

# University of North Texas Baroque Orchestra Vox Aquilae present BACH & FAMILY

Paul Leenhouts, Conductor Allen Hightower, Conductor Brian C. Murray, Guest Conductor with soloists Daniel Bubeck, countertenor Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez, baroque violin Teresa Lee & Monika Ruusmaa, recorder Rachel Gain & Rebekah Harvey, traverso Joshua Vigran, organ

> Friday, November 22, 2019 7:30 pm Winspear Hall Murchison Performing Arts Center



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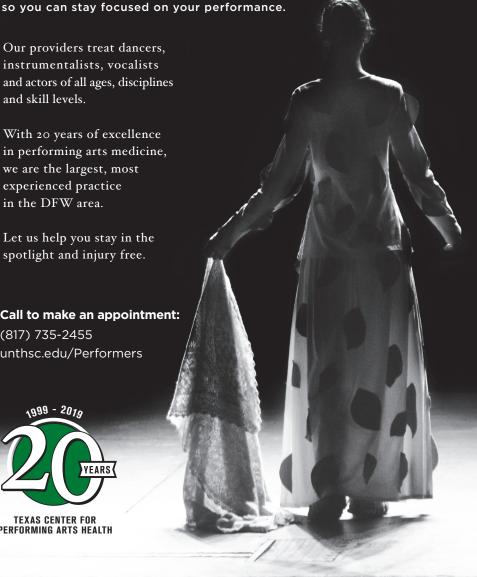
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# **PROGRAM**

# Bach & Family Instrumental & Vocal Works by 10 members of the Bach dynasty



Fantasia & Fugue in F Major, BR-JEB A5......Johann Ernst Bach (1722-1777)

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Soloist: Joshua Vigran, organ

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae • Allen Hightower, conductor Soloists: Nicole Strover, soprano, Linnea Anderson, alto, Samuel Ary & Jeremy Rohwer, tenor, Julie Gray, bass sackbut Principal: Yeji Kim

# **PROGRAM**

> Vox Aquilae • Allen Hightower, conductor Soloists: Laura Bray, alto, Samuel Ary, tenor, Jordan Davis, bass

Early Music Enssemble
Soloists: Daniel Bubeck, countertenor,
Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez - baroque violin
Young Two Cheung, Wanlin Cui, Phoebe Haun, Patrick Hayes &
Nicolas Valencia - baroque viola • Stephanie Shelden - baroque cello
Harry Dearman - double bass
Joshua Vigran - organ, Héctor Alfonso Torres - theorbo

> UNT Baroque Orchestra Soloists: Rachel Gain & Rebekah Harvey - baroque flute Principal: Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez

Sinfonia in C Major,
Wq. 182/3 (1773) ......Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)
Conservatoire Royal de Bruxelles, Bibliothèque Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel, Bibliotheek, 25901

- Allegro assai
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegrretto

UNT Baroque Orchestra Principal: Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez

--Intermission--

# **PROGRAM**

Sonata a 5 in F Major (by 1662)......Heinrich Bach (1615-1692)

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Early Music Ensemble 'Fantasmi'
Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez & Yeji Kim - baroque violin
Patrick Hayes & Nicolas Valencia - baroque viola
Stephanie Shelden - baroque cello, Harry Dearman - double bass
Joshua Vigran - organ, Héctor Alfonso Torres - theorbo

Vox Aquilae • Brian C. Murray, conductor Soloists: Nicole Stover, soprano, Linnea Anderson, alto, Jesús Bravo, tenor, Matthew Slemon, bass

from Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major, BWV 1049 (1720)......Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Berlin, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (Amalienbibliothek) D-B Am.B 78, ff.38r-57v

II. Andante

UNT Baroque Orchestra Soloists: Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez - baroque violin Teresa Lee & Monika Ruusmaa - recorder Principal: Yeji Kim

Gloria in G Major, W.E4 (c. 1757)......Johann Christian Bach (1735-1782)

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Zürich, AMG XIII 762 & a-bs (Ms.882)

Vox Aquilae & UNT Baroque Orchestra • Allen Hightower, conductor Principal: Yeji Kim

all works edited by Paul Leenhouts

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# **TEXT/TRANSLATIONS**

# Ich weiss, daß mein Erlöser lebt

Ich weiß, daß mein Erlöser lebt, und er wird mich hernach aus der Erden wieder geben werden, und werde in meinem Fleisch, Gott sehen. Denselben werde ich mir sehen, und meine Augen werden ihn schauen, und kein Fremder

# Unser Leben ist ein Schatten

Unser Leben ist ein Schatten auf Erden

### Choral

Ich weiß wohl, daß unser Leben oft nur als ein Nebel ist, denn wir hier zu jeder Frist mit dem Tode seind umgeben, drum ob's heute nicht geschicht meinen Jesum laß ich nicht!

Sterb ich bald, so komm ich abe von der Welt Beschwerlichkeit, ruhe bis zur vollen Freud, und weiß, daß im finstern Grabe Jesus ist mein helles Licht, meinen Jesum laß ich nicht! --Johann Flittner (1618-1678)

Ich bin die Auferstehung und das Leben, wer an mich gläubet, der wird leben, ob er gleich stürbe, und wer da lebet und gläubet an mich, der wird nimmermehr sterben.

# Choral

Weil du vom Tod erstanden bist, werd' ich im Grab nicht bleiben, mein höchster Trost dein' Auffahrt ist, Todsfurcht kann sie vertreiben, denn wo du bist, da komm ich hin, daß ich stets bei dir leb' und bin,

drum fahr ich hin mit Freuden. --Nikolaus Herman (1490-1561) 5. Strophe von 'Wenn mein Stündlein vorhanden ist (1560)

# For I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and he will restore me from the earth, and in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold him, and not another.

--Job 19:25-27

# Our Life Is a Shadow

Our life is a shadow on earth. -- I Chron 29:15

# Chorale

Well I know that often our life
Is nothing more than a mist,
Since here at every moment
We are surrounded with death;
Thus even if today my time does not come,
I am not leaving my Jesus.

If I die soon, then I will be quit
Of the world's burdens
Take my rest in consummate joy,
And know that in the gloomy grave
Jesus is my bright light—
I am not leaving my Jesus.
--I Chron 29:15

"I am resurrection and life
Those who believe in me shall live,
Regardless whether they die,
And those living who believe in me
Shall nevermore really die."
--John 11:25-26

# Chorale

Because you rose from death,
I will not stay in my grave.
My highest comfort is your ascension,
Which can drive off fear of death.
For where you are, there I am coming,
So that in your presence I may ever live
and be
therefore I depart in joy.

# **TEXT/TRANSLATIONS**

### Choral

Ach, wie flüchtig, ach wie nichtig ist der Menschen Leben!
Wie ein Nebel bald entstehet und auch wieder bald vergehet, so ist unser Leben, sehet!
Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig sind der Menschen Sachen!
Alles, alles was wir sehen, das muß fallen und vergehen, wer Gott fürcht', bleibt ewig stehen.

--Michael Frank (1609-1667)

### Choral

Ach Herr, lehr uns bedenken wohl, daß wir sind sterblich allzumal! Auch wir allhier keins Bleibens han, müssen alle davon, gelehrt, reich, jung, alt oder schön,

müssen alle davon.
--Johann Leon (1530-1597)

# Ach, daß ich Wassers g'nug hätte

Ach, daß ich Wassers g'nug hätte in meinem Haupte, und meine Augen Tränenquellen wären, dass ich Tag und Nacht beweinen könnt meine Sünde.

Meine Sünde gehe über mein Haupt. Wie eine schwere Last ist sie mir zu schwer worden

darum weine ich so, und meine beiden Augen fliessen mit Wasser.

Meines Seufzens ist viel, und mein Herz ist betrübet,

denn der Herr hat mich voll Jammers gemacht

am Tage seines grimmigen Zorns.

# Das ist meine Freude

Das ist meine Freude, daß ich mich zu Gott halte und meine Zuversicht setze auf den Herren. Das ist meine Freude.

### Chorale

Alas how fleeting, alas how futile is human life!
Like a mist it arises quickly and just as quickly vanishes:
That's our life—just look!
Alas how futile, alas how fleeting are human affairs!
All, all that we see, all must collapse and vanish—whoever fears God will remain standing forever.

### Chorale

Ah, Lord, teach us to ponder carefully that we are inescapably mortal!
And that here we have no abiding, but must all be gone from here, whether learned, rich, young, old, or beautiful, all, all must be gone from here.

Oh, that I had water enough in my head,

and that my eyes were springs of tears, so that I could bewail my sin night and day.

My sin overwhelms me.

Like a weighty burden, it has become too much more me.

wherefore I weep so, and mine eyes flow with tears.

My sighing is great, and my heart is sad,

for the Lord has filled me with grief

in the day of his wrath.

### But It Is Good for Me

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works. --Psalm 73:28

# **TEXT/TRANSLATIONS**

# Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

--Latin Mass Ordinary

# Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace and good will to men.

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



# EARLY MUSIC AT UNT

With over 90 students participating every semester, the University of North Texas has one of the largest early music programs in the world. Regular ensembles include The UNT Baroque Orchestra, the early music choir Vox Aquilae, The UNT Baroque Trumpet Ensemble, The UNT Sackbut Ensemble as well as numerous chamber ensembles. Private instruction is offered on the following instruments: baroque violin and viola (Cynthia Roberts); baroque cello, viola da gamba & double bass (Allen Whear); voice (Daniel Bubeck & Jennifer Lane); baroque oboe and recorder (Kathryn Montoya); baroque flute (Lee Lattimore); baroque trumpet (Adam Gordon); sackbut (Julie Gray); natural horn (Stacie Mickens); lute, theorbo & baroque guitar (Arash Noori); harpsichord & basso continuo (Brad Bennight); double bass & chamber music (Gudrun Raschen). The instrument collection is extensive, numbering nearly 275, so that ensembles of nearly every era before 1800 can be assembled. Degrees in musicology with an emphasis in early music performance are offered at the master's and doctoral levels as well as a related field program for DMA and MM candidates. Ensembles have performed to critical acclaim at each of the Boston and Berkeley early music festivals since 2001 as well as performances throughout Texas and surrounding states. UNT's flagship early music ensemble 'Fantasmi' has toured Brazil, Peru, Puerto Rico, Germany, Austria, Croatia, Vietnam, Taiwan and China during the past eight years. Performances and masterclasses with other notable early music specialists such as Christoph Hammer, Bart van Oort, Phoebe Carrai, Monica Huggett, Manfredo Kraemer, Miloš Valent, David Douglass, Arthur Haas, Barbara Willi, Ellen Hargis, Bruce Dickey, Charles Toet, John Thiessen, Kiri Tollaksen, Paula Fagerberg, Julianne Baird, Hanneke van Proosdij, William Skeen and Catherine Turocy have been a regular event. In cooperation with the UNT Collegium Singers directed by Richard Sparks and UNT Opera, major productions have been presented, such as Bach's St. John Passion, Handel's Theodora, Rousseau's Le Devin du Village and Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea (2003 & 2016).

Hailed by both the New York Times and Opera News for his distinctive, honeyed timbre, smooth coloratura, secure technique and for his superb command of line and text, **Daniel Bubeck** has earned an international reputation on both the opera and concert stage performing in music festivals throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia with such esteemed organizations as the Théâtre Musical de Paris-Châtelet, English National Opera, New York City Opera, Hawaii Opera Theater, London Symphony Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Tokyo Symphony, Moscow National Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Boston Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Holland Radio Orchestra, Estonian National Philharmonic, Orchestra of St. Lukes, Concerto Köln, American Classical



Orchestra and American Bach Soloists and festivals in Hobart, Adelaide and Beijing. Conductors with whom he has enjoyed collaboration include Sir Simon Rattle, Gustavo Dudamel, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Vladimir Jurowski, Kent Nagano, David Robertson, Robert Spano, Christopher Hogwood, Nicholas McGegan and John Adams. Career highlights include the world premieres as well as over forty productions of John Adams' *El Niño* (2000) and *The Gospel According to the Other Mary* (2012), the American premiere of *Lost Objects* by David Lang, Julia Wolfe and Michael Gordon, the title role in Philip Glass's *Akhnaten*, Oberon in Britten's A *Midsummer Night's Dream* and numerous works of Handel including *Giulio Cesare*, *Rinaldo*, *Solomon*, *Orlando*, *Serse*, *Flavio*, *Partenope*, *Saul*, *Theodora* and *Messiah*. Dr. Daniel Bubeck holds degrees in voice from Indiana University (DM & MM - early music), Peabody Institute of Music (GPD/Opera Certificate), and the University of Delaware (BM).

Allen Hightower is a seventh generation Texan who resides in McKinney with his wife, Dr. Kristin Hightower, and their two daughters Caroline and Julianne. As the Director of Choral Studies at the University of North Texas, Allen leads the master's and doctoral programs in choral conducting, and oversees a comprehensive choral program of eight ensembles. Allen serves as the conductor of the A Cappella Choir and Grand Chorus, which collaborates annually with the UNT Symphony Orchestra in performances of major choral-orchestral works. As a member of UNT's Early Music faculty, he leads the vocal ensemble Collegium Singers. As a teacher and conductor, Dr. Hightower has visited 30 states, Asia, and Europe. Prior to his appointment at UNT, Dr. Hightower held the Weston Noble Endowed Chair in Music at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he served as conductor of the renowned Nordic Choir and artistic



director of Christmas at Luther. As Luther's Director of Choral Activities, he gave leadership to a choral program that included four conductors, six choirs, and over 530 singers. Under Dr. Hightower's direction, the Nordic Choir performed at the 2014 North Central Division of ACDA, recorded six compact discs, made annual concert tours throughout the United States, and toured Europe on two occasions. From 2000-2010, Dr. Hightower served as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at Sam Houston State University. During his tenure, the SHSU Chorale toured Europe, performed for the 2007 National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association, the 2010 Southwestern Division of ACDA, and the 2003, 2006, and 2010 conventions of the Texas Music Educators Association. His public-school teaching career included tenures at Klein High School in Spring, Texas and at Odessa Permian High School in Odessa, where he led the PHS Kantorei and Satin Strings in performance at the 1996 TMEA convention.

Paul Leenhouts is director of Early Music Studies and the Baroque Orchestra at the University of North Texas. He holds a Soloist Diploma from the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam, where he was on the faculty as professor for recorder and historical development from 1993 to 2010. A founding member of the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet from 1978 and from 2002 director of the contemporary music collective Blue Iguana, he is also composer, arranger and editor of numerous works for various chamber music ensembles. Mr. Leenhouts has recorded for Decca L'Oiseau-Lyre, Channel Classics, Vanguard, Lindoro and Berlin Classics. Two L'Oiseau-Lyre recordings received the prestigious Edison Award. In 1986, he initiated the Open Holland Recorder Festival Utrecht and from 1993 he has been director of the International Baroque Institute at Longy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His special interest in renaissance consort repertoire led to the founding of The Royal



Wind Music in 1997. In 2004 Mr. Leenhouts was elected president of the European Recorder Performers Society. As well as performing numerous concerts and coaching masterclasses within the early music field, he also regularly performs with contemporary and music theatre groups such as Musikfabrik, Nederlands Vocaal Laboratorium, ZT Hollandia and NT Gent. Mr. Leenhouts has given masterclasses, clinics and lectures at more than 200 conservatories and universities around the world. For his international activities as a musician, conductor and organizer, he received a UN Lifetime Achievement Award in Hsin-Chu City, Taiwan in October 2017.

Brian C. Murray is a third-year doctoral student in choral conducting at the University of North Texas where he serves as the conducting associate for the University Singers, Collegium Singers, and instructor of Fundamentals of Conducting. Murray is a seven-year member of the UNT Collegium Singers, having sung under the direction of Drs. Lyle Nordstrom, Richard Sparks, and now Dr. Allen Hightower. He has also performed with the UNT Collegium Singers at the 2007, 2009, and 2019 Boston Early Music Festivals. Prior to beginning doctoral coursework, Murray worked as a high school choir director in Carrollton, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in choral music education, summa cum laude, from the University of North Texas and a Master of Music Education degree from the Florida State University. Murray has presented interest sessions for state and divisional conferences and he has published in ChorTeach and the



Choral Journal. Additionally, he has proudly served the Texas Music Educators Association as the vice president of Region 31, the vocal chair of Region 24, secretary of Region 24, and the facilities chair for the Vocal Division. Murray has also volunteered for the American Choral Directors Association by co-managing the 2017 and 2019 National MS/JH Honor Choirs. A frequent clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor, his professional affiliations include ACDA, TCDA, TMAA, TMEA, and Pi Kappa Lambda. Murray and his wife, Allison, reside in Carrollton, Texas with their son, Weston, where they are active members of their church music ministry.

A native of Bogotá, Colombia, **Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez** has been concertmaster of the UNT Concert Orchestra. USM Symphony Orchestra and the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra of Colombia. He has been a member of the main symphony orchestras of Mississippi and Colombia, including the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Gulfport Symphony Orchestra, Bay Atlantic Symphony, and Colombian Youth Philharmonic. He has been invited on the faculty of the Play On, Philly! Summer Camp and Techne Music Festival. He has performed in several masterclasses, including for Mikhail Kopelman, Diane Moore, Juliette Kang, Regis Pasquier, Pierre Amoyal, Nicholas Kitchen, the American String Quartet and the Cuarteto Latinoamericano. Mr. Villamil Gómez was also a teaching artist at Play, On, Philly! - an El Sistema-based music program in Philadelphia. He was also part of the Rowan Prep in New Jersey and the Music School of Delaware faculty. He



holds a B.A. in violin performance from the National University of Colombia, and a M.M. in violin performance from the University of Southern Mississippi and Rowan University. Currently he is pursuing his DMA at UNT with Felix Olschofka, and serves as teaching assistant for the UNT Early Music Program.

# **PERSONNEL**

# **VOX AQUILAE**

Allen Hightower - conductor Brian C. Murray - conducting associate

### SOPRANO:

Caroline Busselberg Kori Miller Angela Sakimpa Brenna Santos Nicole Stover

### ALTO:

Linnea Anderson Laura Bray Emma Cole Kathryn Davidson Victoria Roan

### **BAROQUE ORCHESTRA**

Paul Leenhouts - conductor Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez, Assistant Héctor Alfonso Torres, Assistant

# **BAROQUE VIOLIN:**

Alma Bulibekova
Jason Colón
Justin Daniels
Ching-An Hsueh
Yeji Kim
Victoria Klaunig
Mevlan Mecid
Yonsoo Park
Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez
Meng Xu

# **BAROQUE VIOLA:**

Young Two Cheung Wanlin Cui Phoebe Haun Patrick Hayes Nicolas Valencia

# **BAROQUE VIOLONCELLO:**

Emily Alves Stephanie Shelden Jing Wang

# **DOUBLE BASS:**

Harry Dearman YunHuei Jen Irmak Sabuncu

# TENOR:

Sam Ary Jesús Bravo Michael Nguyen Jeremy Rohwer Samuel K. Sweet

### BASS:

Jordan Davis Andy Diaz Brian C. Murray Jun Young Na Matthew Slemon

### **BAROQUE FLUTE:**

Rachel Gain Rebekah Harvev

# RECORDER:

Teresa Lee Monika Ruusmaa

# **BAROQUE BASSOON:**

Alex Meaux

# SACKBUT:

Julie Grav

# HARPSICHORD:

Nadia Bohachewsky Sorée Jiyoung Kim Joshua Vigran

# ORGAN:

Joshua Vigran

# **BAROQUE TRIPLE HARP:**

Monika Ruusmaa

# **BAROQUE GUITAR & THEORBO:**

Noe Garcia Jacinto Héctor Alfonso Torres

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, February 7, 2020, 7:30 pm, Winspear Performance Hall

Concert: Musica Transalpina

Baroque Music from Northern Italy & Austria

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae, conducted by Paul Leenhouts

& Allen Hightower

Monday, March 23, 2020, 8:00 pm, Voertman Hall

Concert: Musica da Camera & da Chiesa II

Virtuoso vocal & instrumental chamber music from the 16th - 18th century

UNT Early Music Ensembles, Paul Leenhouts, director

Thursday April 2, 2020, 7:30 pm, Lyric Theater, Murchison Performing Arts Center Friday April 3, 2020,7:30 pm, Lyric Theater, Murchison Performing Arts Center Saturday April 4, 2020,7:30 pm, Lyric Theater, Murchison Performing Arts Center Sunday April 5, 2020,3:00 pm, Lyric Theater, Murchison Performing Arts Center Concert: Monteverdi's Madrigals of Love & War

UNT Opera in cooperation with UNT Early Music Program

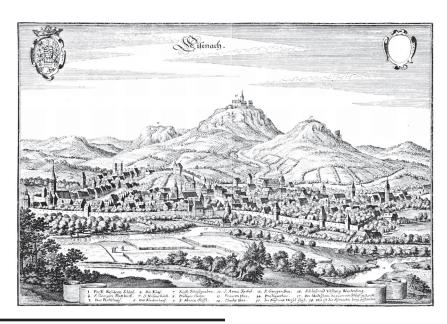
Friday, April 17, 2020, 7:30 pm, Winspear Hall

Concert: London, a Musical Center

Works by Locke, Handel, Purcell, et al.

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae, conducted by Paul Leenhouts

& Allen Hightower



# **FACULTY AND STAFF**

# **Early Music Studies**

Paul Leenhouts, Director of Early Music Studies, Director of the Baroque Orchestra Allen Hightower, Director of Vox Aquilae Brian C. Murray, Conducting Associate of Vox Aquilae Diego Esteban Villamil Gómez & Héctor Alfonso Torres, Baroque Orchestra Assistants

# Early Music Faculty

Brad Bennight - harpsichord & basso continuo
Daniel Bubeck - voice
Adam Gordon - baroque trumpet
Julie Gray - sackbut
Jennifer Lane - voice
Lee Lattimore - baroque flute
Stacie Mickens - natural horn
Kathryn Montoya - recorder & baroque oboe
Arash Noori - lute, theorbo & baroque guitar
Gudrun Raschen - double bass & chamber music
Cynthia Roberts - baroque violin and baroque viola
Allen Whear - baroque violoncello

### Musicology Faculty

Benjamin Brand Bernardo Illari Hendrik Schulze

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