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It’s with great thanks that I want to recognize a giant among us today, Philip V. Gerdine, Ph.D, a member of our Board of Governors since 2016. Phil has generously underwritten a newly endowed position at H+H, The Philip and Marjorie Gerdine President and CEO Chair. This resource will provide critical funds to support innovations in programming and marketing, helping to keep classical music relevant to future generations.

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Phil and his late wife, Dr. Marjorie Gerdine, have been long time patrons of the arts, including the American Ballet Theatre, and the New York City Ballet. Phil brings to H+H his expertise in arts management. While at GE, Phil oversaw operations for the GE-owned company “Sol Hurok Presents,” a world-renowned management company for hundreds of performing artists. Phil recalls, “Hurok was acquired by G.E. and it fell to me to manage artists of all kinds. One of my greatest challenges was delicately navigating temperaments with the Bolshoi Ballet while on tour at Lincoln Center to ensure performances would go on toward the end of their first U.S. tour.”

Phil and I share more than our love of H+H – we both grew up in Texas, and although we both studied the tuba, we each wisely turned from performance to management as our life-long pursuit. I am honored to be the first to sit in this newly created chair.

David Snead
The Philip and Marjorie Gerdine President and CEO
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Emanuel Bach in the circle of great German composers, with his father in the center, flanked by Handel and Haydn.
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Beginning in the 13th century, Lübeck, a port city on the Baltic Sea, was a vital part of the Hanseatic League, a group of northern and central European cities formed to protect trade interests. Although its importance as a maritime center was waning by the 17th century, its prominence as a musical center was beginning to take hold. It was here that the sacred cantata, which would become an integral part of the Lutheran worship service throughout northern Europe, was established.

Separated by a generation, Dietrich Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach were born into musical families, and each accepted positions at prestigious churches. Both were virtuoso organists; Buxtehude was famous for his improvisations and no less can be said about Bach. Buxtehude was organist at St. Mary’s Church (Marienkirche) in Lübeck for almost 40 years; his playing was so remarkable that Bach traveled over 250 miles to Lübeck in 1705 to hear him play. (There was also the possibility of succeeding the famous Lübeck organist, but one condition of the
Both prolific composers, Buxtehude and Bach are remembered today as important musical figures, but that was not always the case. During his lifetime, Buxtehude was very famous; that reputation waned after his death, and his music wasn’t revived until the mid-20th century. Bach’s legacy was perpetuated by his sons and his keyboard fugues, which were used as teaching pieces; Beethoven was known to have studied them as a young musician in Bonn. A renewed interest in Bach’s music was fueled in the early 19th century through publications and performances, such as the 1829 performance of the St. Matthew Passion led by Mendelssohn.

Bach: Cantata, BWV 61, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Although Bach presented his Cantata No. 61 for the first Sunday of Advent in 1723—part of his first year in his new position in Leipzig—he had composed it in Weimar for the first Sunday in Advent in 1714. The hymn on which this cantata is based, “Nu komm, der Heiden Heiland,” was one of Bach’s favorites. He used it in two cantatas, plus four chorale preludes for organ, including one in the Orgelbüchlein. Cantata No. 61 begins with an extended movement for choir and instruments. The first line of the chorale tune is heard in the soprano part, then alto, tenor, bass. The second line of the chorale is harmonized by all four voice parts while the instrumental accompaniment pulses forward purposefully. In the central section of the movement, there is a change to a dancing triple meter as the voices and instruments work in a flowing imitation. The final section of the movement returns to the chorale tune and instrumental accompaniment of the opening. The libretto was written by Erdmann Neumeister, who based part of his text on the Book of Revelations. In the second and third movements, the ideas of preparation and anticipation, associated with Advent in the opening movement, now feel more immediate.

The fourth movement is a turning point in the text and cantata. The percussive sound in the strings accompanies the bass soloist, who sings about knocking at a door and, if opened, entering. The flowing aria that follows—now a direct invitation to the believer—explains the previous movement as a metaphor for opening one’s heart. The final movement is a short, confirming “Amen” based on the final phrase of another chorale tune “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How Brightly Beams the Morning Star).

Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068

By 1729, Bach was the most prominent church musician in Leipzig. Still, he expanded his influence in the city by agreeing to lead the Collegium Musicum, an organization of students and other connoisseurs. The Leipzig or “Bachische” Collegium Musicum (the director’s name was traditionally incorporated into the title) performed at Gottfried Zimmerman’s coffeehouse. Concerts were held indoors during winter and in the garden in the summer.
The manuscript parts for the Orchestral Suite No. 3 date from about this time. Originally titled Overtuuren, this work begins with an overture in the French style characterized by an opening section filled with long-short-long rhythmic patterns followed by a section featuring imitation and a brief return of the opening. The Air, with its long, luxurious lines for violin and viola, is surely the most well-known movement of the suite. The Gavottes provide a symmetrical structure (Gavotte I, Gavotte II, Gavotte I) at the center of the suite. The final two movements round out the collection: a stately Bourrée followed by a spirited and lively closing Gigue. Unifying the movements in the key of D major, Bach provides contrast through instrumentation and the characteristics (tempo and rhythmic pattern) of each dance.

**Buxtehude: Cantata, BuxWV 15, Der Herr ist mit mir**
In *Der Herr ist mit mir*, Buxtehude sets two verses from Psalm 118. The cantata begins with a brief instrumental introduction featuring a distinctive and memorable rhythmic pattern. Soon the voices enter, with the instruments answering the vocal lines. Buxtehude highlights the text line “was können mir Menschen tun?” (what can man do unto me?) by aligning all the parts in a hymnlike fashion. The remainder of the text then returns to the lively interchange of ideas similar to the opening.

Buxtehude creates an uplifting and extended conclusion—almost a third of the composition—from a single word, Alleluia. The changing rhythmic patterns, created by the elaborate vocal and instrumental parts, continually emphasize different syllables of the word. Underlying all of this is a short, repeated phrase, an ostinato, which provides a musical foundation. The ostinato repeats 19 times, and with each iteration of that phrase, Buxtehude constructs a different variation.

**Bach: Cantata, BWV 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme**
First performed on Sunday, November 25, 1731, Bach’s Cantata 140, nicknamed Sleeper’s Awake, reminds the faithful to be ready for the coming of Jesus using references to the parable of the 10 bridesmaids from the Gospel of Matthew. In the first, fourth, and final movements, Bach uses the hymn tune “Wachet auf” by Philipp Nicolai, a melody his Lutheran congregation would have recognized. He evokes the procession of the bridegroom from the parable in the opening movement by using a long-short rhythmic pattern in the lower strings while rising lines in other instruments create anticipation.

The next two movements, a recitative followed by a duet, convey a more personal perspective, especially the duet, which is a dialogue between the Soul, sung by soprano solo, and Christ, sung by bass solo, and featuring a line for violin piccolo (a smaller violin that plays in a higher range). In the fourth movement, the hymn tune is sung over a gently flowing string accompaniment that today is one of Bach’s most recognized melodies. Another duet for soprano and bass, now accompanied by oboe and strings, complements the earlier duet in this work. A four-part setting of the third verse of hymn tune closes the cantata.

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**Bach: Cantata, BWV 191, Gloria in excelsis Deo**
When he assumed the leadership of the Collegium Musicum around 1729, Bach began scaling back his production of new church music for Sunday services in Leipzig, relying more on reworking earlier pieces. Today, we know of only one new cantata movement written after 1740, an aria for Cantata 200.

This does not mean, however, that works were simply “dusted off.” Bach often altered instrumentation and other aspects of older works. For his musicians and congregation, these were pieces they had not encountered before; it is only the hindsight provided by the passage of time and the study of Bach’s music that allows listeners from subsequent generations to make associations between compositions.

A case in point is Cantata 191, the music for which is drawn from the Gloria of what is today the Mass in B minor, specifically the first, fifth, and last movements. Bach may have turned to this work, originally composed in 1733 for Dresden, because the music would not have been known in Leipzig, and the text for the cantata paired almost seamlessly with that of the Gloria movements.

Believed to be Bach’s only Latin-texted cantata, BWV 191 was probably performed for Christmas 1745, perhaps at a special service to celebrate the end of the second Silesian War. Indeed, the jubilant music of the Gloria was suitable for both occasions. Interestingly, a Sanctus, originally composed in 1724 and later added to the Mass in B minor, was also sung on the same day; this revival of earlier pieces may have sparked Bach’s musical imagination, leading him to expand the 1733 Mass into the Mass in B minor as we know it today. Bach’s manuscript for Cantata 191 explicitly states how its three-movements were to be presented: the first movement was to precede the sermon and the last two movements were to follow it.

Both composers pay close attention to the text, choosing musical figures, harmonies, and instrumental combinations that reflect either a specific word or a broader concept. In the works on today’s concert, these musical expressions of the text are central to the unique but related voices of each composer.

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Christopher Hogwood Historically Informed Performance Fellow
In a detailed memo to the Leipzig town council dated August 23, 1730, Johann Sebastian Bach outlined the number of singers and instrumentalists he needed for “well-appointed church music.” This document has been a central part of the modern-day debate over the number of performers in Bach’s chorus.

Bach makes his case to the town council systematically. He begins by stating that he requires both vocalists and instrumentalists. Next, he specifies how he would divide his vocalists: four “concertists” (soloists) plus at least eight “ripienists” (chorus). Bach continues by stating that his 55 students at the St. Thomas School must be divided into four choirs, corresponding to the four Leipzig churches for which he and his students supplied service music.

The numbers and their meaning are open to interpretation with Bach’s next statement: Every choir should contain at least “three sopranos, three altos, three tenors, and as many basses, so that if one happens to fall ill (as often happens, particularly this time of the year, as the prescriptions from the school pharmacy surely demonstrates), a double-chorus motet could still be sung. It would be even better to have four singers to each part, with each choir having 16 members.”

In addition, he requires up to 20 instrumentalists, depending on the work to be performed.

Above: Johann Sebastian Bach, Portrait from Los grandes músicos

BACH’S CHORUS AND WELL-APPOINTED CHURCH MUSIC

TEXTS AND TRANSLATION

Bach: Cantata 61, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Text: Erdmann Neumeister

Ouverture (Chorus)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,
der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt,
des sich wundert alle Welt,
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

Recitative (tenor)

Der Heiland ist gekommen,
hat unser armes Fleisch und Blut
an sich genommen
und nimmt uns zu Blutsverwandten an.
O allerhöchstes Gut,
was hast du nicht an uns getan?
was tust du nicht
noch täglich an den Deinen?
Du kommst und lässt dein Licht
mit vollem Segen scheinen.

Aria (tenor)

Komm, Jesu, komm zu deiner Kirche
und gib ein selig neues Jahr!
Befördre deines Namens Ehre,
erhalte die gesunde Lehre
und segne Kanzel und Altar!

Recitative (bass)

Siehe, ich stehe vor der Tür und klopfe an. So jemand meine Stimme hören
wird und die Tür auftun, zu dem werde ich eingehen und das Abendmahl mit
ihm halten und er mit mir.

Now come, the gentiles’ Savior,
as the Virgin’s child revealed,
at this marvels all the world
God him such birth hath ordained.

To us is come the Savior,
who this our feeble flesh and blood
Himself hath taken
and taketh us as kindred of his blood.
O treasure unexcelled,
what hast thou not for us then done?
What dost thou not
yet daily for thy people?
Thy coming makes thy light
appear with richest blessing.

Come, Jesus, come to this thy church
now
and fill with blessing the new year!
Advance thy name in rank and honor,
uphold thou every healthy doctrine,
and bless the pulpit and the altar!

See now, I stand before the door and
knock on it. If someone my voice will
hear and will open wide the door, I will
come into his dwelling and take with
him the evening supper, and he with
me.
Open wide, my heart and spirit, 
Jesus comes and draws within.

Though I soon be dust and earth, 
will he me yet not disdain,

that his joy he find in me, 
and that I become his dwelling.

Oh, how blessed shall I be!

Amen, amen!

Come, thou lovely crown of gladness, 
do not tarry!

Here I wait for thee with longing.

Buxtehude: Der Herr ist mit mir
Text: Psalm 118, 6–7

Der Herr ist mit mir, 
darum fürchte ich mich nicht, 
was können mir Menschen tun? 
Der Herr ist mit mir, 
mir zu helfen, 
und ich will meine Lust sehen an meinen Feinden. 
Alleluja

Der Lord is with me, 
I will not fear, 
what can man do unto me? 
The Lord is with me 
to help me, 
and I shall see my desire upon them that hate me. 
Hallelujah

J.S. Bach: Cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Text: Philipp Nicolai (mvts. 1, 4, 7); Anon. (mvts. 2, 3, 5, 6)

Zion hört die Wächter singen, 
her heart within for joy is dancing, she watches and makes haste to rise. 
Her friend comes from heaven glorious, in mercy strong, in truth most mighty, 
her light is bright, her star doth rise. 
Now come, thou precious crown, 
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son! Hosannah!
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all
Zum Freuden saal
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

We follow all
to joy’s glad hall
and join therein the evening meal.

Recitative (bass)

So geh herein zu mir,
Du mir erwählte Braut!
Ich habe mich mit dir
Von Ewigkeit vertraut!
Dich will ich auf mein Herz,
Auf meinem Arm gleich wie ein Siegel setzen
Und dein betrübtes Aug ergötzen.
Vergiss, o Seele, nun
Die Angst, den Schmerz,
Den du erdulden müsst;
Auf meiner Linken sollst du ruhn,
Und meine Rechte soll dich küszen.

So go within to me,
thou mine-elected bride!
I have myself to thee
eternally betrothed!
I will upon my heart,
upon my arm like as a seal engrave thee,
and to thy troubled eye bring pleasure.
Forget, O spirit, now
the fear, the pain
which thou hast had to suffer;
upon my left hand shall thou rest,
and this my right hand shall embrace thee.

Aria Duet (soprano and bass)

SEELE
Mein Freund ist mein!

JESUS
Und ich bin sein!

SEELE, JESUS
Die Liebe soll nichts scheiden! Ich will/
du sollst mit dir/mir in Himmels Rosen weiden,
Da Freude die Fülle, da Wonne wird sein!

SOUL
My friend is mine!

JESUS
And I am thine!

SOULD, JESUS
Let love bring no division.
I will/ thou shalt with me/thee on heaven’s roses pasture,
where pleasure in fullness, where joy will abound!

Chorus

Gloria sei dir gesungen
Mit Menschen- und englischen Zungen,
Mit Harfen und mit Zimbeln schon.
Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten,
An deiner Stadt sind wir Konsorten
Der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.
Kein Aug hat je gespürt,
Kein Ohr hat je gehört
Solche Freude.
Des sind wir froh,
Io io,
Ewig in dulci jubilo!

Chorus

Gloria to thee be sung now
with mortal and angelic voices,
with harps and with the cymbals too.
Of 12 pearls are made the portals;
amidst thy city we are consorts of angels high around thy throne.
No eye hath yet perceived,
no ear hath ever yet heard
such great gladness.
Thus we find joy,
io, io,
Ever in dulci jubilo!

J.S. Bach: Cantata 191, Gloria in excelsis deo
Text: Luke 2:14

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Aria Duet (soprano and tenor)
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui sancto.

Chorus
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum, amen.

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ARTIST PROFILES

Jonathan Cohen, conductor
Jonathan Cohen has forged a remarkable career as a conductor, cellist, and keyboardist. He is artistic director of Arcangelo, music director of Les Violons du Roy, artistic director of Tetbury Festival, and artistic director of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

The 2021–22 season sees Mr. Cohen direct Messiah with Rotterdam Philharmonic and Les Violons du Roy, and he leads St. Matthew Passion with Arcangelo at the BBC Proms and with Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra. He returns to Glyndebourne Festival Opera for Alcina and to Budapest Festival Orchestra for a program of Scarlatti, Vivaldi, and Handel. In North America, he returns to conduct Philharmonia Baroque and Les Violons du Roy.

Mr. Cohen founded Arcangelo in 2010 and has toured with them to exceptional halls and festivals including Wigmore Hall, Philharmonie Berlin, Kölner Philharmonie, Vienna Musikverein, Salzburg Festival, and Carnegie Hall. They are much in demand in the recording studio: their disc Arias for Guadagni won the Recital Category at the 2012 Gramophone Awards, and their recording of Bach cantatas won best Baroque Vocal recording in the 2017 Gramophone Awards. Their recording of C.P.E. Bach’s Trio Sonata recording for Alpha Classics was nominated for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance in the 2018 Grammy Awards. Their latest release for Alpha Classics is Handel’s Jeptha.

Lauren Snouffer, soprano
Recognized for her unique artistic curiosity in world-class performances spanning the music of Claudio Monteverdi and Johann Adolph Hasse through to Missy Mazzoli and Sir George Benjamin, American Lauren Snouffer is celebrated as one of the most versatile and respected sopranos on the international stage.

Lauren Snouffer increasingly is in demand on the world’s most prestigious concert stages and in the 2022-23 season collaborations include Mahler’s Second Symphony with Franz Welser-Möst and the Cleveland Orchestra, also with Cleveland she sings John Adams’ El Niño with the composer on the podium, Mozart’s Mass in c minor, K.427 with Manfred Honeck and the Pittsburgh Symphony, Handel’s Jeptha with Dame Jane Glover and Music of the Baroque, Handel’s Messiah with Maasaki Suzuki and the San Francisco Symphony, Bach’s Cantatas 61 and 140 with Jonathan Cohen and the Handel and Haydn Society, Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with Jaap van Zweden and the New York Philharmonic, and Hans Abrahamsen’s Let Me Tell You with Alan Gilbert conducting the NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester. Operatic performances of the season include Die Zauberflöte in a return engagement with the Opernhaus Zürich, Le nozze di Figaro with Houston Grand Opera, Il barbiere di Siviglia at Austin Opera, and debuts at Santa Fe Opera in Monteverdi’s Orfeo with a world premiere orchestration by Nico Muhly and at Detroit Opera in Xerxes.

Andrew Haji, tenor
Canadian tenor Andrew Haji is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after voices on both the operatic and concert stages. Winner of the Grand Prix at the 50th International Vocal Competition in ‘s-Hertogenbosch and the Montreal International Music Competition’s Oratorio Prize, Haji recently performed as the tenor soloist in Mozart’s Requiem for both Orchestra of St. Luke’s and the Canadian Opera Company, and appeared as Rinuccio in the latter company’s digital production of Puccini’s Gianni Schicchi.

Selected recent and upcoming concert engagements include performances of Haydn’s The Creation, Verdi’s Requiem, Puccini’s Messa di Gloria, Orff’s Carmina Burana, Rossini’s Petite messe solennelle, and Mozart’s Requiem, Great Mass in C minor, and Coronation Mass.

Andrew Haji holds both a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree from the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Music where he performed in productions of Les mamelles de Tirisías, Don Giovanni, Candide, Il mondo della luna and Rob Ford: The Opera, among others. He was invited to participate in young artist programmes at the Salzburg Festival Young Singers Project, the Centre for Opera Studies in Italy, the Music Academy of the West and Accademia Europea dell’Opera where he was influenced by some of the world’s finest musicians. A native-bom Ontarian, he has received awards from the Marilyn Horne Song Competition in Santa Barbara and the COC’s annual Ensemble Studio Competition.
Michael Sumuel, *bass*
American bass-baritone Michael Sumuel has been lauded for his “luminous tone and theatrical presence” (*San Francisco Chronicle*) as well as “vocals [that] are smooth and ingratiating” (*Daily Camera*). In the 2021-2022 season, he will make his debut as Jesus in Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion* with Los Angeles Opera in a semi-staged production conducted by James Conlon with choreography by the Hamburg Ballet. He will also sing the title role in *Le nozze di Figaro* in a return to Seattle Opera, Escamillo in *Carmen* both for his debut with Santa Fe Opera and at Chicago Opera Theater, the King in a new version of Massenet’s *Cinderella* with the Metropolitan Opera, and Leporello in *Don Giovanni* with Opera San Antonio. On the concert stage, Mr. Sumuel will join the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Walt Disney Concert Hall for Mozart’s *Mass in C minor* under the baton of Zubin Mehta, and sing a concert of arias to open the season at Dallas Opera.

Notable concert appearances include Handel’s *Messiah* with the San Francisco Symphony, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Houston Symphony, Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, United States Naval Academy, and University Musical Society in Ann Arbor. He later returned to the San Francisco Symphony to perform Copland’s *Old American Songs*. He made his European concert debut with the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra in Mozart’s *Mass in C minor* at the Concertgebouw, conducted by Speranza Scappucci. With the Cleveland Orchestra, he performed Pilatus in Bach’s *St. John Passion*, conducted by Franz Welser-Möst, as well as Mozart’s *Requiem* with the North Carolina Symphony and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 with the American Classical Orchestra at David Geffen Hall in New York City. He has made multiple appearances with Mercury Houston, including in Haydn’s *Paukenmesse* and excerpts from Rameau’s *Les Indes galantes* and *Thétis*, a concert of select Bach cantatas, and the *Messiah*. He has also appeared with Da Camera of Houston for a program of Brahms and Schönberg lieder in a multimedia project called “In the Garden of Dreams,” as well as the Santa Barbara Symphony for selected scenes from *Porgy and Bess*.

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