



Allegheny Baroque Ensemble PRESENTS Music Across the Alps

Eric S. Brenner, Countertenor Sachiho Murasugi, violin Jeffrey Schoyen, cello Gwendolyn Toth, Harpsichord



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Guadeamus Omnes
1595-1665
Variata per il Violino (Sonata Terza)
1594-1663
"O Jesu nomen dulce"
1585-1672
Ciaccona
1623-1680
Cantata, "Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied"Dietrich Buxtehude
1637-1707
Pause

Aria, "Jesus soll mein erstes Wort," from Cantata #171 Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750
Duo for violin and cello, Op. 3, No. 9
1667-1727
Sonata for Cello and Continuo
1690-1730
Aria, "Heil und Segen," from Cantata #120Johann Sebastian Bach

Reception with baked goods from Alpine countries to immediately follow concert.

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Eric S. Brenner, Countertenor

Hailed for his "astonishing solo singing" and "penetrating eloquence" (New York Times), countertenor Eric S. Brenner has performed on many of the world's premier halls with many of the world's finest conductors. Brenner made his solo debut in Bernstein's Chichester Psalms at Cornell University. He has sung the work many times since then, including performances at Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall. Some of his current projects include eight sold-out performances in the role of Doodle in Stefan Weissman's and David Cote's highly acclaimed chamber opera Scarlet Ibis; Volpino in Haydn's Lo Speziale; and Tolomeo in Händel's Giulio Cesare. Brenner is a frequent alto and soprano soloist in Händel's perennial favorite Messiah. Featured performances include Alice Tully Hall-"unearthly purity" (Wall Street Journal) with the choir of Trinity Wall Street, directed by Julian Wachner; and St. John's Cathedral in New Mexico as the soprano in an all-male solo quartet – "His aria ... glowed with an angelic reverence" (Albuquerque Journal). Brenner also has recorded and performed extensively with Pew and Guggenheim fellow Toby Twining. He is a sometime actor, singer, music-director, arranger and composer on various projects with Rob Reese, Matt Shloss and Amnesia Wars.

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Sachi Murasugi

Sachi Murasugi has performed extensively as a professional orchestral and chamber musician. She has been concertmaster of the Sorg Opera Orchestra in Ohio and the Filarmonic del Bajio in Mexico. She also has been a member of the West Virginia Symphony, Louisiana Philharmonic and Springfield Symphony and received the National Endowment for the Arts Rural Residency Grant in chamber music. Sachi holds performance degrees from Manhattan School of Music and the Ohio State University where she earned her D.M.A. Currently, she is concertmaster for the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and full-time lecturer at SU.

Jeffrey Schoyen

Conductor and music director of the Salisbury Symphony and the Salisbury Youth Orchestra, Schoyen teaches cello and bass, and is an associate professor at SU. He has given concerts throughout the United States, Germany, Mexico, Spain and Ecuador. He has been a recipient of the Frank Huntington Beebe Grant to study in London with William Pleeth and also the Tanglewood Gustav Golden Award. Schoyen is a graduate of the New England Conservatory and holds a D.M.A. from SUNY - Stony Brook where he was a student of Timothy Eddy.



Gwendolyn Toth, Harpsichord

Recognized as one of America's leading performers on early keyboard instruments, Gwendolyn Toth performs with equal ease on the harpsichord, lautenwerk, organ, fortepiano and clavichord. She has been heard in concert throughout North America, Europe and the Far East, and on radio networks in Holland, Germany, France and America's National Public Radio. Currently, she is the director and founder of New York City's virtuoso period instrument ensemble, ARTEK. Under her direction, the ensemble released the first North American recording of Monteverdi's opera, Orfeo, on the Lyrichord Early Music Series label, to outstanding critical acclaim. Toth and ARTEK have toured throughout America and Europe with the Mark Morris Dance Group performing madrigals of Monteverdi. Toth holds a D.M.A. in performance from Yale University. She currently teaches at Rutgers University, Montclair State University and Mannes College of Music, and is orchestra director at Manhattan College.

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A Few Helpful Reminders of How to Be an Involved Audience Member

- Please arrive early to ensure that you will have a seat.
- Please turn off your cell phone instead of just silencing it so you will not be tempted to text during the performance. Untimely cell phone interruptions during a performance disrupt the performers and the other audience members, please be mindful of others.
- Please remain in your seat during the performance. If you
 must leave the concert hall, please wait until intermission.
 If it is an emergency, please try to leave during the applause.
- Please respect the performers by staying seated for the entire performance.
- As an involved audience member, it is polite to clap at the entrance of the performers.
- It is polite to save quiet whispering or talking, if necessary, between songs, as opposed to during a performance.



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