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The Cantatas of J. S. Bach Aug 25 2019 This is the only English translation of this important book by the world's most distinguished Bach scholar. This work is widely regarded as the most authoritative and comprehensive treatment of the Bach cantatas. It begins with a historical survey of the seventeenth-century background to the cantatas, and performance practice issues. The core of the book is a work-by-work study in which each cantata in turn is represented by its libretto, a synopsis of its movements, and a detailed analytical commentary. This format makes it extremely useful as a reference work for anyone listening to, performing in, or studying any of the Bach cantatas. All the cantata librettos are given in German-English parallel text. For the English edition the text has been carefully revised to bring it up to date, taking account of recent Bach scholarship.

[The Music of Wilhelm Friedemann Bach](#) Oct 20 2021 The first book in nearly a century dedicated to a close examination of the musical works of Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, first son of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Bach and the Dance of God Sep 26 2019

Bach Perspectives, Volume 10 Dec 22 2021 The official publication of the American Bach Society, Bach Perspectives pioneers new areas of research into the life, times, and music of the master composer. In Volume 10 of the series, Matthew Dirst edits a collection of groundbreaking essays exploring various aspects of Bach's organ-related activities. Lynn Edwards Butler reconsiders Bach's report on Johann Scheibe's organ at St. Paul's Church in Leipzig. Robin Leaver clarifies the likely provenance and purpose of a collection of chorale harmonizations copied in Dresden. George Stauffer investigates the ways various independent trio movements served Bach as an artist and teacher. In separate contributions, Christoph Wolff and Gregory Butler seek the origins of concerted Bach cantata movements spotlighting the organ and propose family trees of both parent works and offspring. Finally, Matthew Cron provides a broad cultural frame for such pieces and notes how their components engage in a larger discourse about the German Baroque organ's intimation of heaven.

[Bach](#) Jun 23 2019 Examines the development of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and profiles his life.

[Sex, Death, and Minuets](#) Apr 13 2021 At one time a star in her own right as a singer, Anna Magdalena (1701 – 60) would go on to become, through her marriage to the older Johann Sebastian Bach, history's most famous musical wife and mother. The two musical notebooks belonging to her continue to live on, beloved by millions of pianists young and old. Yet the pedagogical utility of this music—long associated with the sound of children practicing and mothers listening—has encouraged a rosy and one-sided view of Anna Magdalena as a model of German feminine domesticity. *Sex, Death, and Minuets* offers the first in-depth study of these notebooks and their owner, reanimating Anna Magdalena as a multifaceted historical subject—at once pious and bawdy, spirited and tragic. In these pages, we follow Magdalena from young and flamboyant performer to bereft and impoverished widow—and visit along the way the coffee house, the raucous wedding feast, and the family home. David Yearsley explores the notebooks' more idiosyncratic entries—like its charming ditties on illicit love and searching ruminations on mortality—against the backdrop of the social practices and concerns that women shared in eighteenth-century Lutheran Germany, from status in marriage and widowhood, to fulfilling professional and domestic roles, money, fashion, intimacy and sex, and the ever-present sickness and death of children and spouses. What emerges is a humane portrait of a musician who embraced the sensuality of song and the uplift of the keyboard, a sometimes ribald wife and oft-bereaved mother who used her cherished musical notebooks for piety and play, humor and devotion—for living and for dying.

Bach and the Dance of God Dec 10 2020

Bach Perspectives, Volume 14 Nov 08 2020 Today, the names Bach and Mozart are mostly associated with Johann Sebastian Bach and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. But this volume of Bach Perspectives offers essays on the lesser-known musical figures who share those illustrious names alongside new research on the legendary composers themselves. Topics include the keyboard transcriptions of J. S. Bach and Johann Gottfried Walther; J. S. Bach and W. A. Mozart's freelance work; the sonatas of C. P. E. Bach and Leopold Mozart; the early musical training given J. C. Bach by his father and half-brother; the surprising musical similarities between J. C. Bach and W. A. Mozart; and the latest documentary research on Mozart's 1789 visit to the Thomasschule in Leipzig. An official publication of the American Bach Society, Bach Perspectives, Volume 14 draws on a variety of approaches and a broad range of subject matter in presenting a new wave of innovative classical musical scholarship. Contributors: Eleanor Selfridge-Field, Yoel Greenberg, Noelle M. Heber, Michael Maul, Stephen Roe, and David Schulenberg

A Woman? Voice in Baroque Music: Mariane von Ziegler and J.S. Bach Oct 08 2020 At the end of his second year in Leipzig, J.S. Bach composed nine sacred cantatas to texts by Leipzig poet Mariane von Ziegler (1695-1760). Despite the fact that these cantatas are Bach's only compositions to texts by a female poet, the works have been largely ignored in the Bach literature. Ziegler was Germany's first female poet laureate, and the book highlights her significance in early eighteenth-century Germany and her commitment to advancing women's rights of self-expression. Peters enriches and enlivens the account with extracts from Ziegler's four published volumes of poetry and prose, and

analyses her approach to cantata text composition by arguing that her distinctive conception of the cantata as a genre encouraged Bach's creative musical realizations. In considering Bach's settings of Ziegler's texts, Peters argues that Bach was here pursuing a number of compositional procedures not common in his other sacred cantatas, including experimentation with the order of movements within a cantata, with formal considerations in arias and recitatives, and with the use of instruments, as well as innovative approaches to Vox Christi texts and to texts dealing with speech and silence. *A Woman's Voice in Baroque Music* is the first book to deal in depth with issues of women in music in relation to Bach, and one of the few comprehensive studies of a specific repertory of Bach's sacred cantatas. It therefore provides a significant new perspective on both Ziegler as poet and cantata librettist and Bach as cantata composer.

Johann Sebastian Bach Feb 21 2022 This monumental study of Johann Sebastian Bach ranks among the great classics of musicology. Since its first publication in 1873 – 80, it has remained the basic work on Bach and the foundation of later research and study. The three-part treatment describes in chronological sequence practically everything that is known of the composer's life: his ancestry, his immediate family, his associations, his employers, and the countless occasions on which his musical genius emerged. Author Philipp Spitta accompanies this biographical material with quotations from primary sources: correspondence, family records, diaries, official documents, and more. In addition to biographical data, Spitta reviews Bach's musical production, with analyses of more than 500 pieces, covering all the important works. More than 450 musical excerpts are included in the main text, and a 43-page musical supplement illustrates longer passages. Despite the scholarly nature of this work, it also has the rare distinction of being a study that can be read with considerable enjoyment and great profit by every serious music lover, with or without a substantial background in the history of music or musical theory.

Bach and the Baroque Aug 30 2022 First published in 1985. A handbook and text for the performance of Bach's music and Baroque music in general, also serving as an assessment of current trends in historical performance practice by an important American practitioner. Newman clearly presents problems and their solutions, with examples and regular assignments throughout. Paper edition (unseen), \$32. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Bach & God Sep 18 2021 *Bach & God* explores the religious character of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Noted musicologist Michael Marissen offers wide-ranging insights from detailed investigations of both words and music. Bach is inexhaustible, and *Bach & God* suggests that through close contextual study there is always more to discover and learn.

Bach and the Pedal Clavichord Jan 23 2022 An examination of the role of the pedal clavichord in understanding the work of J. S. Bach, as well as its relevance to contemporary organ performances.

Bach's Numbers Nov 20 2021 In the eighteenth century the universal harmony of God's creation and the perfection of the unity (1:1) were philosophically, morally and devotionally significant. Ruth Tatlow employs theoretical evidence and practical demonstrations to explain how and why Bach used numbers in his published compositions.

Listening to Bach Feb 09 2021 This volume encourages eighteenth-century ways of listening to J.S. Bach's Mass in B Minor and Christmas Oratorio. It explores the concept of musical style, suggests ways to listen to works created by the re-use of music for new words, and shows how modern performances are stamped with audible consequences of our place in the twenty-first century

The Musical Discourse of Servitude Jan 11 2021 "The Musical Discourse of Servitude examines the music of Johann Joseph Fux (c.1660-1741) in relation to that of Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel. Its principal argument is that Fux's long indenture as a composer of church music in Vienna gains in meaning (and cultural significance) when situated along an axis that runs between the liturgical servitude of writing music for the imperial court service and the autonomy of musical imagination which transpires in the late works of Bach and Handel. To this end, The Musical Discourse of Servitude constructs a typology of the late baroque musical imagination which draws Fux, Bach and Handel into the orbit of North Italian compositional practice"--

Dance and the Music of J. S. Bach Jul 29 2022 A unique study of dance forms and rhythms in the Baroque composer's repertoire. Stylized dance music and music based on dance rhythms pervade Bach's compositions. Although the music of this very special genre has long been a part of every serious musician's repertoire, little has been written about it. The original edition of this book addressed works that bore the names of dances—a considerable corpus. In this expanded version of their practical and insightful study, Meredith Little and Natalie Jenne apply the same principles to the study of a great number of Bach's works that use identifiable dance rhythms but do not bear dance-specific titles. Part I describes French dance practices in the cities and courts most familiar to Bach. The terminology and analytical tools necessary for discussing dance music of Bach's time are laid out. Part II presents the dance forms that Bach used, annotating all of his named dances. Little and Jenne draw on choreographies, harmony, theorists' writings, and the music of many seventeenth- and eighteenth-century composers in order to arrive at a model for each dance type. Additionally, in Appendix A all of Bach's named dances are listed in convenient tabular form; included are the BWV number for each piece, the date of composition, the larger work in which it appears, the instrumentation, and the meter. Appendix B supplies the same data for pieces recognizable as dance types but not named as such. More than ever, this book will stimulate both the musical scholar and the performer with a new perspective at the rhythmic workings of Bach's remarkable repertoire of dance-based music.

Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio Aug 18 2021 Markus Rathey is Associate Professor of Music History at Yale University. His research focuses on music in the second half of the 17th century, Johann Sebastian Bach, and the Bach family. His books include a study on C.P.E. Bach's political compositions and an introduction to J.S. Bach's major vocal works. He is vice president of the American Bach Society and associate editor of the *Yale Journal of Music and Religion*.

C. P. E. Bach Aug 06 2020 The second son of J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach was an important composer in his own right, as well as a writer and performer on keyboard instruments. He has always been the subject of significant scholarship and publication but interest has sharply increased over the past two or three decades from performers as well as music historians. This volume incorporates important writings not only on the composer and his chief works but also on theoretical issues and performance questions. The focus throughout is on relatively recent scholarship otherwise available only in hard-to-access sources.

The Organ Music of J. S. Bach Jun 03 2020 Table of contents

The Worlds of Johann Sebastian Bach Apr 01 2020 (Amadeus). *The Worlds of J.S. Bach* offers both traditional and new perspectives on the life and work of the man who is arguably the central figure in the Western musical tradition. It appears at a time when, because of the fall of the Iron Curtain, extraordinary new discoveries are being made about Bach and his family at an increasing rate thus this book is able to incorporate important information and images not available even in the recent anniversary year of 2000. After making the case for the universality of Bach's art as an epitome of Western civilization, *The Worlds of J.S. Bach* considers in broad terms the composer's social, political, and artistic environment, its influence on him, and his interaction with it. Renowned specialists in history, religion, architecture, literature, theater, and dance offer the perspectives of these disciplines as they relate to Bach's milieu, while leading Bach specialists from both the U.S. and Germany focus on the man himself. The book is an outgrowth of the "celebrated" (*Boston Globe*) multidisciplinary Academies sponsored by the Aston Magna Foundation for Music and the Humanities with support from the National Endowment for the

Humanities.

Bach and the Riddle of the Number Alphabet Jun 27 2022 In 1947 Friedrich Smend published a study claiming that J. S. Bach used a natural-order alphabet (A = 1 to Z = 24) in his works. He demonstrated that Bach incorporated significant words into his music, and provided himself with a symbolic compositional theme. Here, Dr Tatlow investigates the plausibility of Smend's claims with new evidence, challenging Smend's conclusions.

Bach and the Patterns of Invention Nov 01 2022 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.

J.S. Bach as Organist Dec 30 2019

J. S. Bach and the German Motet Sep 30 2022 The motets of J.S. Bach are probably the most sophisticated works ever composed in the genre. Nevertheless, Daniel Melamed maintains, the view that they constitute a body of work quite separate from the German motet tradition is mistaken. He finds that these works are indeed rooted in the conventions of the time, particularly in matters of musical construction, performing forces and type of text and that an appreciation of the contemporary conception of the motet sheds light on how and why Bach chose to use the form.

Exploring Bach's B-minor Mass Mar 01 2020 The B-minor Mass has always represented a fascinating challenge to musical scholarship. Composed over the course of the composer's life, it is considered by many to be Johann Sebastian Bach's greatest and most complex work. The fourteen essays assembled in this volume originate from the International Symposium 'Understanding Bach's B-minor mass' in 2007 at which seventy scholars from eighteen countries gathered to debate the latest topics in the field. In revised and updated form, they form a thorough and systematic study of Bach's Opus Ultimum, including a wide range of discussions relating to the Mass's historical background and contexts, structure and proportion, sources and editions, and the reception of the work in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In the light of important new developments in the study of the piece, this collection demonstrates the innovation and rigor for which Bach scholarship has become known.

Hearing Bach's Passions May 03 2020 Daniel Melamed offers a study of Bach's passion settings seeking to familiarise readers with some of the intriguing issues in the study & performance of older music. He explores what it means to listen to this music today.

Music in the Castle of Heaven Oct 27 2019 Johann Sebastian Bach is one of the most unfathomable composers in the history of music. How can such sublime work have been produced by a man who seems so ordinary, so opaque - and occasionally so intemperate? In this remarkable book, John Eliot Gardiner distils the fruits of a lifetime's immersion as one of Bach's greatest living interpreters. Explaining in wonderful detail how Bach worked and how his music achieves its effects, he also takes us as deeply into Bach's works and mind as perhaps words can. The result is a unique book about one of the greatest of all creative artists.

An Introduction to Bach Studies Jul 05 2020 Subjects covered include bibliographic tools of Bach research and sources of literature; Bach's family; Bach biographies; places Bach lived and worked; Bach's teaching; the liturgy; Bach source studies and the transmission of his music; repertory and editions; genres and individual vocal and instrumental works; performance practice; the reception and analysis of Bach's music; and many others.

The Musical Dialogue Jan 29 2020 The musical dialogue between composer and audience is a concept central to the music of the 17th and 18th centuries, discussed here in light of three pivotal composers of the era. In the first half of the book, the author discusses general aspects of the music of Monteverdi, Bach, and Mozart, including the instruments and performance practices of the period. The second half of the book is devoted to an examination of specific works: Monteverdi's L'Orfeo, Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria, and the Marian Vespers; Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, Passions, and the Mass in B minor; and Mozart's Idomeneo and Requiem. The author draws on his extensive studies of original sources and his 30 years of performance experience with the award-winning early music ensemble Concentus Musicus. This collection of lectures, talks, and essays complements the author's earlier book on the interpretation of early music, Baroque Music Today, which was published by Amadeus Press in 1988.

J.S. Bach Sep 06 2020 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750) was a master composer, known equally for his secular and sacred works for choir, orchestra, and solo instrument. Among his numerous famous compositions, the Brandenburg concertos, Goldberg Variations, and Cello Suites remain popular the world-over. This concise but thorough look at the life of one of the world's greatest Germanic composers covers his travels, his many musical achievements, his happy and musical family, and the key role that his Lutheran beliefs played in his works and life.

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C.P.E. Bach and the Rebirth of the Strophic Song Jul 25 2019 C.P.E. Bach and the Rebirth of the Strophic Song brings to light the overlooked fact that C.P.E. Bach wrote a great many songs, most of which are as under appreciated as they are exemplary. All interested listeners, from amateurs to professional musicologists and singers, will benefit from the insight captured by this book.

Bach and Mozart Apr 25 2022 Interpretive and biographical essays by a major authority on Bach and Mozart probe for clues to the driving forces and experiences that shaped the character and the extraordinary artistic achievements of these iconic composers.

Bach in the World Jun 15 2021 "Johann Sebastian Bach's works are often classified along the lines of "sacred" versus "secular." While this distinction is fraught with problems, it seems to provide a useful way to distinguish between Bach's vocal works for the liturgy and those that were written to honor courts and members of the nobility. But even there, the lines cannot be drawn that clearly. The political and social systems of Bach's time relied on religion as an ideological foundation and public displays of political power almost always included religious rituals and thus required some form of sacred music. Social constructs, such as class and gender, were also embedded in religious frameworks. The book analyzes public manifestations of the social order during Bach's time in large-scale celebrations, processions, public performances, and visual displays. By analyzing selected cantatas, the book explores how Bach's music functioned as an agent of affective communication within rituals, such as the installation of the town council, and as a place where socio-political norms were perpetuated and-in a few cases-even challenged"--

Bach and The Tuning of the World Jul 17 2021 Everyone has heard of Johann Sebastian Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier – but hardly anybody knows anything about his journey to F sharp major. In March of 1700, shortly before his fifteenth birthday, Johann Sebastian Bach set off on his journey. His destination: to create perfect music, music that unites heaven and earth in harmony. His search finally brought him to L übeck, where he became acquainted with Andreas Werckmeister and the well-tempered tuning. In this tempering – and that is new! – you can play everything, all keys, in major and minor. But perfection has its price: All notes are "tempered" a bit, which means falsified; the music has a touch of artificiality from now on. And not only the notes and pitches – nature and people are also being tempered. Gardens are laid out with geometric precision, rivers are canalized, cities redesigned. Night becomes day thanks to street lighting, the pocket watch makes it possible to

take along the time with you, the tuning fork enables choral pitch. The journey into an artificial world has begun. When Bach completed the Well-Tempered Clavier, he was overcome with profound doubt: Is not his work "only of this world" – perfect, artificial, profane? "For us, Bach's life consists primarily of biographical gaps. We know some things; but we don't know much. These gaps offer a novelist his chance. The facts were my fetters but they were also my source of inspiration. I did not invent anything 'freely' in the meaning of arbitrarily, though." Jens Johler "Jens Johler by no means turns the historical facts around.... Instead, he is writing a great of development novel in which private motifs and the course of time intertwine like fugue themes." Harald Asel, rbb Inforadio

Johann Sebastian Bach Mar 25 2022 Part One: The History (What do we know?) This brief historical introduction to Bach explores the social, political and religious factors that formed the original context of his life and work, and considers how those factors affected the way he was initially received. What was his impact on the world at the time and what were the key ideas and values connected with him? Part Two: The Legacy (Why does it matter?) This second part explores the intellectual and cultural 'afterlife' of Bach, and considers the ways in which his impact has lasted and how his music has been interpreted by later generations. Why is he still considered important today? And what aspects of his legacy are likely to continue to influence the world in the future? The book has a brief chronology at the front plus a glossary of key terms and a list of further reading at the back.

Johann Sebastian Bach and the Art of Baroque Music May 15 2021 Traces the life of the German composer and musician, examines his contributions to baroque music, and discusses some of his most important compositions.

The English Bach Awakening Nov 28 2019 Cover -- Half Title -- Title -- Copyright -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Tables -- General Editor's Series Preface -- Preliminary Note -- Abbreviations and Conventions -- Chronology of the English Bach Awakening -- 1 The Dawn of the English Bach Awakening Manifested in Sources of the '48' -- 2 The English Translations of Forkel's Life of Bach -- 3 Kollmann's Proof of the Regularity of Bach's Chromatic Fantasy -- 4 Samuel Wesley and the English Bach Awakening -- 5 The Bachists of 1810: Subscribers to the Wesley/Horn Edition of the '48' -- 6 Pursuit of Perfection: Stages of Revision of the Wesley/Horn '48' -- 7 Samuel Wesley as Analyst of Bach's Fugues -- 8 Portraits of Bach in England before 1830 -- Appendix: The Horn/Wesley Edition of Bach's 'Trio' Sonatas -- Index of Persons -- Index of Bach's Compositions

Bach and the Meanings of Counterpoint May 27 2022 In Bach's Germany musical counterpoint was an art involving much more than the sophisticated use of advanced compositional techniques. A range of theological, cultural, social and political meanings attached themselves to the use of complex procedures such as canon and double counterpoint. This book explores the significance of Bach's counterpoint in a range of interrelated contexts: its use as a means of reflecting on death; its parallels to alchemy; its vexed status in the galant music culture of the first half of the eighteenth century; its value as a representation of political power; and its central importance in the creation of Bach's image in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Touching on a wide array of contemporary literary, philosophical, critical, and musical texts, the book includes new readings of many of Bach's late works in order to re-evaluate the status and meaning of counterpoint in Bach's work and legacy.