

BACH TO IT!

MUSIC SPECTRUM SCHOOL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 12:30PM

Anna Magdalena Notebook

Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach (German: Notenbüchlein für Anna Magdalena Bach) refers to either of two manuscript notebooks that the German Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach presented to his second wife, Anna Magdalena. Keyboard music (minuets, rondeaux, polonaises, chorales, sonatas, preludes, musettes, marches, gavottes) makes up most of both notebooks, and a few pieces for voice (songs, and arias) are included.

In the later of the two notebooks (1725 edition), most of the entries were made by Anna Magdalena herself, with others written in the hand of Johann Sebastian, some by sons Johann Christian and Carl Philipp Emanuel, and a few by family friends such as Johann Gottfried Bernhard and Johann Gottfried Heinrich. Although the 1725 notebook does contain work composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, it also includes works by many other composers. The authorship of several pieces is identified in the notebook itself, while that of others was established by researchers. The composers of still others, including several popular songs of the time, remain unknown.

When presenting keyboard music from the Anna Magdalena Notebook it is traditional to repeat the famous Minuet in G (authorship now attributed to Christian Petzold) after the Minuet in Gm. We will present it in this way today.

—adapted from Wikipedia

NOTES ON BACH

Johann Sebastian Bach is widely regarded as one of the greatest composers in the history of European art music. During his lifetime (b. 1685–d. 1750), Bach ranked among the foremost musicians in Germany; he was active as organist, teacher, director, instrument technician, and composer. Bach's compositional legacy includes examples in all major genres of the time except opera: nearly two hundred church cantatas; approximately two dozen secular cantatas; a handful of motets; the B-Minor Mass and some shorter works with Latin texts; the St. Matthew and St. John Passions; the Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Oratorios; a large body of organ music (including works based on chorales); many important harpsichord works (e.g., Two- and Three-Part Inventions, English and French Suites, Well-Tempered Clavier, Italian Concerto, Goldberg Variations); chamber music; concertos (including the popular Brandenburg Concertos); the Musical Offering; and The Art of Fugue. Several of Bach's contemporaries were equally or even more prolific, but the uniformly high quality of his output is unparalleled. Some of his music was known and esteemed in the latter half of the 18th century and the early decades of the 19th by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and others. In 1850, the centenary of Bach's death, Robert Schumann and other leading musicians formed the Bach-Gesellschaft, with the goal of making his complete works available in print. Since then, admiration for Bach's music has remained high, especially among musicians.

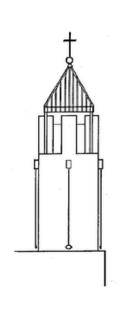
—from Oxford Bibliographies

PROGRAM ORDER

Pumpkin Boogie Faber Ashley Quarrie, Piano **CPE Bach** Adagio and Allegro Cait Toop, Piano from the Notebook For Anna Magdalena J.S. Bach et al Minuet in Gm Cait Toop, Piano Minuet in G Charlotte Hamilton, Piano Minuet in Gm Gabrielle Cole, Piano Minuet in G Kendal Alhambra, Piano Wie Wohl ist Mir O Freund der Seele Laurdes Rollins, Voice Warum Betrübst Du Dich Adelyn Begg, Voice Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach Bryson Begg, Voice Never, Never Land from Peter Pan Styne Ashley Quarrie, Voice Moon River Mancini Gabrielle Cole, Voice Nightingale Alabiev Gigi Ruse, Voice Pumpkin Boogie Faber Sophia Saltiel, Piano Tradit. Sleigh Ride Holiday Vedanth Iyer, Piano Fiesta Espana Faber Laurdes Rollins, Piano Inspector Gadget Theme arr. Faber Kendal Alhambra, Piano Guitars of Seville Giuliani

Gabrielle Cole, Piano

Requiem by Camille Saint-Saëns



Friday, November 4, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Through music, scripture, and the reading of names, we come together to honor our departed. Our music is the Requiem Mass of Camille Saint-Saëns performed by the Blessed Sacrament Choir and the Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra.

Whether you have suffered a loss or come as companion to one who has, please join us.

All are welcome.

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Ms. Amanda will be the Mezzo Soloist for this performance of the Saint-Saëns Requiem.

Admission is Free. All Are Welcome.