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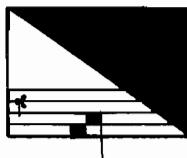
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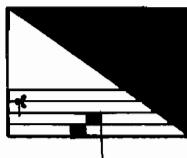
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## P R E F A C E

The student of Aribō's musical theory must turn to the collection, *Scriptores Ecclesiastici de Musica*, which was published by Martin Gerbert in 1784. According to the editor Aribō's treatise contained in this collection was drawn from only two MSS. One of these from St. Emmeran's Abbey at Regensburg (now Clm 14663), contains but small fragments of Aribō's text; the other, a Ms belonging at the time to Admont Abbey, has a complete but very inaccurate text. In the first place the scribe must have blindly followed a manuscript copy that was faultily bound, and in the second place Aribō's authentic text is very carelessly transcribed in it; the manuscript teems with errors. Gerbert had observed quite well that there was a lack of sequence in the manuscript he was publishing, but made no effort to restore the right order, and the textual errors were nearly all retained in the printed copy. All this resulted in a text that is unintelligible in many places. So an effort to supply a better text hardly calls for an apology. With this end in view a search for Aribō-texts in the libraries of Europe was made during the years immediately preceding the second world war. This search brought to light about a dozen MSS containing Aribō's treatise in part or in full. This material would seem to justify an attempt to provide a fresh text on critical lines.

I wish to thank the librarians who have all of them been helpful in my hunt for MSS, and who have permitted me to publish the Aribō-text entrusted to them.

I tender my special thanks to Mr. C. Maas, assistant lecturer in music in the University of Amsterdam, for his unremitting assistance; to Messrs. J. Bank and P. Visser for the help they have given me in preparing this volume for the press.

*The editor*

# INTRODUCTION

## 1. *The manuscripts*



RIBO's treatise on the theory of music has been transmitted in part or in full in the following manuscripts, on which the present edition is based:

A Admont 494, now in the Sibley Musical Library of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester N. Y., U.S.A. (cf. S. de Ricci and W. Wilson, *Census of Mediæval and Renaissance Manuscripts*, vol. II, New York 1937, p. 1875. 14<sup>1</sup>).

Admont Abbey 12th cent.; cod. membr. in 80, 93 fol.; in the margin are many glosses in a later hand.

Dialogus Oddonis. Titulus manus secundae: "Incipit dialogus Ottonis abbatis primi cluniacensis cenobii". (*Sequitur incipit manus primæ*) "Incipit dialogus de musicae arte domni obdonis abbatis quae (sic) encibiridion appellavit ob brevitatem vitae. Quid est musica?..." Expl.: "...vivit et regnat in Secula Seculorum amen (GS I, 252-264) Ecce modus primus sic noscitur... Septimus a G in g. Octavus ut prius. (GS I, 264 in nota a; etiam in Bern 702 fol. 46, Paris B. N. lat. 7211 fol. 12, Cambrai 172 fol. 19, Metz 452 fol. 91', Berlin Ms lat. quart. 106 fol. 183). Explicit musica Enchiridionis".

Musica Aribonis. Inc. "Incipit musica aribonis scolastici. (D)omno suo. Ellenbardo. presulum dignissimo..." Expl. "...Et hoc est quod dicit nisi cantus alto descendit et in g.d.f. Explicit musica Aribonis." (= A).

Micrologus Guidonis. Inc. "Incipit Micrologus Gvidonis in musicam. Gymnasio musas placuit... primo qui carmina finxi. Incipit epistola eiusdem

f. 1-11

f. 11-42

f. 42-59

<sup>1</sup> Though no library catalogues are listed, an exception is made here, because this Ms changed bands as late as 1936. It then belonged to Admont Abbey but was whisked away and turned up again in America. It had been photographed by the editor in its old place, and for tradition's sake the old name has been retained.

< INCIPIT MUSICA ARIBONIS SCHOLASTICI >

<sup>2</sup> Domno suo Ellenbardo praesulum dignissimo, in universa  
morum honestate praeclaro, Aribō, quae praeparavit Deus  
diligentibus se. Literarum mearum, pater et domine venerabilis,  
praesentiae vestra quaeso praesentetur dignatio, donec auribus  
misericordiae percipiatis, quid meus stilus pannosus videlicet  
referat legatus. <sup>3</sup> Qui licet veste nuptiali non intret, prius  
tamen deprecor iterum atque iterum non abhorreatur, quam  
suam legationem repraesentet.

A fol 11rv  
S fol 114v  
GSII 197a

<sup>4</sup> Cum summae capacitatibus in musicae monochordique  
sitis regulis, ut cantilenarum vestrarum observata diligentia  
affatim vobis perhibent testimonia, praesumpsi vos eligere pale-  
monem, ad cuiusdam theorematis, id est, speculationis per-  
ceptionem. <sup>5</sup> Post seriarum rerum laboriosam intensionem, in  
istis aliquando quasi ludi blandientem habeatis remissionem.

**C** *c De quadripartita modernorum figura.*

A 11v 12r  
S 114v 115r  
D<sub>i</sub> 170v 171r  
(B<sub>i</sub>)  
GS 197a (CS  
II, 277)

<sup>7</sup> Est quaedam quadripartita figura modernis adeo vene-  
rabilis, ut paucissima sine ea sint monochorda. <sup>8</sup> Quae ita con-  
struitur, ut una series primi insimul et secundi toni mensuram  
contineat, secunda tertii et quarti, tercia quinti et sexti, quarta  
septimi et octavi. <sup>9</sup> Cuius dispositio non ultimae famulatur  
commoditati. <sup>10</sup> Nam sicut post abecedarii indiscretam gene-  
ralemque seriem specialiter erant coadunandae vocales, semi-  
vocales, mutae, ita post naturalem monochordi permixtionem

<sup>1</sup> Summi doctoris tractatus hic est Aribonis S

<sup>2</sup> <D>omno A

<sup>3</sup> repraesentet. *Sequitur titulus:* Laus presulis de peritia musicē S

<sup>4</sup> palemonem *suprascr* id est iudicem A S

<sup>6</sup> *Titulum non habet* D<sub>i</sub>

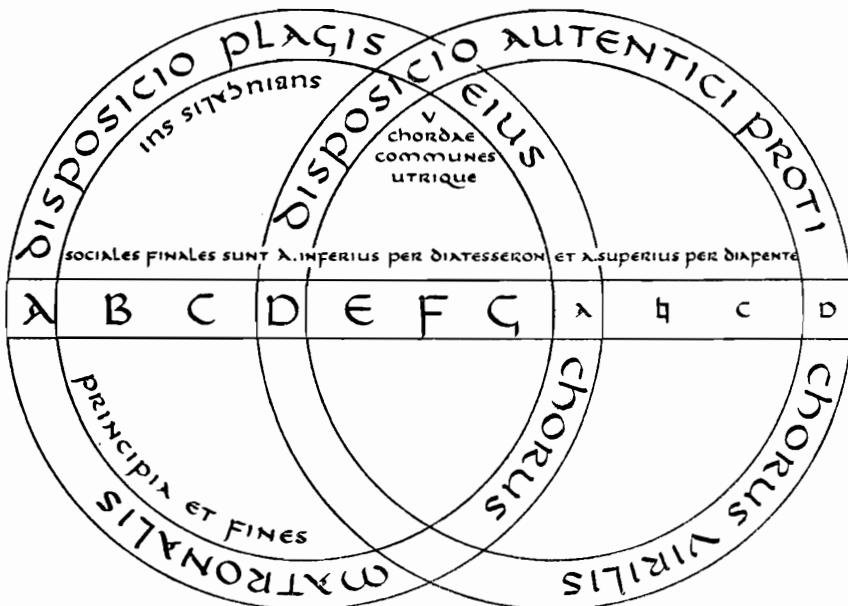
<sup>7</sup> quardam D<sub>i</sub> a modernis B<sub>i</sub>

<sup>8</sup> constituitur D<sub>i</sub> prima S

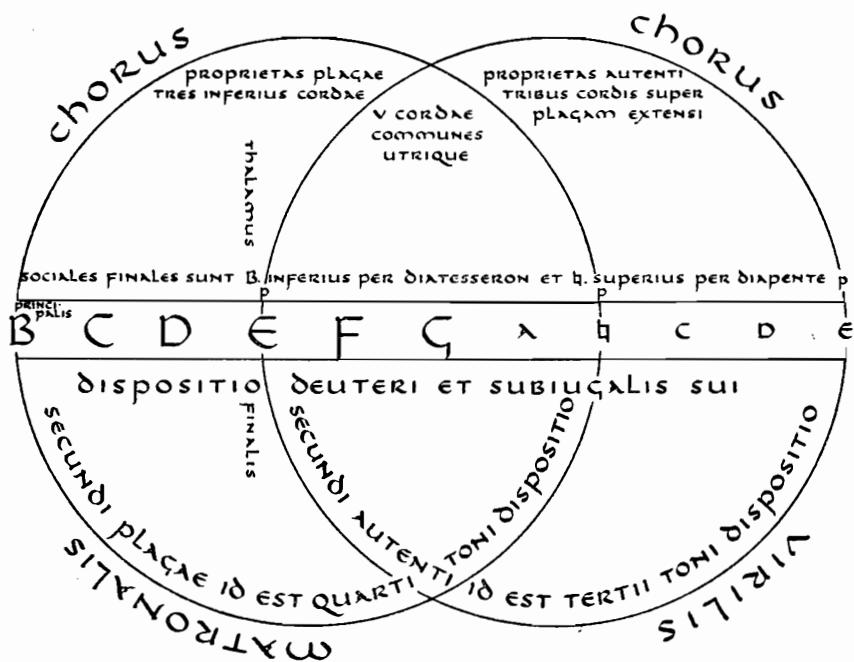
<sup>9</sup> commoditati famulatur D<sub>i</sub> commoditata formulatur S

<sup>2</sup> cfr. 1 Cor. 2, 9; Jac. 1,12

<sup>6</sup> De quadripartita figura modernorum cfr. GS I, 348



*Variatio prioris figurae in A 18v Sic et in ceteris figuris mut. mut.*



Sociales finales.... per diapente deest in Di (Bi)  
Praeter Sociales finales.... per diapente et litteras tonorum cetera verba desunt in A et S