Handel's Concerti Grossi, Op. 6 are written for small solo string ensemble and orchestra, a combination which invites elegant interplay between like-sounding but distinctive groups. Nicknamed Il gardellino, or 'The Goldfinch', Vivaldi's Flute Concerto is as filled with charming melody and sounds from nature as anything in The Four Seasons. Possibly written for King Frederick the Great, the easy grace of C.P.E. Bach's Flute Concerto in D minor has a surprisingly dramatic and virtuoso finale. This recording brings together leading soloists of the Seattle Symphony in a feast of 18th century refinement.



George Frideric HANDEL

(1685-1759)

1-5 Concerto Grosso in G major, Op. 6 No. 1, HWV. 319
6-10 Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6 No. 6, HWV. 324
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11-16 Concerto Grosso in F major, Op. 6 No. 9, HWV. 327
14:16

Antonio VIVALDI

(1678-1741)

17-19 Flute Concerto in D major, Op. 10 No. 3, RV. 428 'Il gardellino' 10:17

Carl Philipp Emanuel BACH (1714-1788)

20-22 Flute Concerto in D minor, H. 425

26:01



Scott Goff, Flute Simon James, Violin 1 • Michael Miropolsky, Violin 2 Theresa Benshoof, Cello • Kimberly Russ, Harpsichord Seattle Symphony • Gerard Schwarz



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