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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1988 8:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, October 27, 1988

Suite No. 2 in B minor, BWV 1067

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Ouverture Rondeau

1685-1750

Sarabande

Alternativement Bouree 1 et 2

Polonaise Menuet Badinerie

Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Allegro Andante Allegro assai

1685-1750

INTERMISSION

Flute Concerto in D minor, WQ 22 CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH
Allegro 1714-1788

Un pocco Andante Allegro di molto

Concerto for 3 Violins in D major,

BWV 1064

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Allegro Adagio Allegro

1685-1750

The Suite No. 2 in B minor was last performed in March, 1977 by the Czech Chamber Soloists. The Concerto for 3 violins in D major was last performed in November, 1978 by the Paillard Chamber Orchestra.

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Paillard Chamber Orchestra

The Paillard Chamber Orchestra is a permanent ensemble consisting of seven violins, two violas, two celli, a double bass and a harpsichord. They perform programs and recordings which include works from the baroque through the contemporary eras.

Founded in 1953 by the French conductor and musicologist Jean-Francois Paillard, the Paillard Chamber Orchestra has played a leading role in the revival of the music of the 17th and 18th centuries. Their recording of Johann Pachelbel's Canon in D was named Classical Album of the Year, and Jean-Francois Paillard Artist of the Year, by **Billboard**, and has brought international popularity to this previously little-known work.

In its most famous incarnation, their arrangement of the Pachelbel Canon (which has been released on four separate recordings) is coupled with the Friedrich Fasch Concerto in D for Trumpet and Two Oboes, featuring Maurice Andre as soloist. This artistic pairing has also yielded recordings of works for trumpet and orchestra by Joseph and Michel Haydn, Hummel, d'Indy, and the Bach Brandenburg Concertos, which also features Jean-Pierre Rampal as flute soloist. In addition, The Paillard Chamber Orchestra can be heard on Rampal Plays Bach (RCA Red Seal).

Since the release of their first recording, Eighteenth Century French Music in 1953, the Paillard Chamber Orchestra has made more than 200 recordings and won at least 22 Grands Prix du Disque. Among their recordings on such major labels as RCA and Erato are Scarlatti: Concerti Grossi; Telemann: Musique de Table; Vivaldi: Concertos for Cello; Cimarosa: Oboe Concerto; and Bach: Orchestral Suites.

GERARD JARRY, first violinist of the Paillard Chamber Orchestra, was thirteen years old when he was awarded the Premier Prix and the Prix d'Honneur, the highest degrees offered by the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique de Paris. The following year he won the Premier Grand Prix au Concours International Marguerite Long/Jacques Thibaud. He was immediately launched upon an international career.

Gerard Jarry joined the Paillard Chamber Orchestra as principal soloist in 1969.

JEAN-FRANCOIS PAILLARD studied with such eminent masters as Norbert Dufourq, Igor Markevitch and the late Edward Lindenberg. Visiting the great music libraries of Europe, he unearthed many forgotten baroque masterpieces, which now constitute the basis of the Paillard Chamber Orchestra's repertoire and many of which were published under his supervision after he was appointed director of Archives de la Musique Francaise and Archives de la Musique Religieuse, Editions Costallat Paris. Paillard has written many scholarly works, among them "La Musique Francaise Classique," that have received wide acclaim by musicologists.

In addition to his activities with the Paillard Chamber Orchestra, Jean-Francois Paillard leads an independent conducting career and has conducted such orchestras as I Solisti Veneti, the Osaka Philharmonic, the St. Louis Symphony, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the Opera de Marseilles, the National Arts Centre Orchestra (Ottawa) and the English Chamber Orchestra, with whom he has recorded Mozart's Symphonies Nos. 35-41 for RCA.

Paillard teaches numerous aspiring conductors and is director of the Academie de Musique de Chambre de Valence. SHIGENORI KUDO was born in 1954 in Japan, and completed his musical studies in France at the Conservatoire Superieur de Musique in Paris. His teachers have included Alain Marion and Jean-Pierre Rampal.

Mr. Kudo's numerous international prizes include the 1st Grand Prix in the Paris international competition (1978), a "Premier Prix" at the Paris Conservatoire (1979), 3rd prize at the Munich International Competition (1979), and the First "Grand Prix" at the international Jean-Pierre Rampal competition in 1980.

In 1978, Shigenori Kudo made his Paris debut in performance with Mr. Rampal, and they performed subsequently throughout Europe and Japan. Mr. Kudo has appeared as soloist with the orchestra and in chamber music. He is a regular guest at the festivals of Menton, Cadaques, Palamos, Barcelona, Nohant, Antibes, and the Festival of the Mediterranean.

Shigenori Kudo made his North American debut on tour with the Lille National Orchestra in 1984. He records for the Erato, RVC, and Fontec labels.

PROGRAM NOTES

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750) was a fifth generation composer; his sons and grandsons were also musically active. He was famous in his day as an organist noted more for his improvisational skills than for his abilities as a composer. His compositions reflected his various employments. When he was employed as a church musician, he produced organ music and sacred cantatas. While employed at a secular court, he wrote instrumental music such as sonatas, concerti, partitas, and suites.

The suite is one of the primary instrumental forms of Baroque music. It is a collection of several movements, dancelike in character, which are usually in the same key. The opening movement, an introduction, is often in the older style of the French overture with its double-dotted rhythm moving at a stately pace. This first movment served as a signal for the audience to quiet down and provided an entrance procession for the nobility. Most of the dance movements are constructed in binary form. Typical dances are the allemande, courante, sarabande, gigue, minuet, bouree, gavotte, passepied, polonaise, and rondeau. The badinerie (banter), an unusual addition to a suite, is especially virtuosic for the flutists, and functions as a built-in encore to this work.

It is uncertain exactly when the Overture (Suite) Number 2 (BWV 1067) for flute, strings, and basso continuo was written, but it was certainly before 1729. It is interesting to note that Bach himnself titled this work an overture, perhaps because of the opening movement, not a suite or partita, as was customary with orchestra suites at that time.

J. S. Bach probably wrote at least six violin concerti, but only three have survived intact. The others may have been among the music his son, Wilhelm Friedemann, inherited and carelessly sold or gave away. It was during his employment at Cothen (1717-1723) that Bach was at his most productive in the genre of instrumental music. Prince Leopold had a 17-piece orchestra which Bach conducted and for which he had the opportunity to write. The Concerto in a Minor for Violin (BWV1041) was written when Bach was the court conductor to Prince Leopold. This concerto was later used as the basis for BWV 1058, a harpsichord concerto. The Allegro moderato is essentially contrapuntal in nature. Though it opens with a proclamatory statement, it continues with pervasive counterpoint whose harmonies are spun out in the subtle twists and turns of the melody. The Andante in C major, is built on an ostinato, or repeated bass figure, over which the strings provide a chordal accompaniment. Expressive nuance, both in rhythm and melody, is at the heart of this movement. The Allegro assai returns to a complex contrapuntal texture in which the fugal technique is most prominent.

CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH (1714-1788) was the second son of Johann Sebastian and Maria Barbara Bach. He is the most famous of the Bach children for both his keyboard abilities and his work as a theorist. His formal musical positions were in Berlin and Hamburg. He was proud to have studied keyboard technique and composition solely with his father. His formal education included a law degree from the University of Leipzig. In 1738 C.P.E. Bach took a position as harpsichordist with Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia. He remained in his service for thirty years. Being a flutist of some renown, Frederick was impressed with the chamber works that Bach had written, especially those for the flute.

The Concerto for Flute in d Minor (Wq. 22) (1746-47, revised 1775) by C. P. E. Bach is a transcription of his Harpsichord Concerto in d Minor. The concerto is in the familiar fast-slow-fast arrangement of movements. The first movement reflects J. S. Bach's influence in its contrapuntal treatment and predictable harmonies. The Un poco andante in D major is possibly the most poignant, memorable movement in this work. The treatment of the solo flute melody reflects the rhythmic contrasts and modulations which were daring for the time, though not unusual for C. P. E. Bach. The emotional and dramatic nature of this movement is representative of the empfindsamer stil (sentimental style) for which C. P. E. Bach is primarily responsible. The quick Allegro di molto is a bravura movement for the flute, the strings providing the rhythmic and harmonic framework in a largely homophonic texture.

It is believed that in Cothen between 1730-1733 J. S. Bach wrote the first concerti for harpsichord, using transcriptions of violin concerti. The Concerto for 3 Violins in D Major, (BWV 1064), the original of which is lost, is believed to be the model for the Concerto for 3 Harpsichords in C Major (also BWV 1064). However, it is from the Harpsichord work that musicologists have reconstructed the violin version. To complicate the origins of this work even further, it is thought that the original Bach version of this concerto was a reworking of a piece by another composer. Nevertheless, this majestic and forceful work is very effective. This concerto, in contrast to the solo violin concerto above, is more like the older concerto grosso. It consists of a solo group of instruments, the concertino, playing against the orchestral group, or tutti. Normally in the concerto grosso, the fast movements make use of clear-cut ritornelli, repeated or refrain sections, which alternate with the concertino. However, in the first movement of this concerto, relationships between the concertino and tutti are more subtle, less rigid. The groups are still polarized and concerted against one another, with refrain material which answers certain formal considerations, but the contrast is not as obvious. The Adagio is in the relative minor key of b. Here the tutti and concertino alternation is more obvious. On the whole, the counterpoint is kept to a minimum to allow the melody to be heard. The detailing of the voices in the solo group is very precise. At times the melody is gently passed from one instrument to another. Other occasions find a thick contrapuntal harmonic display in the three solo voices. The Allegro opens with a fugal subject in D major. Once again busy counterpoint prevails even though the subject is not treated in true fugue fashion. The perpetual motion of the rhythm, typical in Baroque music, adds to the dancelike character of the piece.

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