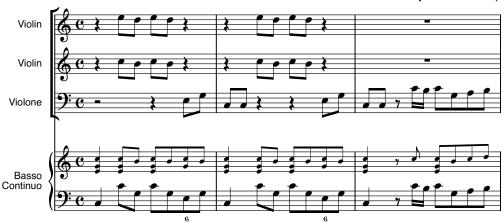
## Sonata No. 9, Op. 16: Presto

Isabella Leonarda (1620–1704)





Isabella Leonarda (1620–1704) was an Italian composer of more than 200 vocal and instrumental works in nearly every sacred genre of the time. She entered the Ursuline convent Collegio di S Orsola in 1636 and remained there for the rest of her life, working as a music instructor and eventually attaining the rank of mother superior. Her instrumental works are thought to be the earliest published sonatas by a woman.

