

Peter Watchorn,
harpsichord

Disc Two

- 1-8 French Suite No. 4
in E flat major, BWV 815
- 9-16 French Suite No. 5
in G major, BWV 816
- 17-25 French Suite No. 6
in E major, BWV 817

J. S. Bach

The Six French Suites, BWV 812-817

Little Preludes, BWV 924-943

Bach's six French Suites, BWV 812-817 are among the composer's most satisfyingly melodious works for keyboard. Less demanding than the great English Suites and Partitas, they represent Bach at his most tuneful and galant, giving the lie to any notion that his music was always severe in its contrapuntal demands, or lacking in melodic sensuousness. Completing this set are the short preludes from the *Clavierbüchlein* for Wilhelm Friedemann, composed to develop the musical skills of Bach's children.

Disc One

- 1-6 French Suite No. 1
in D minor, BWV 812
- 7-13 French Suite No. 2
in C minor, BWV 813
- 14-20 French Suite No. 3
in B minor, BWV 814

Disc Three

- 1-20 Twenty Little Preludes,
BWV 924-943

Features:

- The most complete version of the French Suites ever recorded.
- Includes preludes for all six suites, following Bach's own example in suites 4 and 6.
- Includes all repeats, with improvised ornamentation.
- Restores all missing movements to suites 2 and 4.
- Combines the six French Suites with the twenty "little" preludes, making this a convenient resource for keyboard students and their teachers.
- Presents Bach's music on a state-of-the-art German two-manual harpsichord by one of America's most respected harpsichord building shops, Zuckermann International.
- Features Musica Omnia's award-winning sonics, created by Joel Gordon.

Target Markets:

Worldwide major metro markets, culturally-oriented cities & college towns.

Reviews: Early Music (U.K.), Luister (Holland), Dutch Early Music Review, American Record Guide, Gramophone, International Record Review, BBC Music Magazine, Fanfare, Classical Net, Musicweb.


Configuration:

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