

University of North Texas Baroque Orchestra and Vox Aquilae

Paul Leenhouts & David Štech, conductors

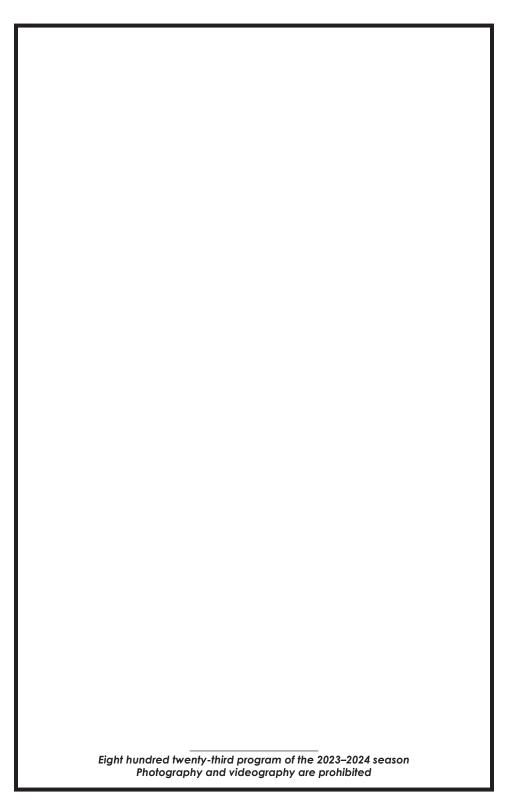
Allen Hightower & Kenneth Sieloff, conductors

Arash Noori, director of Plucked Ensemble

present

CHACONNES & PASSACAGLIAS works by J.S. Bach, Lully, Muffat, Pez, Rittler & Weiss

Friday, April 12, 2024 7:30 pm Winspear Hall Murchison Performing Arts Cente



PROGRAM

Ciaconna in C Major (before 1675)......Philipp Jakob Rittler (c. 1637–1690)

CIACONNA à 7 | 2. Clarini | 1. Violino
| 3. Viole | 1 Violone ò | Cembalo
| Auth. Ph. Jac. Rittler | 78

Arcibiskupský zámek - Hudební
sbírka, Kromeríž, A 837

UNT Baroque Orchestra • David Štech, conductor Soloists: Bradley Swanson & Joseph Williams - trumpet Principal: André Daniel

7. Chor (Ciaconna): "Meine Tage in dem Leide"

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae • Kenneth Sieloff, conductor Soloists: Emma Garcia - soprano, Brianna Nelson - alto, David Ferguson - tenor & David Štech - bass Principal: Karim Ayala Pool

from Sonata in G minor, WeissSW 14.6..... Sylvius Leopold Weiss (1687–1750)
[Untitled]
British Library, London, Ms. Add. 30387, 64v

VI. Ciacona

Plucked Ensemble • Arash Noori, director
Gabrielle Logan - harp
Jonno Garver and April Seals - lute
Arash Noori - archlute
Sergio Hernandez Felix - baroque guitar
Chazz Miceli and Braydon Stonecipher - theorbo

from Cantata "Weinen, Klagen,
Sorgen, Zagen," BWV 12 (1714) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Dom. Jubilate. Concerto à 9. 5 Strom.
4. voci. 'Weinen, Klagen, sorgen, zagen, | v. J. S. Bach. (s. orig. Part.) |
First performance: 1704-07 in Arnstadt
Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin - Preußischer
Kulturbesitz, Mus.ms. Bach St 109

2. Coro (Ciaccona): "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen"

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae • Allen Hightower, conductor Principal: Emma Milian

V. Passagaglia

UNT Baroque Orchestra • Paul Leenhouts, conductor Principals: Emma Milian & Lucas Gabriel Furtado

--Intermission--

from Concert pastorella......Johann Christoph Pez (1664–1716)

Concert pastorella con due flutts ... a 7

Universitätsbibliothek, Rostock,

Mus.Saec.XVII:38/29

VI. Passacaglia

UNT Baroque Orchestra • Paul Leenhouts, conductor Soloists: You Yang & Jessica Wu - baroque flute Principals: Karim Ayala Pool & Emma Milian Chaconne, Act V, scene 5

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae • Paul Leenhouts, conductor Soloists: Maryn West - soprano, Graham Day - alto & Avery Sanderlin - bass Principal: Karim Ayala Pool

All works edited by Paul Leenhouts

Johann Sebastian Bach - "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich"

Meine Tage in den Leiden Endet Gott dennoch zur Freuden: Christen auf den Dornenwegen Führen Himmels Kraft und Segen

My days in suffering God will nevertheless end in joy; Christians upon the thorny pathways are led by Heaven's power and blessina.

Bleibet Gott mein treuer Schatz. Achte ich nicht Menschenkreuz: Christus, der uns steht zur Seiten. Hilft mir täglich sieghaft streiten.

If God remains my dearest treasure, I need not heed mankind's cruelty; Christ, who stands by our side, Helps me daily fight to victory.

Johann Sebastian Bach - Cantata 'Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen'

Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen, Anast und Not Sind der Christen Tränenbrot, Die das Zeichen Jesu traaen. Weeping, wailing Grieving, fearing, Dread and need Are the Christians' tearful bread. Them the sign of Jesus bearing.

Jean-Baptiste Lully - Chaconne from Amadis

GRAND CHOFUR Chantons tous, en ce jour, La aloire de l'Amour. Gardez-vous bien de briser vos chaînes.

Vous, qui souffrez de cruelles peines, you who suffer cruel anguish. Ne cessez point d'être constants, Et vous serez contents.

PETIT CHOFUR Nous devons suivre Des lois qui doivent nous charmer; Ce n'est pas vivre Que vivre, sans savoir aimer.

FLORESTAN, parlant à Corisande Tout suit nos vœux. Rien ne trouble notre vie. Des plus beaux nœuds Pour jamais l'Amour nous lie; Je puis vivre pour vous, Que mon bonheur est doux!

LARGE CHORUS Let us all sing this day of the glory of Love. Beware of breaking your bonds,

be forever constant, and you will be happy.

SMALL CHORUS We must obey laws that must charm us: living without truly loving is not living at all.

FLORESTAN, speaking to Corisande Everything follows our wishes nothing troubles our lives. Love binds us forever with the fairest of bonds. I can live for you, how sweet is my happiness.

CORISANDE parlant à Florestan Il n'est plus temps de répandre des larmes.

Nous aimerons désormais sans alarmes:

Que de plaisirs! que de beaux jours What pleasures, what fine days Vont s'offrir à nos amours!

GRAND CHŒUR

Tout charme ici nos yeux, Où peut-on être mieux?

PETIT CHOFUR

Où peut-on être mieux Que dans ces beaux lieux?

GRAND CHŒUR

Les plus charmants plaisirs Suivront tous nos désirs.

PETIT CHŒUR

Les parfaites douceurs Sont pour les tendres cœurs.

UN HEROS

Jouissons à jamais De la douce paix Qui nous appelle. Jouissons à jamais De la douce paix D'une amour fidèle.

GRAND CHŒUR

C'est assez d'entreprendre De faire un beau choix: Il suffit qu'un cœur tendre S'engage une fois.

CORISANDE

Quel tourment quand l'amour est extrême,

De trembler pour l'objet que l'on aime!

Quel plaisir de se voir hors d'un mortel danger!

Quand les maux sont finis, qu'il est doux d'y songer!

GRAND CHŒUR

A la fin nous aimons, sans rien craindre.

CORISANDE, speaking to Florestan The time for tears is past,

now we shall love without fear.

are going to be offered to our love!

LARGE CHORUS

Everything here charms our eyes; where might we be better?

SMALL CHORUS

Where might we be better than in this beautiful spot?

LARGE CHORUS

The most charming pleasures will follow all our desires.

SMALL CHORUS

The perfect comforts are for tender hearts.

A HERO

Let us forever enjoy the sweet peace that beckons us. Let us enjoy forever the sweet peace of a faithful love.

LARGE CHORUS

It is enough to begin by making a fair choice; a tender heart needs to commit itself but once.

CORISANDE

What torment, when love is extreme,

to tremble for the object of one's

love!

What pleasure to see that one is out of a mortal danger!

How sweet to think upon hardships now of the past!

LARGE CHORUS

In the end, we love without fear.

Ce n'est plus la saison de nous plaindre.

On fuirait les amours, S'ils gémissaient toujours.

CORISANDE, UN HEROS ET **FLORESTAN**

Un tendre amour ne plaît pas moins Lorsqu'il tourmente;

Plus un plaisir coûte de soins, Plus il enchante.

Que le bonheur est charmant Après un long tourment!

GRAND CHŒUR Mille jeux innocents Vont enchanter nos sens.

CORISANDE, UN HEROS ET FLORESTAN Mille jeux innocents

Vont enchanter nos sens.

UN HFROS

Amants inconstants, n'espérez pas De jouir d'un sort si plein d'appas.

GRAND CHŒUR Loin de nous, infidèles, Fuyez loin de nous, Ces demeures si belles Ne sont pas pour vous.

CORISANDE

chaînes.

Au milieu d'un tourment sans égal, L'Amour sait plaire; Il lui faut pardonner tout le mal Qu'il nous veut faire. Je n'ai point de regret aux pleurs que j'ai versés, Le bonheur qui les suit les

récompense assez.

GRAND CHŒUR Chantons tous, en ce jour, La gloire de l'Amour. Gardez-vous bien de briser vos

Vous, qui souffrez de cruelles peines, you who suffer cruel anguish, Ne cessez point d'être constants, Et vous serez contents.

It is unseasonable to complain.

one would flee cupids were they forever complaining.

CORISANDE. ONE OF THE HEROES AND FLORESTAN

A tender love is no less pleasing when it torments:

the more cares a pleasure costs, the more it is enchanting. How charming is happiness when it comes after long torment!

LARGE CHORUS

A thousand innocent sports are going to enchant our senses.

CORISANDE, ONE OF THE HEROES AND FLORESTAN A thousand innocent sports are going to enchant our senses.

ONE OF THE HEROES Inconstant lovers, hope not to enjoy a fate so full of charms.

LARGE CHORUS Begone, faithless ones, flee far from us! These fair abodes are not for you!

CORISANDE

Even in extreme torment, Love knows how to please. We must forgive him for all the harm he seeks to do us. I have no regret for the tears I shed;

the happiness that follows is reward enough.

LARGE CHORUS Let us all sing this day of the glory of Love. Beware of breaking your bonds,

be forever constant, and you will be happy.

EARLY MUSIC AT UNT

With over 80 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, early music choir Vox Aquilae, UNT Baroque Trumpet Ensemble, 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 (Sydney ZumMallen); voice (Daniel Bubeck & Jennifer Lane); baroque flute (Na'ama Lion); baroque trumpet (Adam Gordon); 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, China and the Czech Republic during the past twelve years. Performances and masterclasses with other notable early music specialists such as Christoph Hammer, Bart van Oort, Phoebe Carrai, Monica Hugaett, 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 Proosdii, William Skeen and baroque dance specialist 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). Together with Vox Aguilae, directed by Allen Hightower, the UNT Baroque Orchestra performed at the American Choral Directors Association Conference in March 2021. In 2020 members of the UNT Early Music Program also took part in UNT's choral presentation at TMEA in San Antonio, TX.

UNT BAROQUE ORCHESTRA Paul Leenhouts, conductor Karim Ayala Pool & Josue Reyes, assistants

Baroque Violin

Karim Ayala Pool*
Marlon Barrios*
Ella Curb
André Daniel*
Olivia Dinardis
Kevin Reid Duran
Lucas Gabriel Furtado*
Hyun Jung Kim
Emma Milian*
Peng Yi

Baroque Viola

Kelsey Felton*
Brittney Geurink*
Jocelyn Kasparek*
Wing Chin Liu*
R.J McDowell*

Baroque Violoncello

Tyler Äguillard Madeline Dykhouse* Mengmeng Huang* Jaya Waugh

Double Bass

Joe Weldon Ferris Jacob Hoch* Josue Reyes* Xu Xuan

Baroaue Flute

Jessica Wu You Yang

Baroque Trumpet

Bradley Swanson Joseph Williams

Harpsichord & Organ

Jiyoung Kim Michael Soto Liang Wang

<u>Baroque Guitar, Lute, Theorbo</u> & Baroque Harp

Sergio Hernandez Felix Jonno Garver April Seals Chazz Miceli Brayden Stonecipher Gabrielle Logan

VOX AQUILAE Allen Hightower, conductor Ken Sieloff, conducting associate Jiyoung Kim, organist

Soprano

Abigail Bahng Victoria Cerda Harli Daniel Emma Garcia Meredith Hinshaw Maryn West

Alto

Graham Day Sarah Harvey Qihang Lu Brianna Nelson Anna Schmelter Maiya Williams

Tenor

David Ferguson Xavier Howard Marquis McBride Ken Sieloff Spencer Simpson

<u>Bass</u>

Seth Bazán Michael Binkley Brian De Stefano Matthew Dexter Zachary Rohwer Avery Sanderlin David Štech

^{*} principal





As the Director of Choral Studies at the University of North Texas, Allen Hightower leads the graduate program in choral conducting, and oversees a choral program of eight ensembles. Allen serves as the conductor of the UNT A Cappella Choir, and the UNT 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 Vox Aquilae, an artistic partner of the UNT Baroque



Orchestra, Since arriving at UNT in 2016, the A Cappella Choir has received invitations to perform for the Texas Music Educators Association (2020), the national conference of the American Choral Directors Association (2021), and the Southwestern Region of ACDA (2022). The 2022 conference of the National Collegiate Choral Organization featured a video performance of UNT's Vox Aquilae and Baroque Orchestra among their juried performance offerings. Dr. Hightower held the Weston Noble Endowed Chair in Music at Luther College in Decorah, lowa, where he served as conductor of the renowned Nordic Choir. As Luther's Director of Choral Activities, he gave leadership to a choral program that included six choirs and over 530 singers. Under Dr. Hightower's direction, the Nordic Choir performed at the North Central Division of ACDA (2014), recorded six compact discs, made annual concert tours throughout the United States, and toured Europe on two occasions. From 2000–2010, he served as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at Sam Houston State University, where the SHSU Chorale toured Europe, performed for the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association (2007), Southwestern Division of ACDA (2010), and conventions of the Texas Music Educators Association (2003, 2006, 2010). Allen has served as the Artistic Director of the Houston Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra, leading an annual concert series of choral-orchestral masterworks. He currently serves on the music staff of Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas, and is the Church Music Vice-President of the Texas Choral Directors Association.

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. With his quartet he extensively toured around the



globe and performed at major music festivals in Europe, the US and Asia. At the invitation of the Dutch royal family, the quartet performed during state visits of Queen Beatrix to Sweden, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania, at private concerts at the royal palaces in The Hague and Apeldoorn and at the funeral service for His Royal Highness Prince Claus of The Netherlands in Delft, 2002. 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. In 2024 he was awarded a distinguished professorship for his output in the Early Music Program at UNT.

Noted as "the compelling" guitarist and "the fine" lutenist by the New York Times, Arash Noori performs throughout North America and Europe on lutes and guitars as both recitalist and accompanist. Arash has appeared in performances with Les Arts Florissants, Philharmonia Baroque, Early Music New York, Orchestra of St. Luke's, Piffaro: The Renaissance Band, Ars Lyrica, Opera Lafayette, the Folger Consort, Repast Baroque, the Sebastians, Academy of Sacred Drama, ARTEK, and NOVUS NY of Trinity Wall Street amongst others. Hailed for his "flair and sensitivity" in accompaniment (Opera News), Arash has accompanied operas at the Wiener



Staatsoper, Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Brooklyn Academy of Music and has performed at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, Philharmonie de Paris, Teatro Real in Madrid, and the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. Arash has been a prize winner at several international competitions including Guitare Montréal, and the Great Lakes Guitar Competition. A graduate of Yale and the Juilliard School, Arash currently serves as Adjunct Faculty for the Early Music program at University of North Texas College of Music.

Kenneth Sieloff is currently a graduate student at the University of North Texas where he is pursuing a master's degree in choral conducting. Prior to UNT, Sieloff served as director of choirs at Permian High School in Odessa, Texas. In his time at Permian HS, Mr. Sieloff's choirs performed at the 2018 Texas Music Educators Association Conference and the 2020 Southwestern ACDA Conference. In 2017 he was named a "Young Director of Distinction" by the Texas Choral Directors Association. Along with his passion for working with young musicians in the classroom, Sieloff has long been dedicated to the art of conducting. In



2011 he competed in the American Choral Directors Association's National Student Conducting Competition in Chicago, IL and won first place. Sieloff enjoys serving as an active clinician and adjudicator throughout Texas. Sieloff holds a bachelor of music education degree from The University of Michigan, where he studied voice with Martha Sheil and conducting with Eugene Rogers, Paul Rardin, and Jerry Blackstone. Ken loves to spend time with his wife Annie, daughters Charlotte and Elizabeth, and dogs Lily and Sadie. He enjoys the great outdoors, including hunting, and spending time with friends whenever he has the chance.

David Stech is a doctoral student in orchestral conducting at the University of North Texas. He is the associate conductor of the dell'Arte Opera Ensemble in New York City, organist/choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Passaic, NJ, and artistic director of the New York Conducting Institute. After studying at Northwestern, Stech was selected to be a conducting fellow with the League of American Orchestras, Chicago Civic Orchestra, and Chorus America. He was invited to Tanglewood, where he worked with Kurt Masur, Christoph von Dohnányi, and Michael Morgan. Stech's other teachers include Gustav Meier, Larry Rachleff, Paul



Nadler, Bill Eddins, and Kirk Trevor, and he is an alumnus of the Pierre Monteux School for conductors. Recent collaborations include the Midwest premiere of John Harbison's Fifth Symphony with baritone soloist Nathan Gunn, filling in for Mr. Harbison as conductor. Štech has conducted performances with The Florida Orchestra, New Symphony Orchestra (Bulgaria), Sarasota Opera, St. Petersburg Opera, New York Composers' Collective, Astoria Symphony (Queens), and New York Lyric Opera. As a vocal coach, he has worked at the Opera Theater of Lucca, Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University, and Manhattan School of Music, where he served for eight years.

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EARLY MUSIC STUDIES

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