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Bach's Famous Choir

A German composer, organist, harpsichordist, violist, and violinist of the Baroque era, Johann Sebastian Bach is now generally regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time. Celebrated as the creator of the 'Brandenburg Concertos', 'The Well-Tempered Clavier', the 'Mass in B Minor' and countless other masterpieces of church and instrumental music, Bach's sublime skill was his ability to adapt and perfect the principal styles and forms of previous generations. Delphi's Great Composers Series offers concise illustrated guides to the life and works of our greatest composers. Analysing the masterworks of each composer, these interactive eBooks include links to popular streaming services, allowing you to listen to the pieces of music you are reading about. Evaluating the masterworks of each composer, you will explore the development of their works, tracing how they changed the course of music history. Whether a classical novice or a cultivated connoisseur, this series offers an intriguing overview of the world's most famous and iconic compositions. This volume presents Bach's masterworks in succinct detail, with informative introductions, accompanying illustrations and the usual Delphi bonus features. (Version 1) * Concise and informative overview of Bach's masterworks * Learn about the classical pieces that made Bach a celebrated composer * Links to popular streaming services (free and paid), allowing you to listen to the masterpieces you are reading about * Features a special 'Complete Compositions' section, with an index of Bach's complete works and links to popular streaming services * Includes six biographies - explore Bach's intriguing musical and personal life Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse through our range of exciting eBooks

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Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician

More than two centuries after his lifetime, J. S. Bach's work continues to set musical standards. Noted Bach scholar Christoph Wolff offers new perspectives on the composer's life and remarkable career.

Evening in the Palace of Reason

A detailed and thorough glimpse into the life of one of the most famous composers and musicians of all time dispels numerous myths surrounding Bach and presents the truth about his motives and aspirations, providing music lovers with a fascinating new perspective into the mind of a musical genius. 15,000 first printing.

On Late Style

The central subject of this richly illustrated book is the life and career of J. S. Bach, but nearly half the pages are devoted to engaging and detailed descriptions of the everyday world that surrounded him in the early 1700s. Both elements contain the unexpected. Written by a master storyteller and renowned performer of Bach's music.

Delphi Masterworks of Johann Sebastian Bach (Illustrated)

Peter Williams revisits Bach's biography through the lens of his music, revealing the development of the composer's interests and priorities.

Johann Sebastian Bach

National Jewish Book Award Winner! The New York Times-bestselling author of *A Fierce Radiance* and *City of Light* returns with a new powerful and passionate novel—inspired by historical events—about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives. In the ruins of Germany in 1945, at the end of World War II, American soldier Henry Sachs takes a souvenir, an old music manuscript, from a seemingly deserted mansion and mistakenly kills the girl who tries to stop him. In America in 2010, Henry's niece, Susanna Kessler, struggles to rebuild her life after she experiences a devastating act of violence on the streets of New York City. When Henry dies soon after, she uncovers the long-hidden music manuscript. She becomes determined to discover what it is and to return it to its rightful owner, a journey that will challenge her preconceptions about herself and her family's history—and also offer her an opportunity to finally make peace with the past. In Berlin, Germany, in 1783, amid the city's glittering salons where aristocrats and commoners, Christians and Jews, mingle freely despite simmering anti-Semitism, Sara Itzig Levy, a renowned musician, conceals the manuscript of an anti-Jewish cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, an unsettling gift to her from Bach's son, her teacher. This work and its disturbing message will haunt Sara and her family for generations to come. Interweaving the stories of Susanna and Sara, and their families, *And After the Fire* traverses over two hundred years of history, from the eighteenth century through the Holocaust and into today, seamlessly melding past and present, real and imagined. Lauren Belfer's deeply researched, evocative, and compelling narrative resonates with emotion and immediacy.

Something of His Art

Bach & God explores the religious character of Bach's vocal and instrumental music in seven interrelated essays. Noted musicologist Michael Marissen offers wide-ranging interpretive insights from careful biblical and theological scrutiny of the librettos. Yet he also shows how Bach's pitches, rhythms, and tone colors can make contributions to a work's plausible meanings that go beyond setting texts in an aesthetically satisfying manner. In some of Bach's vocal repertory, the music puts a "spin" on the words in a way that turns out to be explainable as orthodox Lutheran in its orientation. In a few of Bach's vocal works, his otherwise puzzlingly fierce musical settings serve to underscore now unrecognized or unacknowledged verbal polemics, most unsettlingly so in the case of his church cantatas that express contempt for Jews and Judaism. Finally, even Bach's secular instrumental music, particularly the late collections of "abstract" learned counterpoint, can powerfully project certain elements of traditional Lutheran theology. Bach's music is inexhaustible, and *Bach & God* suggests that through close contextual study there is always more to discover and learn.

Keyboard Music

Das Wohltemperierte Klavier I

Peter Williams approaches afresh the life and music of arguably the most studied of all composers, interpreting both Bach's life by deconstructing his original obituary in the light of more recent information and his music by evaluating his priorities and irrepressible creative energy. How, even though belonging to musical families on both his parents' sides, did he come to possess so bewitching a sense of rhythm and melody and a mastery of harmony that established nothing less than a norm in Western culture? In considering that the works of a composer are his biography, the book's title *A Life in Music* means both a life spent making music and one revealed in the music as we know it. A distinguished scholar and performer, Williams re-examines Bach's life as an orphan and family man, as an extraordinarily gifted composer and player and as an ambitious artist who never suffered fools gladly.

Bach for Beginners

The Organs of J.S. Bach

This is an imaginative evocation by Horatio Clare of the walk Bach made 300 years earlier in Northern Germany.

Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach

(Piano Method). The great Baroque master composer Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) wrote music for every combination of instruments and voices. His simplest and purest work are four-part chorale compositions and settings, so perfectly constructed that they evoke meditative spirituality. "Figured bass" was a Baroque system of notating harmony. In addition 371 chorales, this collection includes 69 melodies with figured bass. This classic Schirmer edition, edited by Albert Riemenschneider, has sold over 1,000,000 copies since its release in the early 20th century. Primarily for keyboard, the chorales can also be played by other instruments.

Bach's Musical Universe: The Composer and His Work

Now available in paperback, this landmark biography was first published in 2000 to mark the 250th anniversary of J. S. Bach's death. Written by a leading Bach scholar, this book presents a new picture of the composer. Christoph Wolff demonstrates the intimate connection between Bach's life and his music, showing how the composer's superb inventiveness pervaded his career as a musician, composer, performer, scholar, and teacher.

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The Bach Reader

Discusses Bach's musical accomplishments through the stages of his life, from his humble origins as a self-taught court musician to his role as kapellmeister and cantor of St. Thomas's Church.

Becoming Bach

In this major new interpretation of the music of J.S. Bach, we gain a striking picture of the composer as a unique critic of his age. By reading Bach's music "against the grain" of contemporaries, Laurence Dreyfus explains how Bach's approach to musical invention posed a fundamental challenge to Baroque aesthetics.

Sebastian Bach: The Boy from Thuringia

A singular resource, Exploring the World of J. S. Bach puts Bach aficionados and classical music lovers in the shoes of the master composer. Bach scholar Robert L. Marshall and veteran writer-translator Traute M. Marshall lead readers on a Baroque Era odyssey through fifty towns where Bach resided, visited, and of course created his works. Drawing on established sources as well as newly available East German archives, the authors describe each site in Bach's time and the present, linking the sites to the biographical information, artistic and historic landmarks, and musical activities associated with each. A wealth of historical illustrations, color photographs, and maps supplement the text, whetting the appetite of the visitor and the armchair traveler alike.

The New Grove Bach Family

A Pulitzer Prize-winning critic reflects on the meaning and emotional impact of a Bach masterwork. As his mother was dying, Philip Kennicott began to listen to the music of Bach obsessively. It was the only music that didn't seem trivial or irrelevant, and it enabled him to both experience her death and remove himself from it. For him, Bach's music held the elements of both joy and despair, life and its inevitable end. He spent the next five years trying to learn one of the composer's greatest keyboard masterpieces, the Goldberg Variations. In Counterpoint, he recounts his efforts to rise to the challenge, and to fight through his grief by coming to terms with his memories of a difficult, complicated childhood. He describes the joys of mastering some of the piano pieces, the frustrations that plague his understanding of others, the

technical challenges they pose, and the surpassing beauty of the melodies, harmonies, and counterpoint that distinguish them. While exploring Bach's compositions he sketches a cultural history of playing the piano in the twentieth century. And he raises two questions that become increasingly interrelated, not unlike a contrapuntal passage in one of the variations itself: What does it mean to know a piece of music? What does it mean to know another human being?

The Cello Suites

A concentrated study of Johann Sebastian Bach's creative output and greatest pieces, capturing the essence of his art. Throughout his life, renowned and prolific composer Johann Sebastian Bach articulated his views as a composer in purely musical terms; he was notoriously reluctant to write about his life and work. Instead, he methodically organized certain pieces into carefully designed collections. These benchmark works, all of them without parallel or equivalent, produced a steady stream of transformative ideas that stand as paradigms of Bach's musical art. In this companion volume to his Pulitzer Prize-finalist biography, *Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician*, leading Bach scholar Christoph Wolff takes his cue from his famous subject. Wolff delves deeply into the composer's own rich selection of collected music, cutting across conventional boundaries of era, genre, and instrument. Emerging from a complex and massive oeuvre, Bach's *Musical Universe* is a focused discussion of a meaningful selection of compositions—from the famous *Well-Tempered Clavier*, violin and cello solos, and *Brandenburg Concertos* to the *St. Matthew Passion*, *Art of Fugue*, and *B-minor Mass*. Unlike any study undertaken before, this book details Bach's creative process across the various instrumental and vocal genres. This array of compositions illustrates the depth and variety at the essence of the composer's musical art, as well as his unique approach to composition as a process of imaginative research into the innate potential of his chosen material. Tracing Bach's evolution as a composer, Wolff compellingly illuminates the ideals and legacy of this giant of classical music in a new, refreshing light for everyone, from the amateur to the virtuoso.

J. S. Bach

"Includes the rediscovered part four"--Cover.

Bach & God

On Late Style examines the work produced by great artists -Beethoven, Thomas Mann, Jean Genet among them - at the end of their lives. Said makes it clear that, rather than the resolution of a lifetime's artistic endeavour, most of the late works discussed are rife with contradiction and almost impenetrable complexity. He helps us see how, though these works often stood in direct contrast to the tastes of society, they were, just as often, announcements of what was to come in the artist's

discipline - works of true artistic genius.

Bach

(BH Piano). 29 pieces, including selections from Anna Magdalena's Note Book , The Little Clavier Book , and other suitable works for the beginning pianist.

The Cambridge Companion to Bach

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Two-Part Inventions

The Cambridge Companion to Bach, first published in 1997, goes beyond a basic life-and-works study to provide a late twentieth-century perspective on J. S. Bach the man and composer. The book is divided into three parts. Part One is concerned with the historical context, the society, beliefs and the world-view of Bach's age. The second part discusses the music and Bach's compositional style, while Part Three considers Bach's influence and the performance and reception of his music through the succeeding generations. This Companion benefits from the insights and research of some of the most distinguished Bach scholars, and from it the reader will gain a notion of the diversity of current thought on this great composer.

Johann Sebastian Bach

An award-winning journey through Johann Sebastian Bach's six cello suites and the brilliant musician who revealed their

lasting genius. One fateful evening, journalist and pop-music critic Eric Soblin attended a recital of Johann Sebastian Bach's Cello Suites—an experience that set him on an epic quest to uncover the mysterious history of the entrancing compositions and their miraculous reemergence nearly two hundred years later. In pursuit of his musicological obsession, Soblin would unravel three centuries of intrigue, politics, and passion. Winner of the Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-fiction and the McAuslan First Book Prize, *The Cello Suites* weaves together three dramatic narratives: the disappearance of Bach's manuscript in the eighteenth century, Pablo Casals's discovery and popularization of the music in Spain in the late nineteenth century, and Soblin's infatuation with the suites in the present day. The search led Soblin to Barcelona, where Casals, just thirteen and in possession of his first cello, roamed the backstreets with his father in search of sheet music and found Bach's lost suites tucked in a dark corner of a store. Casals played them every day for twelve years before finally performing them in public. Soblin sheds new light on the mysteries that continue to haunt this music more than 250 years after its composer's death: Why did Bach compose the suites for the cello, then considered a lowly instrument? What happened to the original manuscript? A seamless blend of biography and music history, *The Cello Suites* is a true-life journey of discovery, fueled by the power of these musical masterpieces. "The ironies of artistic genius and public taste are subtly explored in this winding, entertaining tale of a musical masterpiece." —Publishers Weekly "Soblin's writing is most inspired when describing the life of Casals, showing a genuine affection for the cellist, who . . . used his instrument and the suites as weapons of protest and pleas for peace." —Booklist, starred review

371 harmonized chorales and 69 chorale melodies with figured bass

The story of the history-making meeting between scorned master composer Johann Sebastian Bach and Prussia's Frederick the Great discusses Frederick's abuse-marked upbringing, his challenge to Bach to improvise an intricate fugue, and their clashes about faith as they reflected the Reformation and Enlightenment periods. 30,000 first printing.

Bach and the Patterns of Invention

Soft bound music score for piano.

And After the Fire

Traces the life and discusses the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach and the other musician members of his family.

Exploring the World of J. S. Bach

Published in cooperation with the American Bach Society."

Handel

A fictional life of Bach for children, with excerpts from his music arranged for the piano.

Music in the Castle of Heaven

For Johann Sebastian there was always music. His family had been musicians, or bachs as they were called in Germany, for 200 years. He always wanted to be a bach. As he grew, he saw patterns in everything. Patterns he would turn into melodies and song, eventually growing into one of the most important and celebrated musical composers of all time. This is the story of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The True Life Of J.S. Bach

Here's a newly engraved edition of this famous book used by teachers and students for centuries. Includes Arias, Chorales, Marches, Menuets, Partitas, Polonaises, Suites, a Rondeau, Musette, Sarabande, Prelude, and several pieces for voice. This edition, which follows the Callwey edition of 1935, contains the music J. S. Bach presented to his wife, Anna Magdalena, in an ornate book in 1725 as a birthday present.. Kalmus Editions are primarily reprints of Urtext Editions, reasonably priced and readily available. They are a must for students, teachers, and performers.

The Little Bach Book

The musical, social and political history of the renowned St Thomas School and Church

Counterpoint: A Memoir of Bach and Mourning

This collection includes a preface and a table of embellishments.

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Best known for the challenging four-opera cycle *The Ring of the Nibelung*, Richard Wagner (1813–83) was a conductor, librettist, theater director, and essayist, in addition to being the composer of some of the most enduring operatic works in history, such as *The Flying Dutchman*, *Tannhäuser*, and *Tristan and Isolde*. Though his influence on the development of European music is indisputable, Wagner was also quite outspoken on the politics and culture of his time. His ideas traveled beyond musical circles into philosophy, literature, theater staging, and the visual arts. To befit such a dynamic figure, acclaimed biographer Martin Geck offers here a Wagner biography unlike any other, one that strikes a unique balance between the technical musical aspects of Wagner's compositions and his overarching understanding of aesthetics. Wagner has always inspired passionate admirers as well as numerous detractors, with the result that he has achieved a mythical stature nearly equal to that of the Valkyries and Viking heroes he popularized. There are few, if any, scholars today who know more about Wagner and his legacy than Geck, who builds upon his extensive research and considerable knowledge as one of the editors of the *Complete Works* to offer a distinctive appraisal of the composer and the operas. Using a wide range of sources, from contemporary scholars to the composer's own words, Geck explores key ideas in Wagner's life and works, while always keeping the music in the foreground. Geck discusses not only all the major operas, but also several unfinished operas and even the composer's early attempts at quasi-Shakespearean drama. *Richard Wagner: A Life in Music* is a landmark study of one of music's most important figures, offering something new to opera enthusiasts, Wagnerians, and anti-Wagnerians alike.

Richard Wagner

Bach-Gesellschaft edition. For harpsichord, piano, other keyboard instruments. English Suites, French Suites, 6 Partitas, Goldberg Variations, 2-Part Inventions, 3-Part Sinfonias.

Bach

Jonathan Keates original biography of Handel was hailed as a masterpiece on its publication in 1985. This fully revised and updated new edition - published to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the composers death - charts in detail Handel's life, from his youth in Germany, through his brilliantly successful Italian sojourn, to the opulence and squalor of Georgian London where he made his permanent home. For over two decades Handel was absorbed in London's heady but precarious operatic world. But even his phenomenal energy and determination could not overcome the public's growing indifference to Italian opera in the 1730s, and he turned finally to oratorio, a genre which he made peculiarly his own and in which he created some of his finest works, such as Saul, Messiah, Belshazzar and Jephtha. Over the last two decades a complete revolution in Handel's status has taken place. He is now seen both as a titanic figure in music, whose compositions have found a permanent place in the international repertoire, and as one of the world's favourite composers, with snatches of his work accompanying weddings, funerals and television commercials the world over. Skillfully interwoven with the account of Handel's life are commentaries on all his major works, as well as many less familiar pieces by this most inventive, expressive and captivating of composers. Handel was an extraordinary genius whose career abounded in reversals that would have crushed anyone with less resilience and will power, and Jonathan Keates writes about his life and work with sympathy and scrutiny.

Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician

"Just reading these documents brings this great composer to life in a most exciting and vivid way. I love this book!" —Yo-Yo Ma

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