

### **BACH FOR TWO**

February 12, 2022 at 7:30pm Good Shepherd-Faith Presbyterian Church, New York City



## Program

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685–1750)	Sonata no. 3 in E major for violin and harpsichord, BWV 1016 Adagio Allegro Adagio ma non tanto Allegro
CHARLES (FRANÇOIS) DIEUPART (?after 1667–c. 1740)	Suite no. 3 in B minor from <i>Six suittes de clavessin</i> (1701) Ouverture Allemande Courante Sarabande Gavotte Menuett Gigue
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH	Sonata in E minor for violin and continuo, BWV 1023 [] Adagio ma non tanto Allemanda Gigue
<b>JEAN-HENRI D'ANGLEBERT</b> (1629–91)	Suite in G major from <i>Pièces de Clavecin</i> (1689) Prélude Chaconne Rondeau Menuet
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH	Sonata no. 6 in G major for violin and harpsichord, BWV 1019 Allegro Largo Cembalo Solo. Allegro Adagio Allegro

## Performers



Keyboardist and conductor Jeffrey Grossman specializes in vital, engaging performances of music of the past, through processes that are intensely collaborative and historically informed. As the artistic director of the acclaimed

baroque ensemble the Sebastians, in recent seasons Jeffrey directed concerts including Bach's St. John and St. Matthew Passions and Handel's Messiah from the organ and harpsichord, in collaboration with TENET Vocal Artists. Jeffrey is a frequent performer with TENET, the Green Mountain Project, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and numerous other ensembles across the country. He was musical director for the 2019 Boston Early Music Festival Young Artists Training Program, where he conducted Handel's Orlando from the harpsichord. For thirteen seasons, he toured portions of the rural United States with artists of the Piatigorsky Foundation, performing outreach concerts to underserved communities, most recently in Wyoming and southeast Alaska. Jeffrey can be heard on the Avie, Gothic, Naxos, Albany, Soundspells, Métier, and MSR Classics record labels. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he holds degrees from Harvard College, the Juilliard School, and Carnegie Mellon University. Jeffrey teaches performance practice at Yale University. jeffreygrossman.com



Award-winning violinist **Daniel S. Lee** enjoys a varied career as a soloist, leader, collaborator, and educator. Praised for his "ravishing vehemence" and "soulful performance" (*The New York Times*), he has appeared as a soloist and leader with

Early Music New York, the Freiburg Baroque Orchestra, Quodlibet Ensemble, and the Yale Schola Cantorum, among others. He is the founding director and a core violinist of the critically-acclaimed period ensemble the Sebastians. As a piccolo violin specialist, he has performed as a soloist in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 and Cantata 140, and has given the modern-day premiere of his own transcription of Johann Pfeiffer's concerto. He has studied at the Juilliard School (B.M.), Yale School of Music (M.M. and A.D.), and University of Connecticut (D.M.A.), and has given lectures and masterclasses at Connecticut College, Manhattan School of Music, Purchase College (SUNY), the University of Kansas, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He teaches performance practice and chamber music at the Yale School of Music. danielslee.com



## The Sebastians

The Sebastians are a dynamic and vital musical ensemble specializing in music of the baroque and classical eras. Lauded as "everywhere sharp-edged and engaging" (*The New York Times*), the Sebastians have also been praised for their "well-thought-out articulation and phrasing" (*Early Music Review*) and "elegant string playing... immaculate in tuning and balance" (*Early Music Today*). Their 2018 unconducted *St. Matthew Passion* with TENET Vocal Arts was called "shattering" and "a performance of uncommon naturalness and transparency."

The Sebastians recent seasons have included dozens of originally conceived programs, including collaborations with poets, choreographers, and actors; a musical installation in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; programs dealing with musical "immigration" and nationalism; and major works of J.S. Bach led from the keyboard.

Winners of the Audience Prize at the 2012 Early Music America Baroque Performance Competition, the Sebastians were also finalists in the 2011 York International Early Music Competition and the 2011 Early Music America/Naxos Recording Competition.

They have performed at Music Matters (LaGrua Center in Stonington, CT), Friends of Music at Pequot Library (Southport, CT), St. John's Episcopal Church (Tulsa, OK), Juilliard in Aiken (SC), in the Twelfth Night Festival and Concerts@One at Trinity Wall Street (New York, NY), Early Music in Columbus (Ohio), the Renaissance and



Baroque Society of Pittsburgh (PA), the Academy of Early Music (MI), and Houston Early Music (TX). The Sebastians are currently in residence at the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments.

The ensemble's recordings range from *Night Scenes from the Ospedale*, pairing Vivaldi concerti with newly composed interludes by Robert Honstein ("beautifullynuanced playing and thoughtful expressivity"); to *the Sebastians a 2: Virtuoso Music of the Holy Roman Empire*, exploring the rich baroque repertoire of music for violin and harpsichord written by composers from modern-day Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic; and, most recently, *Folia*, which juxtaposes trio sonatas and vocal works by Corelli, Colista, Handel, and Vivaldi, featuring soprano Awet Andemicael.

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