

# ZUILL BAILEY

## CELLIST

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**Classical**

### **Bach Six Suites for Solo Cello**

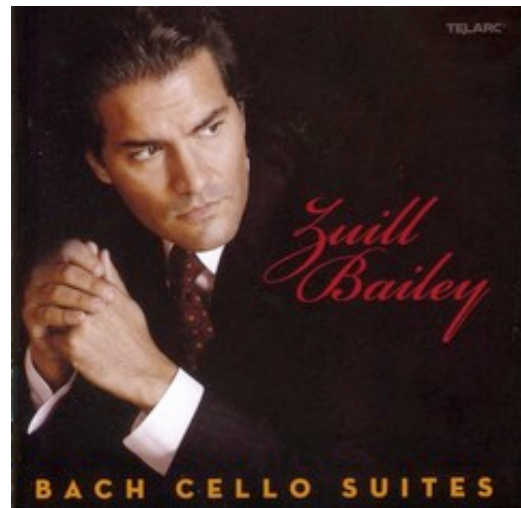
*Zuill Bailey, cello*

(Telarc, two discs, \*\*\*\*)

The photos of cellist Zuill Bailey - square jaw, natty suits, love of playing at the seashore - are all very nice but give no indication that he's anything but another young cellist making his mark with Bach. From the first notes, this disc commands attention above most others currently available and might be headed for classic status thanks to the combination of vision, temperament, and technique that comes together to great effect.

Those interested in more classically fashioned performances should skip this one, since Bailey puts a sympathetic but highly personal imprint on nearly every bar. Each movement accumulates tension effectively. Even the lighter dance movements show Bailey amusing himself as surely as Bach did while writing them. His rich-toned instrument is caught beautifully by the Telarc engineers, and Bailey's technique is such that no movement is too intricate for his stylish details.

**- David Patrick Stearns**



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