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JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

The Goldberg Variations

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When variation rimes with perfection.

Sent to the harpsichordist J. G. Goldberg and published in 1742, these "thirty variations for two-manual harpsichord" have come to be regarded as the greatest achievement in the form. Time and stylistic quarrels have left no mark on this perfect masterpiece, the quintessence of the contrapuntal, technical and formal art of 18th century musical language. Played over and over again by musicians in our time, whether on the harpsichord or the modern piano, this music explains itself, evading the vicissitudes of history. It is not for nothing that the "Goldberg" have become a myth.

Artists Composers

- Andrei Vieru
Piano
- Johann Sebastian Bach

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JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH [1685-1750]

Clavierbüchlein für Anna Magdalena Bach

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Goldberg-Variationen, BWV 988

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- **J.S. Bach - Anatol Vieru: 14 Kanons über die ersten 8 Fundamentalnoten der Aria aus den Goldberg-Variationen (7'27)**