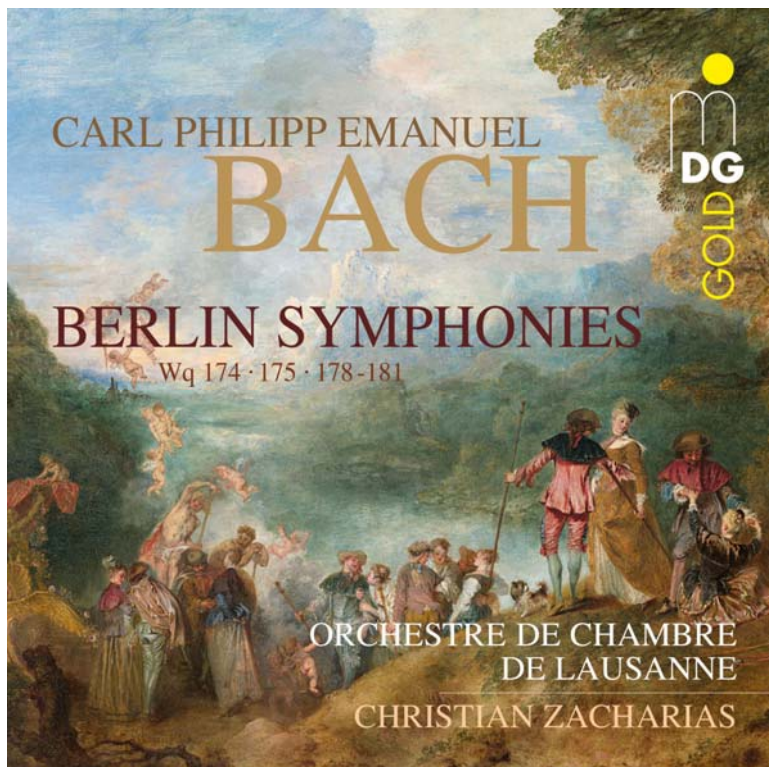


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Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach was a player of the clavier in the service of Frederick the Great. The creative atmosphere at the court of the artistic King attracted numerous musicians of note and ensured a rich flowering of instrumental music. Johann Sebastian Bach's second eldest son was far more famous than his father in his lifetime, and that was no accident: his music is modern and thoroughly progressive, and the path from Baroque concerto to Classical symphony can be clearly traced through his Berlin symphonies.

His Majesty's pleasure

Ritornello-like tutti open most of the symphonies, whose motifs are then subjected to the Classical treatment of free harmonic arrangement. Unison passages mark important transitions. What is

unusual and new is the cyclical linking of the movements, realized by Bach with the composition of transitional passages. Ambitious handling of the winds with some fearsomely high horn passages shows the excellent quality of the court orchestra under Bach's direction.

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