

PianoDuo Takahashi|Lehman: Reger's homage to his guiding star J.S. Bach

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Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 1-6
Passacaglia in C minor • Toccata and Fugue in D minor
Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major



Max Reger paid homage to his musical guiding star Johann Sebastian Bach not only as an imaginative interpreter, but also as a sensitive arranger, making numerous organ works and the complete Brandenburg Concertos available for piano four hands.



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Max Reger was a key figure in the Bach renaissance at the beginning of the 20th century. Because of his polyphonic compositional style, he was also revered by his followers as 'the modern Bach'. "Sebastian Bach is for me the beginning and end of all music; upon him rests, and from him originates, all real progress! That Bach could be misunderstood for so long is the greatest scandal for the 'critical wisdom' of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries." But it was not only as an interpreter of piano, chamber and orchestral

music that he championed his musical role model throughout his lifetime, but also as the editor of several orchestral suites and concertos as well as the arranger of numerous organ works. Thomaskantor Karl Straube praised him for the "perfect manner in which he succeeded in reproducing the sound characteristics of the organ on the pianoforte."

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