Joan Lamote de Grignon

Florida

a sardana dance from Catalunya, edited and arranged for

nonet

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, Bassoon, Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass

by **John Morrison**



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Sardana edited and arranged for mixed nonet by John Morrison, July 2006

Català

Aquesta composició, de l'any 1916, és la seva quarta i darrera sardana per a cobla.

"La producció sardanística de Joan Lamote de Grignon compta també amb una sardana coral gairebé desconeguda, *Florida*, per a veus d'home. Presumiblement fou estrenada per l'Orfeó Gracienç, ja que els originals es trobaren en aquell arxiu."

Comentario: Conceptió Ramió i Diumenge Els Lamote de Grignon i la creació per a cobla Recerca Musicològica XIV-XV, 2004-2005

Las particel·les originals per a cobla de l'arxiu Salvador Simón i Donatiu.

English

This work, composed in 1916, is the composer's fourth and last sardana for cobla band.

"The sardana output of Joan Lamote de Grignon concluded with an almost unknown sardana, *Florida*, for male voice choir. Presumably it was premiered by the Orfeó Gracienc of Barcelona, since the originals are to be found in their archive."

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The original cobla band score and parts are from the collection of Salvador Simón i Donatiu, copied thanks to Joan Fageda of Badalona.

Editor's comments

Florida is the least well-known of the sardanes of Joan Lamote de Grignon. It is a sung sardana, with parts yet undiscovered for male voice choir.

I was puzzled at first by what seems to be ongoing accompaniment to a missing tune in the *llargs* section, specifically in measures 45-49 and 55-64. Therefore I added three phrases, played by clarinet, flute and oboe, which seem to fill the gap with something in the right spirit. I can only conjecture that the fact that this was a choral sardana means that these melodic spaces might have been filled by voice parts from the choir. The piece could be played without these additions – they are written in small notes in score and parts – and in which case it would correspond with the cobla band version. With this addition, the wind and strings nonet reflects the original cobla version in dynamic and harmony.

It is my intention to make it possible for this little gem to be played by groups other than the *cobles* of its native Catalunya.

The other sardanes of Joan Lamote de Grignon are, in order of composition

Solidaritat de Flors (1907), La Rosa del folló (1908) and El Testament de n'Amèlia (1909).

These three, published in their original instrumentation as sardanes for cobla by Dinsic Publicacions Musicals, S.L., are each also available as arrangements by John Morrison for mixed nonet, for small orchestra and for symphonic wind band.

The name *Florida* has nothing to do with the eponymous state of the USA. It is pronounced with a long "o", accented "i", and a soft "d". We must take its Catalan meaning "flowery" in the sense of being covered in flowers: there seems to be no elegant English word for it.

John Morrison Richmond, Surrey, July 2019





Florida 3.



4. Florida Ob C1

Florida 5.





Florida 7.





Florida 9.





Florida 11.





Florida 13.









Florida 17. Ob C1 Va Vc



