



## THREE WINTER RECITALS

**The Italian Violin**  
**Bach in Motion**  
**Bach in Color**

January 7, 2023 at 2pm  
February 4, 2023 at 2pm  
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# BACH IN MOTION

**February 4, 2023 at 2pm**

**Steven Vilsaint**, dancer

**Daniel S. Lee**, violin

**Jeffrey Grossman**, harpsichord

## **JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**

(1685–1750)

### Sonata no. 1 in B minor

BWV 1014 (Köthen or Weimar, before 1725) from  
*Sechs Sonaten für Cembalo concert: und Violino*

$\frac{6}{4}$  Adagio

$\frac{C}{4}$  Allegro

$\frac{C}{4}$  Andante

$\frac{3}{4}$  Allegro

## **ELISABETH JACQUET**

### **DE LA GUERRE**

(1665–1729)

### Suite in A minor

(Paris, 1687) from *Pièces de clavessin, premier livre*

Prelude

$\frac{C}{4}$  Allemande

$\frac{3}{4}$  Sarabande

$\frac{3}{4}$  Gigue

$\frac{3}{4}$  Chaconne

$\frac{3}{4}$  Menuet



## JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

### Sonata no. 2 in A major

BWV 1015 (Köthen or Weimar, before 1725) from  
*Sechs Sonaten für Cembalo concert: und Violino*

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{3}{4}$  Allegro assai

$\text{C}$  Andante un poco

$\frac{2}{2}$  Presto

## LOUIS MARCHAND

(1669–1732)

### Suite in D minor

(Paris, 1699/1702) from *Pièces de clavecin, livre premier*

$\text{C}$  Prelude

$\text{C}$  Allemande

$\frac{3}{4}$  Courante

$\frac{3}{4}$  Sarabande

$\text{C}$  Gavote. Rondeau

$\frac{3}{4}$  Chaconne

$\frac{3}{4}$  Menuet

## JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

### Sonata in G major

BWV 1021 (Leipzig, 1732–5) for violin and basso continuo

$\text{C}$  Adagio

$\frac{3}{8}$  Vivace

$\text{C}$  Largo

$\text{C}$  Presto



# PERFORMERS

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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 Sebastians, Jeffrey has directed Bach's *Passions* and Handel's *Messiah* from the organ and harpsichord, and he is a frequent performer with TENET, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and numerous other ensembles across the country. Recent seasons include his conducting operas of Haydn and Handel with Juilliard Opera, leading Monteverdi's *Vespers* with the Green Mountain Project in New York and Venice, and conducting a workshop of a new Vivaldi pastiche opera for the Metropolitan Opera. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he holds degrees from Harvard, Juilliard, and Carnegie Mellon University. Jeffrey teaches performance practice at Yale University. [jeffreygrossman.com](http://jeffreygrossman.com)



Praised for his "soulful performance" (*The New York Times*), violinist **Daniel S. Lee** appears as a soloist, leader, and director. He is the founding director of the

Sebastians and the concertmaster of Early

Music New York, the Providence Baroque Orchestra, and the Washington National Cathedral Orchestra. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he is interested in the intersection between arts and spirituality. When not traveling and performing, he splits his time between Willard, MO, where he pastors a church, and New Haven, CT, where he teaches early music at the Yale School of Music. He performs on various historical instruments and fosters ongoing collaborative research with luthier Karl Dennis (Warren, RI) and bowmaker David Hawthorne (Waltham, MA).

[danielslee.com](http://danielslee.com)



Hip Hop dancer **Steven Vilsaint** hails from Haiti and currently resides in Queens, New York. Constantly thriving for success, Vilsaint has trained in many different

genres of dance including contemporary, Haitian folklore, ballroom, popping, locking, and break dancing. Vilsaint has worked with numerous celebrities including Lil' Kim, Lil Mama, Trina, and Wyclef Jean and has been featured in Live Kelly and Ryan, the Carnegie Hall Show, the Apollo Amateur, Fox5 News, Pix11 News, and Hip Hop Harry Live Show.

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**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 Artists was called “shattering” and “a performance of uncommon naturalness and transparency.”

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 (LaGruta 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 (“beautifully-nuanced 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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March 11 at 5pm

## **BACH: CANTATA 51**

November 5 at 5pm

## **BACH IN COLOR**

March 25 at 2pm

## **THE ITALIAN VIOLIN**

January 7 at 2pm

## **BACH: MASS IN G**

April 15 at 5pm

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