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Baroque Music for Acoustic Guitar

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Foreword

The musical selections in this book come from some of the greatest composers of the Baroque Period. Since none of these individuals wrote for the guitar, these pieces are arrangements of works originally intended for other instruments.

In selecting material for this book, I was careful to choose pieces that could be played on the guitar without straying too much from the original versions. The most frequent alterations I made were either to change the key, change the register of the bass line, or occasionally revoice a chord.

A very important aspect of the performance of Baroque music is the use of ornamentation. Though often represented by symbols in the score, ornaments are sometimes implied by the musical context. The most common types are trills, though there are many others. Their execution is flexible and open to the interpretation of the performer.

For the purposes of this book (and after doing considerable research), I have written out all of the ornaments in conventional notation. As such, these realizations have been subject to my interpretation. In some cases, where a particular ornament is prohibitively difficult on the guitar, it has been either modified or omitted.

About the Composers

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was a German organist and composer who is best known today for his “Canon in D.” The fugues that are included here were written for the organ but work well on the guitar. The early Baroque style of writing in these pieces is less chromatic than in the fugues of Bach, and is reminiscent of the ricercares and fantasies for lute that were popular in the Renaissance.

The most famous composer of late 17th-century England was Henry Purcell (1659-1695). His influence can be heard in the music of Handel, who spent the better part of his professional life in England. Purcell is perhaps best known for his choral works though he wrote music of all types. The pieces here are taken from his miscellaneous keyboard compositions.

Francois Couperin (1668-1733) was an internationally famous French composer and harpsichord virtuoso. He was one of the first proponents of the rococo or “gallant” style which was simpler and more elegant than mainstream Baroque music and ultimately helped pave the way for the early Classical composers.

Like Couperin, Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764) was a famous French composer who wrote in the “gallant” style. He is considered by many to be the father of the study of harmony because of his many writings on the subject. His three collections of harpsichord pieces are the source for the arrangements in this volume.

The keyboard sonatas of Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757) have long been a favorite with guitarists. He wrote over five hundred of them, many of which fit well on the guitar. Though he was born in Italy, he spent his last years in Spain where the sonatas included here were written.

George Philip Telemann (1681-1776), was a very prolific and successful German composer who was friends with both Bach and Handel. The pieces here are taken from his 36 Fantasias for Harpsichord. The style of writing in these pieces varies from the Baroque to the Rococo.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759) are often mentioned in the same breath as representing the pinnacle of Baroque music. Although Handel, like Bach, was born and raised in Germany, he spent most of his life in England where he became a citizen and wrote his most famous works. His keyboard pieces offer an interesting contrast to those of Bach and often fit nicely on the guitar.
Bach was most famous in his lifetime as an organist and wasn’t appreciated as one of the greatest musical geniuses of all time until years later. His music is a staple of the classical guitar repertoire and many editions of his works are available. The selections included here are taken from his sonatas and partitas for solo violin and suites for violoncello. They will be familiar to classical guitarists, although the keys selected here are lower than is customary. Using the lower register of the instrument helps eliminate the need for extra bass notes, which results in arrangements that are easier to play and, in some cases, closer to Bach’s original versions.

About the Notation

The arrangements in this book are for the guitarist with intermediate to advanced finger-style technique, and can be played on both nylon and steel-string instruments. Tablature has been included for those who prefer it over standard notation.

Barres are indicated by Roman numerals that represent the fret numbers and are accompanied by a fraction when only a partial barre is required. A solid line following the Roman numeral indicates the barre’s duration while a dotted line accompanied by the abbreviation “h. b.” represents a hinge (partially lifted) barre. Natural harmonics are indicated by a diamond over or under a note and the abbreviation “n. h.” Circled numbers indicate which string a note or sequence of notes should be played on.

Left-hand fingering has been included extensively whereas right-hand fingering has been in most cases left up to the performer. Requirements for altered tunings and suggestions for the use of a capo are indicated at the beginning of each piece where applicable. The metronome settings are editorial and need not be followed exactly. Enjoy!
Fugue in C

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(\( \text{e} = 110 \))

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Fugue in G

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( q = 88 \)}} \)
Fugue in G

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{q} = 100 \)

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Fugue in D

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

_Fugue in D_
Air in Em

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 130)
Hornpipe in Em

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \textit{q} = 82 \)

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Prelude

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ II} \]

\[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ VII} \]

\[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ V} \]

\( q = 105 \)

6th = D
March in D major

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 110)

6th = D

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Le Petit-Rien
(Rondeau)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 145)

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Le Trophie

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 80)

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La Flore

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Gracefully
($= 140$)

Capo 3rd fret
3rd = F$\flat$

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Les Tambourins

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 78)

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La Badine
(Rondeau)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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La Bourbonnoise
(Gavotte)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( (\phi = 62) \)

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Menuet

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(Arranged for Guitar by Stephen C. Sikstberg)

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(Arranged for Guitar by Stephen C. Sikstberg)

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Sarabande 2

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 76)

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(Rondeau)

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Menuet 1

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 96)

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Menuet 2

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Menuet 1 da capo

(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Menuet 1 da capo
Sonata in G
(K431)

Domenico Scarlatti
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 92)

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Sonata in D  
(K414)  
Domenico Scarlatti  
(arranged for guitar  
by Stephen C. Siktberg)  

(q = 120)  

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Fantasia in D

Allegro

\( \text{"e"} = 160 \)

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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1/2 VII

1/2 II

fine
Dolce

\(d = 66\)

\[\text{D.C. al fine}\]
Fantasia in Am

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 88)

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Fantasia in C

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 92)
Fantasia

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(e = 140)

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Sonatina in C

George Fredrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 80)

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Allegro
(from Great Suite #7 for Harpsichord)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \mathbf{d} = 132 \)
George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Passacaille
(from Great Suite #7 for Harpsichord)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( q = 66 \)

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Allegro
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)  George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{(q} = 136) \)
Sonata in C

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Capo 3rd fret

(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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J. S. Bach  
(arranged for guitar  
by Stephen C. Siktberg)  

(arranged for guitar  
by Stephen C. Siktberg)
Menuet 1
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 110)

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Menuet 2
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Menuet 2
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)
Gigue
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(\(\text{\texttt{q}} = 90\))
Gavotte 1
(from Suite #6 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(score = 72)
Gavotte 2
(from Suite #6 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{(d = 72)} \)

Gavotte 1 da capo
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(from Partita #3 for Violin)  

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 116)
Menuet 2
(from Partita #3 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 118)

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Menuet 1 da capo
Bourée
(from Partita #3 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Sarabande & Double
(from Partita #1 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Double

(\dot{=} 100)
Tempo di Bourée
(from Partita #1 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( \frac{\text{4}}{\text{4}} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{\text{3}}{\text{2}} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{\text{2}}{\text{2}} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{\text{1}}{\text{1}} \)} \)

Tempo di Bouree'

Tempo di Bourée

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Fugue in G

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)
Fugue in Dm

6th = D

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Fugue in D

Johann Pachelbel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

(♩ = 116)
Air in Em

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( q = 130 \)

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Hornpipe in Em

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Prelude

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

\( (q = 105) \)

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Prelude

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

\( \frac{\text{II}}{2/3} \approx 2.4 \approx 2.0 \approx 2.4 \)

\( \frac{\text{VII}}{1/2} \approx 2.3 \approx 2.5 \approx 3.0 \)

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\( \frac{1/2}{2/3} \approx 2.3 \approx 2.5 \approx 3.0 \)

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March in D

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

\( \text{\( \nu \) = 110} \)

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A Ground in G

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \hat{q} = 77 \)

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Air in Em

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( \text{\( q \)} = 72 \)\} )

Henry Purcell
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( \text{\( q \)} = 72 \)\} )
Le Petit-Rien
(Rondeau)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

\[ \text{\(e = 80\)} \]

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La Morinete

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(\( \text{\( q. = 96 \)} \))
La Badine
(Rondeau)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \dot{\text{f}} \)
Les Bacchanales

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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(Gavotte)

Francois Couperin
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

La Bourbonnoise

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Menuet en Rondeau

Jean-Philippe Rameau
arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Sikstberg

(♩ = 120)

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Menuet

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{Jean-Philippe Rameau} \)

\( \text{Menuet} \)

\( \text{(arranged for guitar} \)

\( \text{by Stephen C. Siktberg)} \)

\( \text{Jean-Philippe Rameau} \)

\( \text{(arranged for guitar} \)

\( \text{by Stephen C. Siktberg)} \)

\( \text{Jean-Philippe Rameau} \)

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Sarabande 1
Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \dot{q} = 76 \)
Sarabande 2

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{(q} = 76) \)

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Gavotte en Rondeau

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Les Tendres Plaintes
(Rondeau)

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Sikthberg)

\(\text{\(q\) = 92}\)

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Menuet I

Jean-Philippe Rameau
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( \frac{3}{4} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{4}{4} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{1}{2} \)} \)

\( \text{\( \frac{2}{3} \)} \)
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Sonata in G
(K431)

Domenico Scarlatti
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

(q = 92)

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Sonata in Dm
(K434)

Andante

\( \text{(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)} \)

Domenico Scarlatti

\( e = 76 \)
Sonata in D
(K414)

Domenico Scarlatti
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

6th = D

(q = 120)

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TAB

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Sonata in A

(K428)

Domenico Scarlatti
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

3rd = F♯

(q = 104)

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Fantasia in Em

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Tempo di Minueto
($\hat{q} = 100$)

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Allegro

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Dolce

\( \frac{\text{D.C. al fine}}{(\text{e} = 66)} \)
Fantasia in D

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Fantasia in Dm

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Fantasia in Am

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 88)
Fantasia in C

George Philip Telemann
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Tenderly

(= 92)

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Adagio

\( \text{C} = 116 \)
Sonatina in C

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(J = 80)
Allemande

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{\( \frac{q}{= 60} \)} \)

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Sarabande
(with variations)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

$\sigma = 75$

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Sarabande
(from Great Suite #7)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siklberg)

(σ = 58)

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Passacaille
(from Great Suite #7)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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1/3 VII

1/2 VII

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1/2 IV
Allegro
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord) 
George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(arranged for guitar
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(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

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(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)

Allegro

(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

George Friedrich Handel
(from Partita in G major for Harpsichord)
Courante
(from Partita in G major)

George Friedrich Handel
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Skitberg)

\( \text{\( \cdot \) } = 136 \)
Prelude
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(♩ = 68)

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Menuet 1
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)  

J. S. Bach  
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Menuet 2
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(♩ = 110)

Menuet 1 da capo
Gigue
(from Suite #1 for Violoncello)  J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q = 68)
Gavotte 2
(from Suite #6 for Violoncello) J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{(h = 72)} \)
Gavotte en Rondeau
(from Partita #3 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(arr = 70)

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Menuet 1
(from Partita #3 for Violin)  
J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(q =116)

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Menuet 2  
(from Partita #3 for Violin)  

J. S. Bach  
(arranged for guitar by Stephen C. Siktberg)  

(q = 118)
Menuet 1 da capo
Bourée
(from Partita #3 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

\( \text{(d) = 72) } \)

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Sarabande & Double
(from Partita #1 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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Double

(\textcolor{red}{\textbullet} \textcolor{red}{\textbullet} = 100)
Tempo di Bourée
(from Partita #1 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

(\( \sigma = 74 \))

Tempo di Bourée
(from Partita #1 for Violin)

J. S. Bach
(arranged for guitar
by Stephen C. Siktberg)

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