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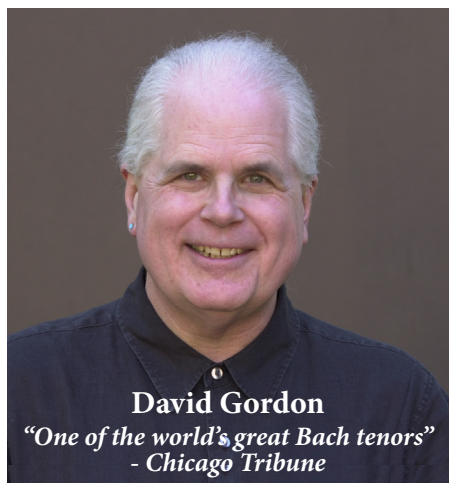
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An eclectic Omnibus of *Notable Details* about the *Life and Times* of the esteemed and highly respected Johann Sebastian Bach

After decades of singing the music of J. S. Bach and lecturing about his life in the 18th century, renowned Bach tenor David Gordon has compiled a unique and personal collection of his favorite historical anecdotes, scholarly explanations, vintage illustrations, timelines, bits of pathos, and gritty vignettes of daily life in Bach's time.

Episodes from Bach's musical career are presented within the context of middle-class daily life in Germany in the early 1700s. What did people eat, drink, and wear, how did they bathe and cook? What fuels heated and illuminated their homes? How many weekly church services were there in Leipzig in 1727, and how many taverns?

The central subject of this richly illustrated book is J. S. Bach, but nearly half the pages are devoted to engaging and detailed descriptions of the everyday world that surrounded him. Both elements contain the unexpected.

This book is a refreshingly down-to-earth look at Bach's life and times, and not an analysis of his music. For the newcomer to Bach, for the experienced listener, and for the general history buff, this book will be entertaining, moving, and sometimes surprising.

THE AUTHOR: Described by the *Washington Post* as "*a model of style and charm, and an irresistible performer,*" tenor David Gordon has forged a versatile international career as singer, author, lecturer, teacher, and recording artist. This is his second book.

He is especially known for his vivid performances of the music of Bach in hundreds of concerts throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. In 2016 the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* called him "*one of the great interpreters of the Evangelist of our time.*"

In a wide range of other music David has appeared as tenor soloist with virtually every major North American symphony and opera company, and with prestigious orchestras, operas, and music festivals on four continents. He can be heard on 15 CDs for Decca, London, RCA, Telarc, and other major labels.

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