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CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH

Symphonies & Concertos

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At the end of the 18th century, the most famous member of the Bach family was not Johann Sebastian, but his son, Carl Philipp Emanuel! This prominent representative of the school of German, and more especially Prussian composers, a pioneer of *Empfindsamkeit* (the cult of "sensitivity"), was prized above all for what his contemporaries termed his "originality" – by which they meant the sovereign ease with which he forged his own style. To understand this, one need only listen to the nine symphonies from his Berlin period, whose radical departure from traditional forms symbolises a stylistic revolution in itself. As for his innovative treatment of the concerto, which overturns all the principles of symmetry so dear to Baroque composers, it seems already to prefigure Romanticism.



Artists

- Raphael Alpermann
- Peter Bruns
- Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin

Composers

- Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

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