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Johann Sebastian Bach : The Seven Toccatas for Harpsichord

Jory Vinikour, harpsichord (Mandala)

John von Rhein's Top Ten classical CD's of 1999

Bach: Seven Toccatas. Jory Vinikour, harpsichord (Mandala): The prize-winning harpsichordist (who performs and records with Les Musiciens du Louvre) offers here as satisfying a disc of Baroque keyboard music as you will hear. Bach's toccatas can seem rather monotonous in less sensitive hands. No danger of that with Vinikour, who plays them with a stylish, quasi-improvisatory feeling, clarity and tonal refinement that reveal how astonishingly varied this music really is.