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JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

# Goldberg Variations

Fretwork

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"The *Goldberg Variations* are a pinnacle of Bach's art. Conceived for harpsichord, the work has been transcribed for quite different instruments.... Richard Boothby's version for his own consort of viols, **Fretwork**, is arguably the most unusual, in that it opts for a soundworld that looks even further back in time. Part of the justification for such a setting must be Bach's own liking for viola da gamba, already then old-fashioned.... Boothby's setting is dexterously divided between various combinations of the treble, tenor and bass viols, and he achieved some magical effects, notably (...) in variations of gossamer passagework." – *The Guardian*, UK (concert review)

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