



THE VERY BEST OF  
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***“Supreme lawgiver of music, a master comparable in stature with Aristotle in philosophy and Leonardo da Vinci in art”***

(Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians)

Bach's modest life story as organist and choirmaster in eastern Germany belies his gigantic stature in music: he was possibly the most accomplished musician who ever lived. This 2 CD compilation gives newcomers the perfect opportunity to hear why Bach is still universally admired today. Highlights include the thunderous *Toccata* for organ, deeply-felt chorales, charming *Concerti* and engaging instrumental works such as the ubiquitous *Badinerie*. Much of Bach's music has been immortalised on films as diverse as *The English Patient* and *Seven to Hilary and Jackie* and even Walt Disney's 1940s classic *Fantasia*.

Compact Disc 1

- 1** Toccata & Fugue in D minor: Toccata
- 2** Suite No. 2: Badinerie
- 3** Concerto for 2 violins: Largo ma non tanto
- 4** Mass in B minor: Agnus dei
- 5** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
- 6** Wedding Cantata: Adagio
- 7** Concerto for Violin & Oboe in C minor: Adagio
- 8** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
- 9** Violin Partita No. 3: Preludio
- 10** St. Matthew Passion: Erbarme dich, mein Gott
- 11** Brandenburg Concerto No. 4: Allegro
- 12** Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1: Prelude and Fugue No. 1
- 13** Suite No. 3: Air

Compact Disc 2

- 1** Goldberg Variations: Aria
- 2** & **3** Cello Suite No. 1: Prelude and Gigue
- 4** Brandenburg Concerto No. 3: Allegro
- 5** Fragments of Anna Magdalena's Notebook: Minuet
- 6** St. Matthew Passion: O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden
- 7** Oboe Concerto in G minor: Largo
- 8** Harpsichord Concerto in D minor: Allegro
- 9** Cantata: Ich habe genug: Schlummert ein
- 10** Italian Concerto: Allegro
- 11** Magnificat in D major
- 12** Violin Concerto in A minor: Allegro Assai
- 13** Brandenburg Concerto No. 5: Allegro
- 14** Christmas Oratorio: Jauchzet, frohlocket



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