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Bach – A Celebration



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Compact Disc of the Month
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Angela Hewitt

'A magnificent addition to both the Bach repertoire and Angela Hewitt's artistically unparalleled survey of Bach's keyboard compositions'. (Fanfare, USA)

Pianist Angela Hewitt continues to captivate and charm audiences around the world with her musicianship and virtuosity. Since her triumph in the 1885 Toronto International Bach Piano Competition, Miss Hewitt has been hailed as "the pre-eminent Bach pianist of our time" (The Guardian, London, 2001) Born into a musical family, she began her piano studies at the age of three, and at nine she gave her first recital at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music. Later on, she studied with French pianist Jean-Paul Sevilla at the University of Ottawa where she obtained her Bachelor of Music degree at eighteen. In 1995, Angela Hewitt was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa, and in 1997 she received the Key to the City of Ottawa. She has made her home in London since 1985. In 2000 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.



Bach Arrangements

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This delightful disc offers a selection from the wealth of piano transcriptions of Bach's music. The Bach revival that gathered momentum during the nineteenth century created a climate for many composer-pianists to interpret his works through their own piano transcriptions, whether it be chorale preludes, organ works or other instrumental music. Much of Bach's music was made domestically available via such arrangements (and the tradition continued well into the twentieth century, even after Bach originals were well known). Indeed, the practice of such transcriptions was widely used by Bach himself, who freely adapted his own and others' music for different instrumental settings.

Although well-known names make up the list of transcribers (Wilhelm Kempff, Myra Hess, and Harriet Cohen, to name a few), Ms. Hewitt herself contributes three of her own transcriptions from the "Orgelbuchlein" as well. Her sterling touch is exquisite, her playing translucent, sparkling and meticulously articulate. The Steinway piano she plays upon deserves praise as well, with all its 88 deep, rounded tones -- a joy to listen to. A veritable feast for connoisseurs of the piano, as well as all Bach lovers.

Highly recommended with no reservations whatsoever.

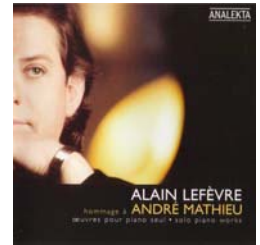
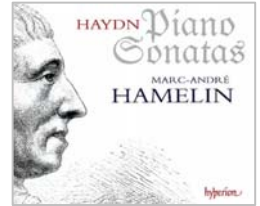
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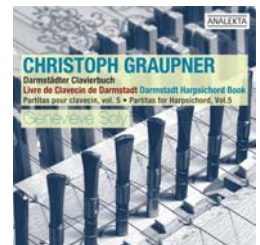
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