ORNAMENTATION

Anna Magdalena's Notebook provides excellent opportunities for young students to learn the proper execution of baroque ornaments. It is unfortunate that so many editions of the Notebook contain incorrect ones. Those that are correct are often incorrectly realized; some editions show trills beginning on the principal note; some mention in the text the use of the inverted mordent, an ornament that did not exist in Bach's day.

This edition presents the original text, carefully prepared from the original autographs. The selections have been arranged in such an order as to introduce one ornament at a time. Suggestions for the correct realization of each ornament are provided by the editor, in light print.

In the discussion that follows, each of the ornaments found in the Notebook is taken up individually. This information is based on J. S. Bach's own table of ornaments in the CLAVIER-BÜCHLEIN VOR WILHELM FRIEDEMANN BACH and on information found in Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach's ESSAY ON THE TRUE ART OF PLAYING KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS.

THE USE OF ORNAMENTS IN ANNA MAGDALENA'S NOTEBOOK

1. THE TRILL A tr

These symbols are used interchangeably to indicate a long or short trill.

All trills must begin on the upper note.

In C.P.E. Bach's ESSAY ON THE TRUE ART OF PLAYING KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS, he states: "The trill begins on the tone above the principal note."

In the table of ornaments in the CLAVIER-BÜCHLEIN VOR WILHELM FRIEDEMANN BACH, Bach shows the following realization of a trill on a quarter note:



The number of repercussions in the trill is det by the tempo of the selection as well as the of the note upon which it occurs.

The trill may come to rest on the at times may continue for the ent;
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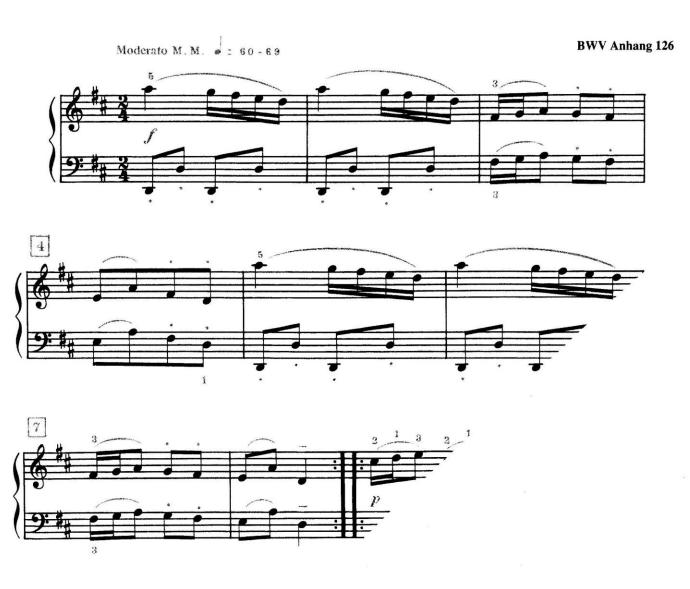


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