J.S. Bach was one of the most renowned keyboardists of his day, and he left a rich legacy of music for harpsichord originally intended for instruction and 'spiritual refreshment'. This recording of mostly lesser-known works includes several early examples which afford fascinating insights into the young composer's experimentation with counterpoint, harmony and form. They are all compelling, emotionally powerful works in their own right, with virtuoso content and an expressive range that easily matches that of Bach's more famous keyboard pieces.

Johann Sebastian BACH (1685-1750)

Works for Harpsichord

1 Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 896		14 Prelude in E major, BWV 937	1:10
BW V 896	2:49	15 Prelude in E minor, BWV 938	1:37
2-6 Suite in A major, BWV 832	7:08	16 Fugue in C major, BWV 952	1:31
7 Capriccio in honorem Johann		17 Fugue in C minor, BWV 961	1:28
Christoph Bachii in E major,		18 Prelude in C major, BWV 933	1:46
BWV 993	6:26	19 Prelude in C minor, BWV 934	2:07
8 Fantasia duobus subjectis in		20 Prelude and Fugue in	
G minor, BWV 917	2:18	D minor, BWV 899	2:55
9 Prelude and Fugue in A minor,		21 Prelude and Fugue in	
BWV 895	3:07	E minor, BWV 900	4:08
10 Fantasia in A minor, BWV 922	7:44	22-27 Suite in A minor, BWV 818	10:24
11 Fugue in A minor, BWV 959	2:55	28 Fantasia sur un Rondeau in	
12 Prelude in D minor, BWV 935	1:38	C minor, BWV 918	5:12
13 Prelude in D major, BWV 936	2:01	29-33 Suite in E flat major, BWV 819	9:11

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