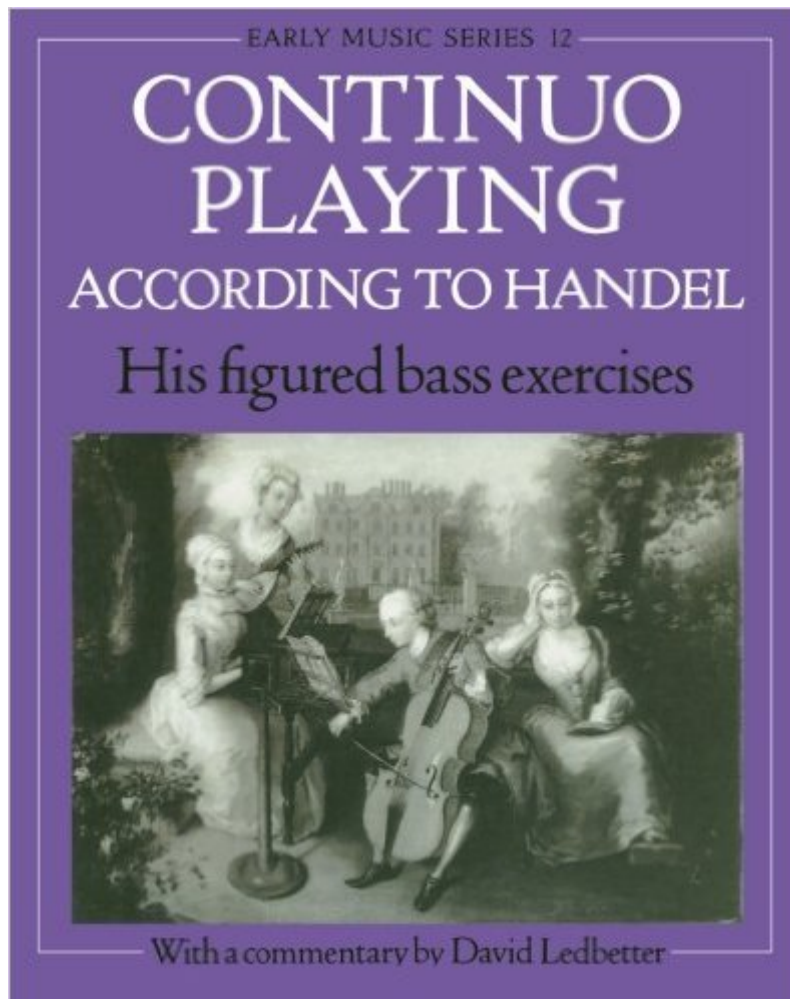


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# Continuo Playing According To Handel: His Figured Bass Exercises (Oxford Early Music Series)



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This book is an edition, with commentary, of Handel's exercises for continuo playing, which he wrote for the daughters of George II. The exercises, which until now have not been readily available, are supplemented by clear and concise commentary. Remaining faithful to his source, Ledbetter, who lectures in keyboard studies, has prepared an edition that will prove invaluable to students and performers of the music of Handel and his contemporaries.

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I cannot understand why this book is not better known. It is probably the best keyboard harmony book available. The book contains a method written by one of the world's greatest composers, George Frideric Handel. There are extensive and useful commentaries by the editor, David Ledbetter. Handel's figured-basses are all works of arts. If you practice these pieces and realize the parts with some sense of art, you will have a well-balanced composition. Unlike so many keyboard harmony and thoroughbass exercises, these basses by Handel reveal so much about how to design a musical composition and the basses themselves warrant carefully study. Four things are achieved through practicing these pieces: 1) an intuitive understanding of keyboard harmony-voicing and voice leading, 2) an understanding of musical composition, 3) a mastery of continuo playing, and 4) the acquiring of a virtuoso keyboard technique. Buy this book and devote hours to mastering it. It is a treasure chest of musical wisdom.

Very well edited and narrated compendium of Handel's exercises. Used this with great success to learn continuo.

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