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CANTILENA

by APOLLON M.-R. BARRET arranged for cor anglais and piano

by Professor M. ZAKOPETS

Apollon Marie-Rose Barret was born at Saint-Brieuc in northern France in 1804. He became a pupil of Vogt at the Paris Conservatoire, where he won First Prize for his oboe playing in 1824. He was employed as oboist at the Odéon Theatre and at the Opéra Comique, but soon moved to London, where he was appointed Principal Oboe at the Italian Opera (Covent Garden) in 1829. He continued in this position until 1874 and was also Professor at the Royal Academy of Music. He published *A Complete Method for the Oboe* in 1850, with a second edition in 1862. In this later version, he praises the oboes of Triébert, a firm with which he maintained contact throughout his time in London. He also advocated his own modification to the keywork, adding a low Bb key to the Triébert 4 oboe, and pioneered the use of what would become the thumb plate, standard on English oboes. After his retirement, Barret returned to France and died in Paris in 1879.

Barret was among the founders of the English school of playing. He remained a technically accomplished player well into his later years, though his tone was reedier than that favoured by the up and coming players of the time. Apart from his *Method*, Barret also composed a *Fantaisie sur thèmes de l'Opéra "Martha"* (by Flotow), a salon piece for oboe and piano published by Schott. The present piece, *Cantilena*, has been arranged and edited for cor anglais and piano. The opening section of the music appears (untitled) in the Barret *Method*, for oboe with bassoon accompaniment, in the key of Eb. Both the solo part and the left hand accompaniment of *Cantilena* are clearly recognisable from the version in the *Method*. The *Cantilena* is in G and includes a suitably dramatic central section, followed by a return of part of the opening music.

Professor Myron Zakopets was born in Poland in 1932, and lived for most of his life in the Ukraine. He has been an oboe soloist, and a teacher at the Lviv Music College, providing a variety of arrangements for his students, edited by himself and his colleagues. He died in 2008. The music of *Cantilena* was set for publication from the manuscript by K. R. Malloch.

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