

Les Indes Galantes

Danse du Grand Calumet de la Paix

Jean-Philippe Rameau

*arranged by Paul De Bra for
accordion quintet or ensemble (1, 2, 3, 4, bass)*

Les Indes Galantes is the first of a series Opera-Ballets by Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764). The term “Indes” is intended to be a generic term for all exotic foreign countries (thus not specifically India).

This work consists of a prologue and four “entrées” or acts. The “Danse du Grand Calumet de la Paix” is part of the fourth act, about “Les Sauvages” (in this case “friendly savages”).

This piece starts with an instrumental intro, followed by part duet and part choir (all with instrumental accompaniment).

In the “duo” and “chœur” parts of the arrangement for accordion quintet (or larger ensemble) the second and third voice represent the singers and choir. The other voices represent strings, flute, oboe, bassoon, continuo and bass.

This is an uplifting piece. It needs to be played very lightly, even when the choir kicks in. It sounds like it shouldn’t be difficult but especially the ornaments may be a bit challenging when trying not to slow down while playing them.

A recording by Professor P is available on YouTube.

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Rondeau $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 85$

(light tremolo) %

Suggestion for a modern twist: play pairs of 8th notes in swing style.

Second suggestion: add drums ad lib.

Acc. 1 f

Acc. 2 mf

Acc. 3 mf

Acc. 4 mf

Bass mf

7

I tr

II tr

III tr

IV tr

B tr

13

To Coda

I tr

II tr

III

IV

B

20

I *mp*

II *p*

III *p*

IV *p*

B *p*

26

D.S. al Coda

I *f*

II *mf*

III *mf*

IV *mf*

B *mf*

⊕ Coda

34

I *mf*

II *mf*

III *mf*

IV *mf*

B *mf*

40

I

II

III

IV

B

47

I

II

III

IV

B

53

I

II

III

IV

B

59

Measures 59-65 of the score. The music is in G minor (three flats). The score is for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. Measure 59 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. Measure 65 includes a trill (tr) and a wavy line (wavy) above a note.

66 Duo

Measures 66-71 of the score. The music is in G minor (three flats). The score is for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. Measure 66 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. Measure 71 includes a trill (tr) and a wavy line (wavy) above a note. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A solo instruction is present in measure 67.

72

Measures 72-77 of the score. The music is in G minor (three flats). The score is for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. Measure 72 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. Measure 77 includes a trill (tr) and a wavy line (wavy) above a note. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

77

Musical score for measures 77-81. The score is written for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various melodic lines and harmonic textures, including some trills and slurs.

Chœur des sauvages

82

8va if switch is possible

Musical score for measures 82-87, titled "Chœur des sauvages". The score is written for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various melodic lines and harmonic textures, including some trills and slurs. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). Performance instructions include "8va (tutti)" and "(tutti, div. if possible and needed)".

88

Musical score for measures 88-92. The score is written for five parts: I, II, III, IV, and B. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various melodic lines and harmonic textures, including some trills and slurs. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). Performance instructions include "trm" (trill) and "8va" (octave).

To $\oplus\oplus$
Fine

Duo

94 rit. al Fine

I *mf* (solo)

II *f* (solo)

III *f*

IV *mf*

B *mf*

101

I *mp*

II *p*

III *p*

IV *p*

B *p*

107 D.D.S. al Doppia Coda
(to "Chœur des sauvages")

I *mp*

II *p*

III *p*

IV *p*

B *p*

♩♩ (Doppia Coda)
114

I *mf*
8va (tutti)

II

III *f*

IV *mp*

B *mf*

120

I *tr*

II

III

IV

B

125

D.D.S. al Fine
(to "Chœur des sauvages")

I

II

III

IV

B