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Bach's monumental collection of Preludes and Fugues in all keys explored new systems of harpsichord tuning which made such an enterprise possible. Described as the pianist's Old Testament, complemented by the New Testament of Beethoven's Sonatas, the Preludes and Fugues are heard here played on the harpsichord, the keyboard instrument for which they were most likely written.

Johann Sebastian

BACH

(1685–1750)

The Well-Tempered Clavier Book I

(24 Preludes and Fugues, BWV 846–869)

CD 1 (63:26)

1-2	No. 1 in C major	3:45
3-4	No. 2 in C minor	3:18
5-6	No. 3 in C sharp major	4:02
7-8	No. 4 in C sharp minor	6:22
9-10	No. 5 in D major	3:21
11-12	No. 6 in D minor	3:38
13-14	No. 7 in E flat major	5:06
15-16	No. 8 in E flat minor	9:00
17-18	No. 9 in E major	2:45
19-20	No. 10 in E minor	3:53
21-22	No. 11 in F major	2:43
23-24	No. 12 in F minor	5:39
25-26	No. 13 in F sharp major	4:01
27-28	No. 14 in F sharp minor	4:52

CD 2 (47:55)

1-2	No. 15 in G major	3:56
3-4	No. 16 in G minor	4:12
5-6	No. 17 in A flat major	3:37
7-8	No. 18 in G sharp minor	4:21
9-10	No. 19 in A major	3:52
11-12	No. 20 in A minor	5:49
13-14	No. 21 in B flat major	3:24
15-16	No. 22 in B flat minor	5:42
17-18	No. 23 in B major	3:36
19-20	No. 24 in B minor	9:26

Luc Beauséjour, Harpsichord

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