

# JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

(1685-1750)

*Selections from the*

## NOTEBOOK FOR ANNA MAGDALENA BACH

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The *Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach* was a gift from J. S. Bach to his wife, Anna Magdalena, on her 25th Birthday. He intended for her to copy into it music of her own choosing. Most of the pieces in the *Notebook* are in Anna Magdalena's own handwriting, therefore the identity of many of the original composers remain unknown. It is likely that the unidentified composers were family members, friends, or J. S. Bach himself.

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*For supplementary study, a recording is available on compact disc, performed by pianist Diane Hidy (GP381CD). Ms. Hidy's interpretations follow this edition closely as a practical example for students. To avoid unnecessary page turns, the order of the selections in the book is slightly different from the recording.*

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