

BATTALIA

Heinrich Biber
Arranged by Brendan McBrien

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

PROGRAM NOTES

Bohemian born Heinrich Biber (1644–1704) was a notable composer as well as one of the greatest violin virtuosos of the Baroque era. He spent most of his professional life working in Salzburg, Austria. *Battalia*, which in Italian means battle, was composed in 1673, some 25 years after the end of The Thirty Years' War (1618–1648) that devastated nearly all of Europe and which no doubt shaped the world in which young Biber grew up. It is a very unusual work from this period as it contains descriptive elements within the music that were rarely heard.

