

JS Bach - Born Eisenach 1685, died Leipzig 1750 aged 65.

Came from family that had been actively musical for seven generations, of which his was the fifth. 38 Bachs are listed in the Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians. Bach had the jobs of choirboy, violinist, organist, chief musician and cantor. The last position he held was at Leipzig with the St Thomas Church and school. He was there for 30 years, composing church music for a little of this time, then producing large works such as the *Goldberg Variations*. He played most keyboard instruments of the time, including harpsichord, organ, and clavichord. He married twice and had 20 children. He became blind before he died. Some of his well known works include:

Goldberg Variations

St Matthews Passion

The Well Tempered Clavier (48 preludes and fugues)

The Brandenburg Concertos

At this time, the suite was the most popular form to write in as opposed to the sonata.

Bourree II - middle section from paired Bourrees - Partita in Bm BWV 831

(like middle section of minuet and trio).

- Bourree is French dance in 2 like the gavotte except that the phrases begin at the last quarter of the measure, not halfway (like gavottes).
- Typical for 2 bourrees to be linked together ternary form.
- This bourree is in Bm.
- Section A - bar 7 in A major, bar 10 moves to F# minor and is confirmed as F# major at the closing cadence of section A.
- Section B - Bar 13 and 14 moves straight back to Bm.
- Bar 16 modulates to A major.
- Bar 20 cadence in A major.
- Move through D major bar 21, E major bar 22, F# major bar 23.
- Cadence in Bm at final close.
- A lot of use of sequences (eg main theme) and conversation between hands.