

Johann Sebastian Bach

# Suite pour le Luth

BWV 995

*Guitar edition in memoriam  
Werner Icking (26.8.1943 – 8.2.2001)*

## *Notes on this edition*

This edition of the BWV 995 Lute Suite was conceived as a performer's edition and should not be taken for an *Urtext*, though some notational practices were adopted to distinguish between original notation and editorial additions. Thus solid slurs and ornaments not printed in brackets are Bach's, while dotted slurs and ornaments in brackets are editorial. Dotted slurs may indicate either technical slurs (*ligados*) or interpretative slurring across two strings.

Where the ambit of the guitar or the exigencies of the fretboard necessitate the octave transposition of individual bass notes or whole bass lines, this has been done silently. However, where individual notes in the middle voice have been omitted for reasons of playability or interpretative licence, the passages in question have been flagged with the symbol [\*] and the original text appears at the end of the edition.

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But the finished edition is dedicated to Werner Icking because he remains the chief reason I was able to typeset a work of this complexity at all. From the moment I first began to experiment with MusixT<sub>E</sub>X, Werner's patience and helpfulness in troubleshooting source files and providing explanations and instructions via e-mail were nothing short of priceless. Even during the typesetting of this edition, a year after his death, I frequently found myself searching through the mail archives of my correspondence with him for the half-remembered solution to some recurrent problem. Without Werner I could not have begun this edition, much less finished it. His passing leaves me the poorer for a teacher and a friend.

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## *Revision notes*

Minor typographical errors in the fingering have been corrected in this revision.

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## BWV 995

J. S. Bach

# Prelude

**Très vite**

8 35 43 51 58 65 72 80 87

8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8

① ④ ② ③ ⑤ ⑥

$\Phi I_3$   $\Phi V_4 \Phi VII_4$   $\Phi II_4$   $\Phi IV_4$   $\Phi VII_6$   $\Phi III_5$   $\Phi III_4$   $\Phi I_2$   $\Phi III_4$

*tr* *[amp]*

[\*]

94  $\Phi II_4$   $\Phi I_3$   $\Phi II_3$   $\Phi I_3$   $\Phi III_3$   $\Phi V_3$   $\Phi III_3$

101  $\Phi II_2$   $\Phi IV_2$

109  $\Phi II_4$

116  $\Phi I_3$   $\Phi II_3$

123  $\Phi III_4$   $\Phi III_3$

130  $\Phi III_5$   $\Phi II_4$

137  $\Phi III_4$   $\Phi I_6$

145  $\Phi III_2 \Phi VII_2$

152  $\Phi II_3$   $\Phi V_3$

159

166

173

181

188

195

202

209

216

Chord symbols:  $\Phi III_6$ ,  $\Phi VII_5$ ,  $\Phi VII_6$ ,  $\Phi IV_4$ ,  $\Phi IV_3$ ,  $\Phi I_6$ ,  $\Phi III_5$ ,  $\Phi VII_5$  (tr),  $\Phi VIII_6$ ,  $\Phi VII_6$ ,  $\Phi II_3$

# Allemande

The musical score for the Allemande is presented across ten staves, each containing a system of music. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals, along with specific performance instructions and fingerings.

- Staff 1:** Features a trill (tr) and a circled number 4.
- Staff 2:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 2, and chord symbols  $\phi V_4$  and  $\phi III_4$ .
- Staff 3:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 1, and a chord symbol  $\phi II_4$ .
- Staff 4:** Includes circled numbers 2 and 3, and a circled number 2.
- Staff 5:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 1, and a chord symbol  $\phi IV_4$ .
- Staff 6:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 2, and a chord symbol  $\phi II_5$ .
- Staff 7:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 1, and a chord symbol  $\phi VII_4$ .
- Staff 8:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 1, and a chord symbol  $\phi II_5$ .
- Staff 9:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 1, and a chord symbol  $\phi I_2$ .
- Staff 10:** Includes a trill (tr), a circled number 4, and a chord symbol  $\phi I_2$ .

28 *tr*

31 *(tr)*  $\phi_{VII_2}$  ③

34  $\phi_{VII_5}$  *tr* [i: aimp:l] ② ③  $\phi_{V_3}$  ⑤ [\*]

## Courante

*(w)*

4 *(tr)*  $\phi_{V_4}$  ②

7  $\phi_{II_5}$   $\phi_{II_5}$   $\phi_{VII}$

10  $\phi_{IV_3}$  *tr*  $\phi_{VII_6}$   $\phi_{II_5}$  *(tr)*



12a

$\phi V_3$  (tr)

16

tr

19

$\phi VII_5$  tr

22

(tr)

tr [l: aimp: r]

[\*]

## Sarabande

$\phi I_3$   $\phi V_3$

5

11

16

$\phi IV_3$

# Gavotte I

The musical score for "Gavotte I" consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/8. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and ornaments. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4. Ornaments are marked with symbols like  $\Phi V_3$ ,  $\Phi III_3$ ,  $\Phi I_3$ ,  $\Phi III_5$ ,  $\Phi II_5$ ,  $\Phi II_3$ ,  $\Phi V_2$ ,  $\Phi V_4$ ,  $\Phi III_4$ , and  $\Phi II_4$ . The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 8, 12a, 17, 21, 25, 29, and 33 marked at the beginning of their respective staves. The final measure of the piece is marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

# Gavotte II en Rondeau

3

6

9

12

15

17

20

ΦVII<sub>6</sub>

ΦVII<sub>5</sub>

ΦIII<sub>6</sub>

ΦIII<sub>5</sub>

Gavotte I d.C.

# Gigue

The musical score for "Gigue" is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 3/8 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into ten systems, each containing a staff of music with various annotations:

- Staff 1 (Measures 1-8):** Starts with a circled 2 above the first measure. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{II_4}$  spans measures 1-4. Fingering numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 2 (Measures 9-16):** A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{III_6}$  spans measures 9-12. A circled 2 is above measure 14. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) are present.
- Staff 3 (Measures 17-24):** A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{II_3}$  spans measures 17-20. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{V_3}$  spans measures 21-22. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{IV_3}$  spans measures 23-24. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 4 (Measures 25-32):** A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{VII_6}$  spans measures 25-28. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{II_5}$  spans measures 31-32. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) are present.
- Staff 5 (Measures 33-40):** A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{I_2}$  spans measures 33-36. A circled 2 is above measure 38. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{III_6}$  spans measures 39-40. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 6 (Measures 41-48):** A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{II_5}$  spans measures 41-44. A bracket labeled  $\Phi_{VII_5}$  spans measures 47-48. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 7 (Measures 49-56):** A bracket labeled *tr* (trill) is above measures 51-52. Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 8 (Measures 57-64):** Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.
- Staff 9 (Measures 65-72):** Fingering numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) are present.

The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the final staff.

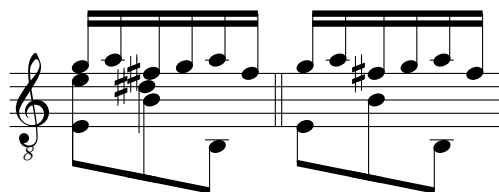
## Editorial changes

### *Prelude*

Bars 42 & 62:

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*This edition:*

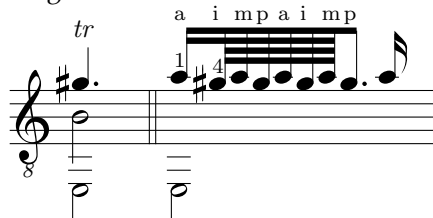


### *Allemande*

Bar 35:

*Original:*

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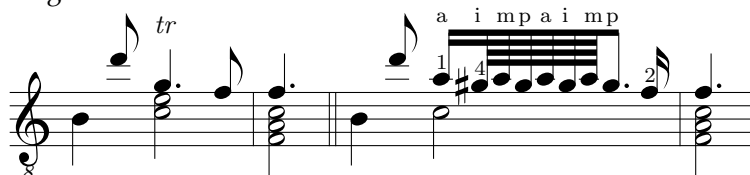


### *Courante*

Bar 18:

*Original:*

*This edition:*



### *Gigue*

Bar 56:

*Original:*

*This edition:*

