

C.P.E. Bach was a chamber musician at the court of Frederick the Great for nearly three decades. He was also one of the greatest keyboard players in Europe. His compositional mastery is exemplified by the six 'Prussian' Sonatas of 1742, works of great expression and stylistic interest. His desire to explore 'musical speech' was accompanied by bold contrasts, tremendous dynamism, and acute sensitivity for the shaping of slow movements. These reveal his inventive, forward-thinking harmonies that both acknowledge the past but also strike out in vivid new directions.



**Carl Philipp Emanuel
BACH**
(1714–1788)

Prussian Sonatas, Wq48

Sonata No. 1 in F major	11:44	Sonata No. 4 in C minor	12:50
1 Poco allegro	5:38	10 Allegro	5:15
2 Andante	3:04	11 Adagio	4:39
3 Vivace	2:57	12 Presto	2:51
Sonata No. 2 in B flat major	12:48	Sonata No. 5 in C major	13:48
4 Vivace	6:09	13 Poco allegro	6:00
5 Adagio	3:26	14 Andante	4:36
6 Allegro	3:08	15 Allegro assai	3:10
Sonata No. 3 in E major	11:44	Sonata No. 6 in A major	15:30
7 Poco allegro	4:26	16 Allegro	5:21
8 Adagio	3:53	17 Adagio	4:42
9 Presto	3:21	18 Allegro	5:23

Susan Alexander-Max, Hofmann Grand Piano



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Grand Piano by Ferdinand Hofmann (1756–1829), Vienna, c. 1790: a' = 415Hz / Vallotti temperament

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