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- 01 Sonata 5 (a-Moll) Poco Allegro
- 02 Sonata 5 (a-Moll) Adagio
- 03 Sonata 5 (a-Moll) Allegro
- 04 Sonata 2 (A-Dur) Adagio Cantabile play
- 05 Sonata 2 (A-Dur) Allegro
- 06 Sonata 2 (A-Dur) Adagio
- 07 Sonata 2 (A-Dur) Presto
- 08 Sonata 4 (E-Dur) Spirituoso
- 09 Sonata 4 (E-Dur) Largo
- 10 Sonata 4 (E-Dur) Allegro
- 11 Sonata 1 (B-Dur) Allegro
- 12 Sonata 1 (B-Dur) Poco Adagio
- 13 Sonata 1 (B-Dur) Allegro
- 14 Sonata 3 (G-Dur) Allegro
- 15 Sonata 3 (G-Dur) Andante
- 16 Sonata 3 (G-Dur) Allegro

<u>play</u>

- 17 Sonata 6 (e-Moll) Allegro 18 - Sonata 6 (e-Moll) - Adagio
- 19 Sonata 6 (e-Moll) Allegro

Kristin von der Goltz (cello), Hille Pearl (Viola da Gamba), Lee Santana (Lute)

Jacob Klein (Jacobus Hermannus Klein) Born: 14 October 1688 — Amsterdam

Died: buried 8 March 1748 — Amsterdam

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Although the fortunes of eighteenth century Dutch composer Jacob Klein are certainly rising in terms of recordings, he remains a rather obscure figure. Klein was a cellist who lived in Amsterdam and published 36 sonatas variously for oboe, violin, and cello; only the ones for cello have survived. One relatively new bit of information about him is that Klein was an amateur musician who came from a musical family; his father was a famed dancing master in Amsterdam and his uncle was composer Carolus Hacquart, and rightly Klein was called "Jacob Klein, the younger" in his publications.

He wrote and published a total of 36 sonatas for varying chamber combinations: oboe and figured bass, violin and figured bass, cello and figured bass, and for a pair of cellos. Only three sets of six have survived to the present, and the seven selections here are taken from these. Klein didn't just toss off these works as a side interest, as many amateur musicians. He created meticulously-designed works of some imagination, with a clear tonal and metrical plan. His music is lively and flexible, with interesting interweavings of lively dotted rhythms and contrasting cadences. All the sonatas are in different keys - the composer evidently had something in mind like Bach's WTC, but since we have only part of them Klein's overall plan is not clear.

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