Corelli arr Nicola Pennill

Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 8

Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op 6, No 8, by Arcangelo Corelli, known commonly as his *Christmas Concerto*, was commissioned by Cardinal Pietro Ottoboni and published posthumously in 1714 as part of his twelve concerti grossi, Op 6.

The concerto bears the inscription *Fatto per la notte di Natale* ('Made for the night of Christmas'). It was composed around 1690. The concerto is scored for an ensemble consisting of a concertino group of two violins and a cello, ripieno strings and continuo. The work is structured as a *concerto da chiesa*, in this case expanded from a typical four movement structure to six.

I. Vivace - Grave, sostenuto
II. Allegro
III. Adagio - Allegro - Adagio
IV. Vivace
V. Allegro
VI. Largo, Pastorale ad libitum

for Equinox



