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When Silvius Leopold Weiss died (in 1750, the year of Bach's death), he was eulogised as Europe's greatest lutenist and one of Germany's best musicians. This series devoted to his complete lute works continues with three fine sonatas in the form of dance suites. They range in style from the grandeur of the *Allemande* which opens *Sonata No. 36*, to the unbroken melody in the *Allemande* of *Sonata No. 19* and the fiery *Gigue* which concludes *Sonata No. 34*, perhaps his best known Sonata. As ever, Weiss makes full and virtuosic use of the sonority of the lute.

Silvius Leopold
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(1687–1750)

Sonata No. 36 in D minor	24:01	11	Sarabande	4:18
1 Allemande	5:53	12	Menuet	1:12
2 Courante	5:00	13	Gigue	3:17
3 Bourrée	2:31		Sonata No. 34 in D minor	16:07
4 Sarabande	4:22	14	Prelude	1:45
5 Menuet	1:57	15	Allemande	3:48
6 Allegro	4:17	16	Courante	1:51
Sonata No. 19 in F major	23:03	17	Bourrée	2:01
7 Prelude	1:09	18	Sarabande	2:39
8 Allemande	6:31	19	Menuet I and II	1:57
9 Courante	3:24	20	Gigue	2:05
10 Bourrée	3:11			

Robert Barto, Baroque Lute

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