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Composer: **Johann Sebastian Bach**
(1685–1750)

Title: **The Cello Suites**

Artist: **Alban Gerhardt cello**

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(2 compact discs)

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Total Duration: **129'06**

COMPACT DISC 1

Cello Suite No 1 in G major BWV1007 [16'44]

- 1 Prelude [2'55] 2 Allemande [3'44]
- 3 Courante [2'39] 4 Sarabande [2'28]
- 5 Menuet I – Menuet II [3'09] 6 Gigue [1'49]

Cello Suite No 2 in D minor BWV1008 [18'13]

- 7 Prelude [3'34] 8 Allemande [2'42]
- 9 Courante [2'09] 10 Sarabande [4'18]
- 11 Menuet I – Menuet II [2'43] 12 Gigue [2'47]

Cello Suite No 3 in C major BWV1009 [21'39]

- 13 Prelude [3'55] 14 Allemande [3'41]
- 15 Courante [3'12] 16 Sarabande [3'57]
- 17 Bourrée I – Bourrée II [3'40] 18 Gigue [3'14]

COMPACT DISC 2

Cello Suite No 4 in E flat major BWV1010 [22'55]

- 1 Prelude [4'16] 2 Allemande [3'17]
- 3 Courante [3'24] 4 Sarabande [4'02]
- 5 Bourrée I – Bourrée II [5'12] 6 Gigue [2'44]

Cello Suite No 5 in C minor BWV1011 [21'23]

- 7 Prelude [5'20] 8 Allemande [4'08]
- 9 Courante [1'57] 10 Sarabande [3'21]
- 11 Gavotte I – Gavotte II [4'30] 12 Gigue [2'07]

Cello Suite No 6 in D major BWV1012 [28'12]

- 13 Prelude [5'23] 14 Allemande [5'58]
- 15 Courante [3'41] 16 Sarabande [4'52]
- 17 Gavotte I – Gavotte II [4'03] 18 Gigue [4'15]

Those elusive qualities of 'transcendental beauty paired with an enchanting simplicity', eloquently glossed by Alban Gerhardt in his booklet note, might also be said to characterize his playing in this outstanding new recording.



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