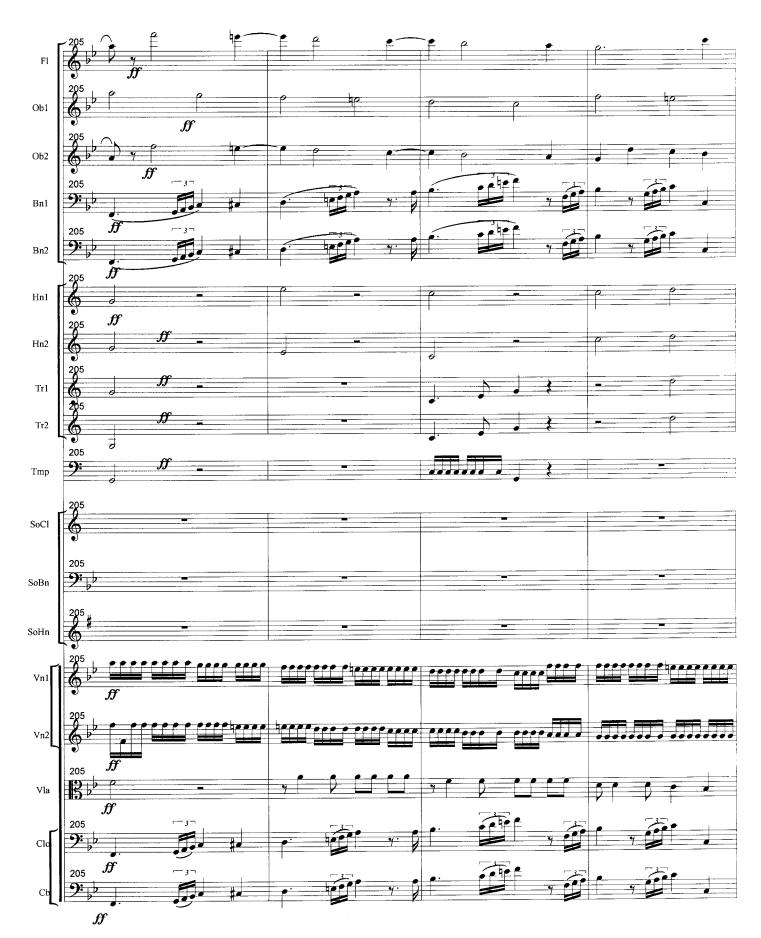








































































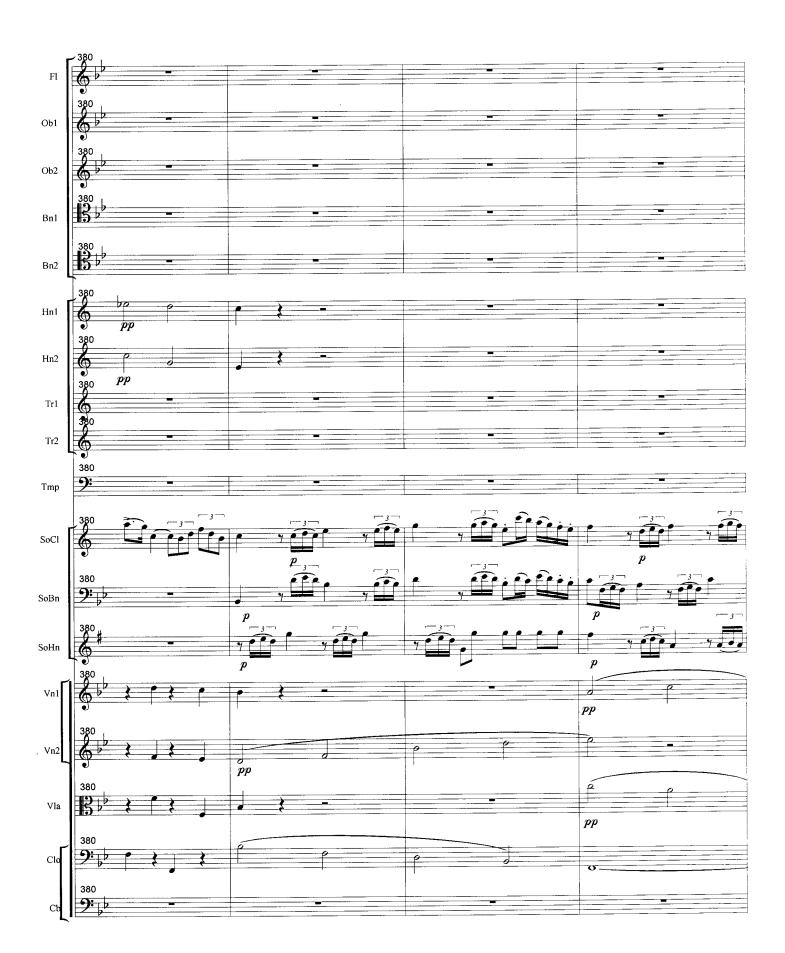




































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II. Andante sostenuto

Bernhard Henrik Crusell (1775 - 1838), Opus 3





























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