



Welcome to the 2021 Oregon Bach Festival

In times of uncertainty, music is a constant in our lives. Music offers catharsis. It keeps us entertained, conjures memories, and expresses our deepest emotions. **Music is everywhere.** And during this divisive and tumultuous moment, we're grateful that music is a powerful and relentless force that universally connects us.

As we continue to fight a world-wide pandemic together, OBF invites you to join the global community of music lovers who will listen and watch the 2021 virtual Festival from the comfort and safety of their own spaces. **All events are presented free and on-demand.** A new concert is posted every day at noon and, unless otherwise noted, will remain available throughout the Festival.

Whether you're watching at home alone or you're gathered with a socially distanced group of friends for a watch party, we hope you enjoy the 2021 slate of brilliant works. We'll see you for a return to live music in 2022!

- **June 25** Bach Listening Room with Matt Haimovitz
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A Note from Sabrina Madison-Cannon



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2021 Virtual Oregon Bach Festival!

Preparing for an online experience has been a wild ride, but the mission of this Festival to inspire the human spirit through the art of music has served as a solid compass with every step forward.

While this year's Festival will look quite different than those that have preceded it, we've decided to "make lemonade," as they say. We can't step inside the concert hall just yet, but we are also free of parking lots, bathroom and concession lines, and fighting over armrests! More importantly, we can offer an exceedingly wide range of artists to larger audiences than our traditional

Festival could support. And due to the generosity of our steadfast supporters, we can present this Festival free-of-charge, making it easier to connect (and reconnect) thousands of OBF fans around the world.

This season's program includes a tremendous set of offerings, including nine-time Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet, cellist Matt Haimovitz performing selections from Bach's Cello Suites, and John Butt directing Scotland's leading baroque ensemble. The Festival also features a glimpse at our plans for 2022 and beyond with concerts from pianist-activist Lara Downes, and discussions with our three artistic director finalists.

More exciting highlights for the 2022 Festival include a Choral Legacy Concert featuring the OBF Festival Chorus, UO Chamber Choir, and Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy and performances of Bach's three great works – Mass in B Minor, St. John Passion, and St. Matthew Passion.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our musicians, partners, advisory board, volunteers, patrons, and audience members. It is because of you that Oregon Bach Festival remains strong through this pandemic and into the future.

As we await the arrival of our 2022 season together, I invite you to make lemonade with us and become a part of this global community of music lovers. During the next 17-days, grab your front-row seat in the comfort of your own home to watch the stellar performances that transcend our physical spaces and connect us. Music truly can be everywhere.

Thank you for joining us.

Sabrina Madison-Cannon

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Bach Listening Room June 25 - July II

Matt Haimovitz, cello

Praised by The New Yorker as a "remarkable virtuoso" who "never turns in a predictable performance," Matt Haimovitz has inspired classical music lovers and countless new listeners by bringing his artistry to concert halls and clubs, outdoor festivals and intimate coffee houses, and any other place where passionate music can be heard. The "ferociously talented cellist" (The New York Times) brings a fresh ear to the familiar repertoire of Bach Suites II and III, as well as new pieces from David Sanford and Luna Pearl Woolf.

Cello Suite No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1008

J.S. Bach Prelude

Missa Primavera (west coast premiere) *Lisa Bielawa*

Chloris and Zephyrus (world premiere)

Roberto Sierra

Crocus Palimpsest (world premiere)

David T. Little

Suolo (west coast premiere) *David Sanford*

Cello Suite No. 3 in C major, BWV 1009

Bach

Prelude

Allemande

Courante

Sarabande

Bourrée I / II







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Brandenburg Concertos June 25 - July II

Dunedin Consort; John Butt, director

Bach and his Brandenburg Concertos have become synonymous with Baroque-era music. Among this collection of iconic works, the Fifth Brandenburg stands out for its use of solo harpsichord (Bach's instrument of choice) and the incredible cadenza in the first movement. Brandenburg Six's dual violas and inclusion of the antiquated gambas speaks to the caliber and variety of musicians Bach had at his disposal. The gamba part is believed to be written for Prince Leopold, who would join the court musicians when they played. This performance is made possible by Cambridge Music Festival.

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D major, BWV 1050

J.S. Bach

Allegro

Affettuoso in B minor

Allegro

Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B major, BWV 1051

Bach

(Allegro)

Adagio ma non tanto

Allegro

Prelude



Handel & Bach Recital

June 26 - July II

Paul Jacobs, organ

Handel invented the genre of the organ concerto. An accomplished organist in his own right, he found that playing organ concertos (and improvising at the instrument) helped draw audiences and gave him the opportunity to shine as both a composer and performer. Grammy-winning organist Paul Jacobs puts his own mastery of the organ on brilliant display with two Handel concertos and Bach's familiar, melodious Air from the Orchestral Suite No. 3.

Selections from Organ Concerto in F major, Op. 4, No. 4

G.F. Handel, arr. Paul Jacobs

Orchestral Suite No. 3
J.S. Bach, arr. Jacobs

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Organ Concerto in B-flat major, Op.4, No.2

Handel, arr. Paul Jacobs





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An die Musik, D.547

Franz Schubert

Du holde Kunst, in wieviel grauen Stunden, Wo mich des Lebens wilder Kreis umstrickt, Hast du mein Herz zu warmer Lieb' entzunden, Hast mich in eine bess're Welt entrückt! Oft hat ein Seufzer, deiner Harf' entflossen, Ein süßer, heiliger Akkord von dir Den Himmel bess'rer Zeiten mir erschlossen, Du holde Kunst, ich danke dir dafür!

Strophe aus "Die Götter Griechenlands," D.677Schubert

Schöne Welt, wo bist du? – Kehre wieder, Holdes Blüthenalter der Natur!
Ach, nur in dem Feenland der Lieder
Lebt noch deine goldne Spur.
Ausgestorben trauert das Gefilde,
Keine Gottheit zeigt sich meinem Blick,
Ach, von jenem lebenwarmen Bilde
Blieb nur das Gerippe mir zurück.

To the Distant Beloved June 27 - July II

Tyler Duncan, baritone; Erika Switzer, piano

"Tyler Duncan is the perfect singer, spinning his lines magically over Switzer's exquisitely delivered accompaniments" (Classical Explorer). The duo offers OBF audiences a specially crafted performance of Beethoven's "An die ferne Geliebte" — often considered the first song cycle by a major composer.

An die Musik & Die Götter Griechenlands Franz Schubert An die ferne Geliebte, Op. 98 Ludwig van Beethoven

O blessed art, how often in dark hours, when the savage ring of life tightens round me, have you kindled warm love in my heart, have transported me to a better world!

Often a sigh has escaped from your harp, a sweet, sacred harmony of yours has opened up the heavens to better times for me, O blessed art, I thank you for that!

Oh beautiful world, where art thou flown? Oh face of nature's purest bloom, return! Now only in the fairy land of song Still lives the image for which we yearn. And barren mourn once blooming fields No Godhead lights up nature's visage How from the world's every living image Naught but a shadow yields!



An die ferne Geliebte, Op. 98

Ludwig van Beethoven

1. Auf dem Hügel sitz ich spähend

Auf dem Hügel sitz ich spähend In das blaue Nebelland, Nach den fernen Triften sehend, Wo ich dich, Geliebte, fand.

Weit bin ich von dir geschieden, Trennend liegen Berg und Tal Zwischen uns und unserm Frieden, Unserm Glück und unsrer Qual.

Ach, den Blick kannst du nicht sehen, Der zu dir so glühend eilt, Und die Seufzer, sie verwehen In dem Raume, der uns theilt

Will denn nichts mehr zu dir dringen, Nichts der Liebe Bote sein? Singen will ich, Lieder singen, Die dir klagen meine Pein!

Denn vor Liebesklang entweichet Jeder Raum und jede Zeit, Und ein liebend Herz erreichet Was ein liebend Herz geweiht!

2. Wo die Berge so blau

Wo die Berge so blau Aus dem nebligen Grau Schauen herein, Wo die Sonne verglüht, Wo die Wolke umzieht, Möchte ich sein! I sit on the hill, gazing
Into the blue expanse of sky,
Searching the far-off mists to see,
Where I can find you, my beloved.

Far from you have I been parted, Mountain and vale separate us, Dividing us and our peace, Our happiness and our pain.

Ah, you cannot see my gaze, That hastens so passionately to you. Nor the sighs I squander On the void that parts us now.

Is there nothing more that can reach you, Nothing to bear my love's message to you? I want to sing, to sing songs, Which remind you of my pain!

Because before love's lament Every mile and every hour vanishes, And a loving heart attains What a loving heart has consecrated.

Where the blue mountains
Rise from the lowering skies
Peering at where the sunsets,
Where the clouds spread,
There would I like to be!
there would I like to be!



Dort im ruhigen Tal Schweigen Schmerzen und Qual Wo im Gestein Still die Primel dort sinnt, Weht so leise der Wind, Möchte ich sein!

Hin zum sinnigen Wald Drängt mich Liebesgewalt, Innere Pein Ach, mich zög's nicht von hier, Könnt ich, Traute, bei dir Ewiglich sein!

3. Leichte Segler in den Höhen

Leichte Segler in den Höhen, Und du, Bächlein klein und schmal, Könnt mein Liebchen ihr erspähen, Grüßt sie mir viel tausendmal.

Seht ihr, Wolken, sie dann gehen Sinnend in dem stillen Tal, Laßt mein Bild vor ihr entstehen In dem luft'gen Himmelssaal.

Wird sie an den Büschen stehen Die nun herbstlich falb und kahl. Klagt ihr, wie mir ist geschehen, Klagt ihr, Vöglein, meine Qual.

Stille Weste, bringt im Wehen Hin zu meiner Herzenswahl Meine Seufzer, die vergehen Wie der Sonne letzter Strahl.

Flüstr' ihr zu mein Liebesflehen, Laß sie, Bächlein klein und schmal, Treu in deinen Wogen sehen Meine Tränen ohne Zahl! There in that quiet vale
Which silences pain and woe.
Where in rocky spaces softly sleep the primroses,
And sweeps so gently the wind,
There would I like to be!
There would I like to be!

My love's longing
Draws me to the shadowy wood'
Inner pain, inner pain.
Ah, nothing would ever tempt me from here,
If I could faithfully stay by your side
Forever! forever by your side!

Graceful sailor of the heights, And you, tiny, narrow brooklet, Should my little love spy you Greet her for me a thousand times.

Look, you clouds, at her, As she goes wandering through the quiet vale, Let my image greet her In your airy, heavenly place.

Should she linger near the bushes, Which now are yellow and bare, Tell her what has befallen me, Tell her, little bird, of my suffering!

Silent breezes, flutter
To my heart's beloved,
My sighs which sink
Like the sun's last ray.

Whisper to her my love's entreaty, Let her, tiny, narrow brooklet, See clearly in your ripples, My numberless tears, my numberless tears!



4. Diese Wolken in den Höhen

Diese Wolken in den Höhen, Dieser Vöglein muntrer Zug, Werden dich, o Huldin, sehen. Nehmt mich mit im leichten Flug!

Diese Weste werden spielen Scherzend dir um Wang' und Brust, In den seidnen Locken wühlen. Teilt ich mit euch diese Lust!

Hin zu dir von jenen Hügeln Emsig dieses Bächlein eilt. Wird ihr Bild sich in dir spiegeln, Fließ zurück dann unverweilt!

5. Es keh<mark>r</mark>et der Maien, es blühet die Au

Es kehret der Maien, es blühet die Au, Die Lüfte, sie wehen so milde, so lau, Geschwätzig die Bäche nun rinnen.

Die Schwalbe, die kehret zum wirtlichen Dach, Sie baut sich so emsig ihr bräutlich Gemach, Die Liebe soll wohnen da drinnen.

Sie bringt sich geschäftig von kreuz und von quer Manch weicheres Stück zu dem Brautbett hierher, Manch wärmendes Stück für die Kleinen

Nun wohnen die Gatten beisammen so treu, Was Winter geschieden, verband nun der Mai, Was liebet, das weiß er zu einen.

Es kehret der Maien, es blühet die Au. Die Lüfte, sie wehen so milde, so lau. Nur ich kann nicht ziehen von hinnen. These clouds on the heights, These birds in merry passage Will see you, my beauty. Take me with you in your flight!

These breezes will playfully caress Your cheek and breast, Toying with your silken locks. If I could but share this pleasure!

Toward you, my love, every little hill Every little brook busily hastens. When your face is mirrored there, Then flow back without delay.

Maytime returns, the meadows are in bloom The breezes waft so gently and so mildly. The murmuring brooks flow by.

The swallow who returns to her home in the eaves, She builds her bridal bower industriously, So love may dwell there, so love may dwell there.

Flitting from here to there, She busily brings soft lining to her bridal bed, Much warm material for the little ones.

Now the couple lives together faithfully, What winter has divided, now May rejoins, Lovers he knows to reunite, to reunite.

Maytime returns, the meadows are in bloom, The breezes waft so gently, so mildly, But I cannot stray from here.



Wenn alles, was liebet, der Frühling vereint, Nur unserer Liebe kein Frühling erscheint, Und Tränen sind all ihr Gewinnen.

6. Nimm sie hin denn, diese Lieder

Nimm sie hin denn, diese Lieder, Die ich dir, Geliebte, sang, Singe sie dann abends wieder Zu der Laute süßem Klang.

Wenn das Dämmrungsrot dann zieht Nach dem stillen blauen See, Und sein letzter Strahl verglühet Hinter jener Bergeshöh;

Und du singst, was ich gesungen, Was mir aus der vollen Brust Ohne Kunstgepräng erklungen, Nur der Sehnsucht sich bewußt:

Dann vor diesen Liedern weichet Was geschieden uns so weit, Und ein liebend Herz erreichet Was ein liebend Herz geweiht.

Dann vor diesen Liedern weichet Was geschieden uns so weit, Und ein liebend Herz erreichet Was ein liebend Herz geweiht. Though everywhere all in love, are joined by spring, Only our love knows no springtime And tears are our only reward, our only reward.

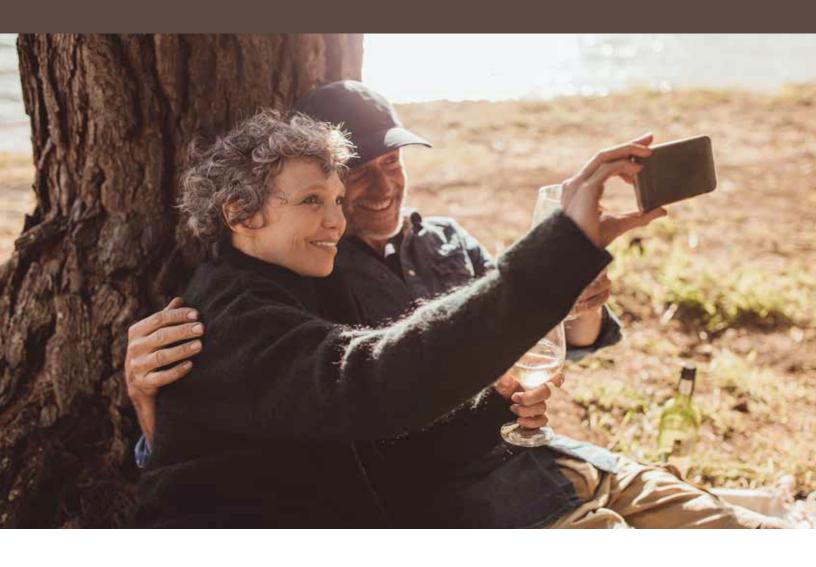
Take my songs,
The songs I sang you, my love,
And sing them nightly on the lute
With sweetest tone!

When the twilight wanes On the still blue lake, And the last sun's rays sink Beyond the mountain tops.

And you sing, you sing, What I have sung from deep within What has sprung artlessly from me, Only conscious of longing, only conscious of longing.

Then before these songs fades, What has divided us so long and far, And a loving heart attains what a loving heart has consecrated.

Then before these songs reclaim all that was separated by lonely hours, And a loving heart attains what a loving heart has earned.



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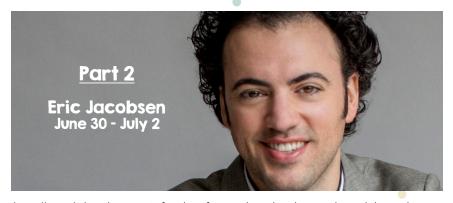
OBF continues its search for the next artistic director with a series of discussions, moderated by KWAX's Peter van de Graaff. Each event is limited to a 48-hour viewing period and offers insight into a different artistic director candidate.



Celebrating more than 30 years of professional conducting, **Miguel Harth-Bedoya** has recently concluded tenures as Chief Conductor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra and as Music Director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. With a deep commitment to passing his experience on to the next generation of conductors, he is the Director of Orchestral Studies at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, working to establish a groundbreaking Bachelor of Music program in orchestral conducting. Harth-Bedoya conducts orchestras worldwide such as the Chicago Symphony, Boston Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Los Angeles

Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Helsinki Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, BBC Orchestra, National Orchestra of Spain, New Zealand Symphony, Sydney Symphony, and Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, among others. Born and raised in Peru, Harth-Bedoya received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music and his Master of Music degree from The Juilliard School.

Conductor and cellist **Eric Jacobsen** has built a reputation for engaging audiences with innovative and collaborative programming. He is the newlynamed Music Director of the Virginia Symphony, becoming the 12th music director in the orchestra's 100-year history. Jacobsen is Artistic Director and conductor of The Knights, and serves as the Music Director for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Jacobsen founded the adventurous orchestra The Knights with his brother, violinist Colin Jacobsen, to foster the intimacy and camaraderie of chamber music on the orchestral stage. Jacobsen is involved in many student projects in universities as well as



elementary, middle and high schools. He has taught on the cello and chamber music faculty of NYU where he also conducted the orchestra. Mr. Jacobsen studied at The School for Strings as a youngster and later graduated from The Juilliard School.



As Director of Music at New York's historic Trinity Church Wall Street, **Julian Wachner** oversees an annual season of hundreds of events, including conducting Trinity's flagship weekly series, Bach-at-One, canvassing the entire choral-orchestral output of J. S. Bach, and leading Compline-by-Candlelight, Trinity's innovative fully-improvised variation on an ancient monastic ritual. Wachner also serves as the Principal Conductor of NOVUS NY, the Trinity Baroque Orchestra, and the Choir of Trinity Wall Street. Wachner has made numerous guest appearances with the Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City, Glimmerglass, and Mannes Operas, Hawaii and

Juilliard Opera Theater, Opera America, the Philadelphia and The National Arts Centre Orchestras, the Montreal, Pacific, Calgary, and Pittsburgh Symphonies, the New York and Hong Kong Philharmonic, Carnegie Hall Presents, Montréal Bach Festival, Lincoln Center Festival; Philharmonia Baroque, Handel and Haydn Society, and the Boston Pops.





Photo by Jen Owens

Lagrime Mie June 29 - July II

Dunedin Consort; Nicholas Mulroy, tenor; Jonathan Manson, viola da gamba: Elizabeth Kenny, theorbo; John Butt, director and harpsichord

For 45 years, Spitalfields Music has brought meaningful and socially relevant concerts to underserved communities in London. As part of the 2020 Spitalfields season, Dunedin Consort presented a program inspired by composer Barbara Strozzi's Lagrime Mie – an examination of whether tears or song can better express emotion. The concert includes works from Monteverdi, Caccini, and Grandi.

Toccata I in D Minor from Libro Quarto d'Intavolatura di chitarrone

Johann Hieronymus Kapsberger

Salve, O Regina, SV 327 *Claudio Monteverdi*

O intemerata

Alessandro Grandi

O Jesu nomen dulce, SWV 308 O misericordissime Jesu, SWV 309

Heinrich Schütz

Susanne ung jour

Francesco Rognoni

Nigra sum, SV 206/III

Monteverdi

Dolce Maria

Francesca Caccini

Lagrime mie

Barbara Strozzi



This performance was recorded in Christ Church, Spitalfields in London, and was first broadcast as part of Spitalfields Festival in December 2020 — made possible through support from the Culture Recovery Fund.





Photo by Jurgen Frank

Emerson String Quartet July 1 - July II

Eugene Drucker, violin; Philip Setzer, violin; Lawrence Dutton, viola; Paul Watkins, cello

Maintaining its status as one of the world's premier chamber music ensembles for four decades, Emerson String Quartet has made more than 30 acclaimed recordings and received countless awards. Enjoy George Walker's Lyric for Strings, as well as works from Mozart and Shostakovich in this performance from the legendary, nine-time Grammy-winning group. This performance is made possible by Celebrity Series of Boston.

Lyric for Strings *George Walker*

String Quartet in D Major, K. 575 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

String Quartet No. 14 *Dmitri Shostakovich*



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Phenomenal Women Part I: Quiet Streets

July 3 - July II

Lara Downes, piano

A piano concerto from composer Elena Ruehr, Quiet Streets is an ode to our silenced cities during the time of shelter-in-place, capturing the unexpected beauty and tranquil melancholy of a deserted cityscape. The piano piece is accompanied by a virtual string orchestra and a saxophone. Selections from Margaret Bonds and Florence Price – two of the 20th century's most renowned African American female composers – are also featured.

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

Florence Price

Troubled Water *Margaret Bonds*

Quiet Streets

Elena Ruehr

When Young Spring Comes

Nkeiru Okoye





Photo by Shervin Lainez

Bel Canto July 5 - July II

Lawrence Brownlee, tenor; Myra Huang, piano

Named "Male Singer of the Year" by the International Opera Awards and praised as "an international star in the operatic repertory" by The New York Times, Lawrence Brownlee is a vocalist of epic proportions. OBF fans will melt while listening to this program of spirituals, American song, and bel canto arias from Weill, Donizetti, and Rossini's The Barber of Seville.

Allegro io son from Rita

Gaetano Donizetti

Ecco ridente in cielo from Barber of Seville

Gioachino Rossini

Una furtiva lagrima from Elixir of Love

Donizetti

Every time I feel the spirit

Deep River

Balm in Gilead

All night all day

Come by here

Arr. Damien Sneed

Guide my feet

Lord, I'll go

This little Light of Mine





"Allegro io son," from Rita

Gaetano Donizetti

Allegro io sono, come un fringuel, che spiega ii volo, libero al ciel!
Sorride a me lieta stagion, torno garzon!
Vedovo io son!
Tra la, tra la, tra la! Per molti sposi e una cuccagna aver in cielo la lor compagna!

lo non le pago ii funeral, e non istb percio piu mal! E ii caso mio piu original! Sirena, o Dea, non han virtu Ne' lacci loro pigliarmi piu! Se l'amo un cfi giunse a schivar. ii pesciolino e ii re del mar! Allegro io son come un fringuel, torno garzon! Tra la, tra la, tra la!

"Ecco ridente in cielo" from The Barber of Seville

Gioachino Rossini

Ecco, ridente in cielo spunta la bella aurora, e tu non sorgi ancora e puoi dormir cosi'? Sorgi, mia dolce speme, vieni, bell'idol mio; rendi men crudo, oh Dia, lo stral che mi feri'. Oh sorte! gia' veggo quel caro sembiante; quest'anima amante ottenne pieta'. Oh istante d'amore! Oh dolce contento! Soave momenta che eguale non ha!

Here, laughing in heaven emerges the beautiful dawn, and you are not awake yet you can sleep like this? Arise, my sweet hope, come, my dear idol; Render less painful, oh God, The arrow that wounds me. Oh destiny! I see now that dear countenance; this loving soul has obtained mercy. Oh moments of love! Oh sweet contentedness! Precious moment, it has no equal!



"Una furtiva lagrima," from The Elixir of Love

Donizetti

Una furtiva lagrima negli occhi suoi spunto: Quelle festose giovani invidiar sembro. Che pill cercando io vo? Che pill cercando io vo? M'ama! Si, m'ama, lo vedo, lo vedo. Un solo istante i palpiti del suo bel cor sentir! I miei sospir confondere per poco a' suoi sospir! I palpiti, i palpiti sentir, confondere i miei co' suoi sospir. Cielo, si puo morir; di pill non chiedo, non chiedo. Ah, cielo! Si puo! Si puo morir! Di pill non chiedo, non chiedo. Si puo morir! Si puo morir d'amor.

Softly a furtive teardrop fell, shadowed her sparkling eyes; Seeing the others follow me has caused her jealous sighs. What is there more to prize? What more than this could I prize? Sighing, she loves me, I saw that she loves me. Could I but feel her heart on mine, breathing that tender sigh! Could my own sighing comfort her, and whisper in sweet reply! Her heart on mine, as heart to heart we sigh. So tenderly we'd share a sweet reply! Heaven, I then could die; no more I'd ask you, I'd ask you, ah! heaven, I, then, I then could die; no more I'd ask you, I'd ask you. I then could die, I then could die of love.





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Phenomenal Women Part II: American Pioneers

July 6 - July II

Lara Downes, piano

Paying homage to the trailblazing female composers of the 20th century, Lara Downes delivers a lush array of piano works from America's first large-scale female composer Amy Beach, post-minimalist Eve Belgarian, Langston Hughes-collaborator Margaret Bonds, and African American television & film legend Hazel Scott.

From Blackbird Hills

Amy Beach

A Solemn Shyness

Eve Beglarian

The Bells

Margaret Bonds

Peace Of Mind

Hazel Scott



Counterpoint with Bach & Beethoven

July 7 - July II

Ron Blessinger, violin; Gregory Ewer, violin; Charles Noble, viola; Marilyn de Oliveira, cello

Examine the nuanced world of counterpoint through the eyes and quills of classical music's most authoritative and expert composers. Pyxis String Quartet, recognizable to fans of the OBF Orchestra and the 45th Parallel Universe, presents an enlightening concert of Bach works and Beethoven's "Die Grosse Fugue."

Selections from Well Tempered Clavier (arr. for string quartet) *J.S. Bach*

All the Birds Sing

Scott Unrein

Apocryphal Dances

Kenji Bunch

String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No 3

Allegro molto

Ludwig van Beethoven



Oregon Bach Festival Composers Symposium



Music Transforming Lives 2021

Since its founding in 1994 by Robert Kyr (director), the Oregon Bach Festival Composers Symposium (OBFCS) has offered its participants many opportunities to become part of a national and international community of composers, performers, composer/performers, and conductors.

The OBFCS theme this year is "Music Transforming Lives." More than ever, as part of a much-needed healing process, it is crucial that people connect with each other in order to create new forms of music that help to bridge the divisions within society.

Although OBFCS is entirely online this summer, the symposium is comprised of programs that are as diverse and vibrant as ever, including:

- Presentations, workshops, concerts, and master classes given by renowned composers-in-residence and guest artists, including Chen Yi (University of Missouri/Kansas City and Distinguished Visiting Professor in China), Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon (Eastman School of Music), David Crumb (University of Oregon School of Music and Dance), Estelí Gomez (mentor and director of the OBFCS Vocal Fellows Program and assistant professor at Lawrence University), Libby Van Cleve (Director, Oral History of American Music, Yale University and oboist), David Felberg (Founder and Director of Chatter Albuquerque and violinist), Fear No Music (chamber ensemble), Delgani String Quartet, and 4 X 5 (piano duo).
- **Composers Film Festival**, during which participants show films for which they have composed music or created as both filmmaker and composer.
- **OBFCS Improv 2021**, a concert of solo improvisations performed by participants, all of whom are members of the OBFCS Artists Collaborative Ensemble (ACE).
- A presentation for the symposium that is given by each composer about their music or a topic of their choice.

- Three Global Composition Projects on the following themes:
 - "Social and Racial Justice" in collaboration with Fear No Music (chamber ensemble)
 - "The Environment and Global Climate Change" in collaboration with Delgani String Quartet
 - "Bridging the Divisions in Society" in collaboration with 4 X 5 (piano duo)

Each of these projects will be recorded as a video concert that will premiere in the early fall.

- An International Songbook Project, for which participants create one or more songs that will be available through a website for conductors and singers to download for future performances.
- **Vocal Fellows Program**, for which composer/vocalists create and perform solo songs under the mentorship of program director Estelí Gomez.

With this year's symposium, OBFCS continues its mission of building and sustaining an ongoing global community of artists with 72 participants from Argentina, Australia, China, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (China), Iran, Kenya, Netherlands, Northern Marianas Islands, Peru, Puerto Rico, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and throughout the U.S.

As always, the goal is to encourage and inspire continuing collaborations between participants. OBFCS is committed to being part of an ongoing process of healing society through the creation and performance of music that is alive with the spirit of hope and resilience.



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Sea Glass

Abigail Kellems
Music, piano performance & video by the composer

Nostalgia

Veronica Jang
Wyatt True, violin; Kimberlee Uwate, viola;
Eric Alterman, cello
Members of the Delgani String Quartet
Music & video by the composer

Prelude No. 3

Jacob Lee

Music, piano performance & video by the composer

Turtle and Crane

Ziwei Wana

Yuchi Sun, clarinet; Jared Knight, piano & celesta; Jacob Lee, electric bass; Kathryn Edom, percussion Film Music for a Shadow Puppet Play

Pine and Bloom

Sarah Kitten

Daniel De Togni, shakuhachi; Kathryn Edom, cajon Music & video by the composer

Spring

Washington Plada

Tori Calderone Moreira, flute; Anthony Aguayo, Bb clarinet Emma Simmons, violin; Jonathan Dinsfriend, viola Trevor Fischer, cello; Jacob Lee, piano Music & video by the composer

Music of Hope & Resilience

July 8 - July II

Oregon Bach Festival Composers Symposium; Robert Kyr, director

Aspiring and career composers from around the world join forces to share current projects, create new works, and give OBF audiences a glimpse into the future of classical music. OBFCS is committed to an ongoing process of healing society through the creation and performance of music that is alive with the spirit of hope and resilience.

Six works in the program are interdisciplinary art, each featuring a video made by its composer. Another work is film music composed for a shadow puppet video. And the final piece is a concert performance by Estelí Gomez, Grammywinning soprano, who is the mentor & director of our Vocal Fellows Program.

Irony

Joanne S. Na
Wyatt True, violin; Kimberlee Uwate, viola;
Eric Alterman, cello
Members of the Delgani String Quartet
Music & video by the composer
Photography & Video (source):
Hubble Space Telescope (NASA)

Look to this Day

Daniel De Togni Estelí Gomez, soprano; Jacob Lee, piano Video of a concert performance

Look to this day for it is life the very life of life In its brief course lie all the realities and truths of existence the joy of growth the splendor of action the glory of hope For yesterday is but a memory And tomorrow is only a vision But today well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope Look well, therefore, to this day.





Chorales Through Time

July 9 - July II

Martha Long, flute; Karen Wagner, oboe; James Shields, clarinet; Steve Vacchi, bassoon; Joe Berger, horn

Take a journey through time to explore the evolution of the chorale. Part of Portland's celebrated 45th Parallel Universe, Arcturus Wind Quintet treks from early chorale composers like Tallis and Bach through familiar orchestral music from Brahms and Elgar. Fans of wind instruments won't want to miss this incredible musical voyage that includes some of the original wind quintet music.

1. Historical Precedents

O Nata Lux de Lumine (1575) *Thomas Tallis*

Es ist ein Ros'entsprungen (1609) Michael Praetorius

Christ lag in Todesbanden (1730) Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesus Christ (1730) J.S. Bach

2. Borrowed from the Orchestra

St. Anthony Chorale (ca. 1790) Ignaz Pleyel

Academic Festival Overture Chorale (1880) *Johannes Brahms*

From Variations on an Original Theme (1899) Edward Elgar

Finlandia Chorale (1899)

Jean Sibelius

From The Planets, Op. 32 (1916) Gustav Holst

3. Original Wind Quintets

From Kvintet, Op. 43 (1923)

Carl Nielsen

From Quintet No. 3 (1958)

Alec Wilder

From Romantic Impressions (1984) Eric Funk

4. Encores

Adoration (1951) Florence Price Fugal Eclipse of the Heart (2004)

Jay Batzner





Choral Wanderlust July 10 - July 11

University of Oregon Chamber Choir; Sharon J. Paul, director

One of the University of Oregon's premiere vocal groups brings love and energy to the choral world as they travel abroad performing an eclectic program of music in the great concert halls and cathedrals of Europe. Often highlighted in OBF summer concerts, the impeccable sounds of the UO Chamber Choir are now beamed directly into living rooms.

Hallelujah

arr. Shawn Kirchner

O Virtus Sapientiae

Hildegard von Bingen, arr. Sharon J. Paul

Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

Huddie Ledbetter, arr. Moira Smiley

Segalariak

Josu Elberdin

The Blue Bird

Charles Villiers Stanford

Wanting Memories

Ysaye Barnwell

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Michael Osztryga

Spain & Oregon Chamber Choir

Soprano
Claire Buchanan
Noelle Goodenberger
Emma Rose Lynn
Nadia Medeiros
Amalia Osuga
Morgan Paige
Rachel Petty
Alycia Thatcher

Alto
Maklyn Baley
Daphne Barnum
Erin Batali
Sarah Brauer
Alexa McCuen
Leanne Merrill
Helen Rawlins
Carly Walker

Tenor
Ben Larson
Kyle Ludwig
Evan Miles
Everett Nash
Luis Rivera
Paul John Rudoi
Jack Strother-Blood

Bass
Beau Baumann
James Brown
Dylan Bunten
Gabriel Elder
Jasper Freedom
David Johnston
Ian Magill
Matthew McConnell

Christopher G. McGinley

Sweden Chamber Choir

Soprano
Cera Babb
Kasey Eck
Bailey Halleen
Morgan Paige
Tracy Reasoner
Elizabeth Reynaud
Alice Somerville
Alycia Thatcher

Alto
Claire Buchanan
Lydia Burkett
Naomi Castro
Kelly Hefty
Marjorie Sheiman
Jamie Smith
Isabel Valle
Elena Zilar

Tenor
Ransom Hovekamp
Carson Lott
Easton Marks
Everett Nash
Daniel Yim

Bass
Blake Balmaseda
Robert Bohall IV
Ely Cleland
Zari Crier
Jared Fischer
Javier Jimenez
Dane Johnsen
Mark King

Payton Lommers



Hallelujah

arr. Shawn Kirchner Universiteitsaulan, University of Gothenburg Gothenburg, Sweden

And let this feeble body fail, And let it faint or die; My soul shall quit this mournful vale, And soar to worlds on high; And I'll sing hallelujah, And you'll sing hallelujah, And we'll all sing hallelujah When we arrive at home. O what are all my sufferings here, If, Lord, Thou count me meet, With that enraptured host to appear, And worship at Thy feet! Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, Take life or friends away, But let me find them all again In that eternal day.

O Virtus Sapientiae

Hildegard von Bingen, arr. Sharon J. Paul Parròquia de Sant Pere de les Puelles Barcelona, Spain

O strength of Wisdom who, circling, circled, enclosing all in one lifegiving path, three wings you have: one soars to the heights, one distils its essence upon the earth, and the third is everywhere. Praise to you, as is fitting, O Wisdom.

Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

Huddie Ledbetter, arr. Moira Smiley King's Garden at The Royal Mint, Segovia, Spain

Bring me little water, Silvy Bring me little water now Bring me little water, Silvy Ev'ry little once in a while Bring it in a bucket, Silvy Bring it in a bucket now Bring it in a bucket, Silvy Ev'ry little once in a while Silvy come a runnin' Bucket in my hand I will bring a little water Fast as I can Can't you see me comin' Can't you see me now I will bring a little water Ev'ry little once in a while

Segalariak

Josu Elberdin Beall Concert Hall, Eugene, Oregon

It will begin the feast of Harvest, We are going beyond. Here come the reapers Cheerful, walking along the path With the intention of working The wide meadows of Tolosa. The competition is today We will know who is the winner, All crews' friends They are already waiting to begin. They have sharpened the scythes With very sharp stones, So that they can collect well All the herbs around the hamlet. The sound of tambourines, trikitixas And the good dancers Recreate the festive atmosphere In these places. Our harvest feast Now begins. Let the feast begin to harvest!



The Blue Bird

Charles Villiers Stanford Universiteitsaulan, University of Gothenburg Gothenburg, Sweden

The lake lay blue below the hill.
O'er it, as I looked, there flew
Across the waters, cold and still,
A bird whose wings were palest blue.
The sky above was blue at last,
The sky beneath me blue in blue.
A moment, ere the bird had passed,
It caught his image as he flew.

Wanting Memories

Ysaye Barnwell Convento de Santa Fé Toledo, Spain

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
You said you'd rock me in the cradle of your arms.
You said you'd hold me till the pains of life were gone.
You said you'd comfort me in times like these and now

Now I need you... And you are-

I need you.

gone.

So, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me

to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.

Since you've gone and left me, there's been so little beauty,

but I know I saw it clearly through your eyes.

Now the world outside is such a cold and bitter place.

Here inside I have few things that will console.

And when I try to hear your voice above the storms of life, then I remember that I was told. Yes, I am sitting here wantingmemories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes. Yes, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes. I think on the things that made me feel so wonderful when I was young. I think on the things that made me laugh, made me dance, made me sing. I think on the things that made me grow into a being full of pride. I think on these things, for they are truth. I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes. I thought that you were gone, but now I know you're with me. You are the voice that whispers all I need to hear. I know a "Please", a "Thank you", and a smile will take me far. I know that I am you and you are me, and we are one. I know that who I am is numbered in each grain of sand. I know that I've been blessed, again and over again and again and again. I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes. I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me To see the beauty in the world

through my own eyes.



Iuppiter

Michael Osztryga Universiteitsaulan, University of Gothenburg Gothenburg, Sweden

Jupiter Best and Greatest, Majesty, Father Sky God, God the Father Almighty, Celestial God. Jupiter, Lightning, Messenger, Sun God Send out your heavenly rays of light. Heavenly Jupiter, Predictor of Future, Winner, Light-Bringer, Giver of Rain, God of Latium, Protector, Conqueror, Defender of Boundaries, Thunderer, God of Thunder, God of Storms, King of Tremendous Majesty, God of Heroic Glory, God of Nocturnal Thunder. Jupiter, Best and Greatest, Jupiter Jupiter, Best and Greatest, Majesty, Sky Father, Jupiter Majesty of the Father, Omnipotent Celestial God.







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Nature's Voice

Dunedin Consort; Rowan Pierce, soprano; John Butt, director and harpsichord

Scotland's leading baroque ensemble celebrates the natural world around us with a selection of works from prominent 18th century composers, including Telemann's Water Music and Concerto No. 3 (Autumn) from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Wassermusik (Hamburger Ebb' und Fluth), TWV 55:C3
Georg Philipp Telemann

'Hush, ye pretty warbling quire', from Acis and Galatea, HWV 49 George Frideric Handel

Concerto for Violin in A major, TWV 51:A4 *Telemann*

Bella Madre de' fiori Alessandro Scarlatti

Concerto No. 3 in F Major, Op. 8, RV293 'Autumn' Antonio Vivaldi

'Sweet bird' from L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato Handel





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Whether it's before, during, or after your time with Oregon Bach Festival, there are endless opportunities to enhance your listening experience and explore the world of classical music. The following list, curated specially for you by Barbara Harris, the OBF Education & Operations Coordinator, offers a bounty of resources that are sure to pique your interest and make you the star of your next book club or trivia night.

BOOKS

Bach: Music in the Castle of Heaven

by John Eliot Gardiner

Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician

by Christoph Wolff
Beethoven: The Man Revealed
by John Suchet

Conversations with Beethoven

by Sanford Friedman, Richard Howard

Classical Music: The 50 Greatest Composers and Their 1,000 Greatest Works

by Phil G. Goulding

Conducting Matters

by Mark Wigllesworth

Converging Lines

by Emerson String Quartet

Hazel Scott: The Pioneering Journey of a Jazz Pianist

by Karen Chilton
In His Hand: Seven Spirituals
by Margaret Bonds

Letters by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

edited by Hans Mersmann

Mozart: A Life

by Paul Johnson

Mozart in the Jungle: Sex, Drugs and Classical Music

by Blair Tindall

Secret Lives of Great Composers: What Your Teachers Never Told You about the World's Musical Masters

by Elizabeth Lunday, Mario Zucca

The Heart of a Woman: Life and Music of Florence B. Price

by Rae Linda Brown

The Joy of Music

by Leonard Bernstein

The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century

by Alex Ross

What to Listen for in Music

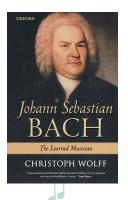
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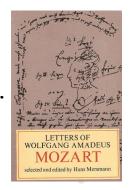
Why Mahler?: How One Man and Ten Symphonies Changed our World

by Norman Lebrecht

Words Without Music: A Memoir

by Philip Glass









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Amplify with Lara Downes
Aria Code with Rhiannon Giddens
Case Notes from Classic FM
Classical Classroom with Dacia Clay
Classical Kids Storytime with American Public Media
Impolite to Listen with Chris Arkin and Sridhar Bhagavathula

Inside the Notes: A Podcast for Musicians

Marvellous Musical Podcast with David Walliams

Mission Commission a production of Miller Theatre at Columbia University

Music Works by Katie Beardsworth and Ella Jarman-Pinto

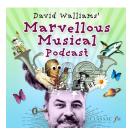
Sticky Notes with Joshua Weilerstein

That Classical Podcast with Kelly, Sasha and Chris

The Classical Music Pod with Timmy Fisher and Sam Poppleton

Trilloquy with Garrett McQueen and Scott Blankenship





MOVIES & TV

Amadeus (1984)

Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky (2010)

Copying Beethoven (2006)

Encountering Bach (2020)

Immortal Beloved (1994)

Lisztomania (1975)

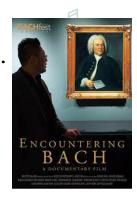
Impromptu (1991)

Mozart in the Jungle (2014-2018)

Small Wonders (1995)

The Music Lovers (1970)

The Pianist (2002)



DOCUMENTARIES

Glory to God Alone: The Life of J.S. Bach (2006) Johann Sebastian Bach: a BBC Documentary part 1

Johann Sebastian Bach: a BBC Documentary part 2

Keeping Score with Michael Tilson Thomas and San Francisco Symphony

A World Without Beethoven: Music Documentary with Sarah Willis





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Handel Organ Concertos from Paul Jacobs



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"Hymns & Dances" & Bach: Mass in B Minor **Conducted by Julian Wachner**



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Education has always been at the heart of the Festival. As live music returns in 2022, so do the renowned OBF education programs. Opportunities for the next generation of artists are available through Berwick Academy for Historically Informed Performance, Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy, and the Organ Institute.



Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy June 20-July I, 2022

SFYCA was founded in 1998 under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong, the dynamic choral director from St. Olaf College. The 10-day destination program offers a peak artistic experience for high school choral musicians from across the nation. Through its rich and diverse programming, SFYCA provides high school musicians the opportunity to study under the tutelage of nationally recognized choral clinicians and teachers through daily rehearsals, master classes, and specialized workshops. Other highlights include working with guest conductors and guest artists in rehearsal and performance environments. SFYCA is generously underwritten by the Stangeland Family Foundation.



Berwick Academy for Historically Informed Performance June 16 - June 30, 2022

Berwick Academy is one of a handful of educational performance opportunities in the United States that exclusively features period performance. Since 2015, approximately 35 period-instrument musicians worldwide attend each year for the opportunity to hone their skills under the guidance of top-tier teachers, performers, and conductors for three weeks during the Festival. Participants get unparalleled experience by working and living side-by-side with these artists and other musicians like themselves. Previous guest artists include Masaaki Suzuki, Rachel Podger, Monica Huggett, Robert Levin, John Butt, Matthias Maute, Marc Destrubé, Jacques Ogg, and Lars Ulrik Mortensen. Berwick Academy is generously underwritten by University of Oregon alumni, Phyllis and Andrew Berwick.



Organ Institute June 20 - June 25. 2022

The OBF Organ Institute began in 2013 under the direction of Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs. The intimately structured program offers organists the opportunity to immerse themselves in the music of Bach and explore technique and interpretation through specialized seminars, master classes, and performances. Significant underwriting for the Organ Institute is provided through a grant from the Reed Foundation.

