



# THE VERY BEST OF BACH

*“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 *Toccat* 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  
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## Compact Disc 2

- 1** Goldberg Variations: Aria **2** & **3** Cello Suite No. 1: Prelude and Gigue  
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**6** St. Matthew Passion: O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden **7** Oboe Concerto in G minor: Largo  
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