

# University of North Texas Baroque Orchestra, Vox Aquilae and Plucked Ensemble

Paul Leenhouts & David Štech, conductors with baroque violin soloists Karim Ayala Pool, Polly Klein & Emma Milian

Allen Hightower & Dong Hyun Kang, conductors

Arash Noori, director

present

MUSICA NATALIZIA

Italian baroque violin concertos & Christmas repertoire

Friday, November 17, 2023 8:00 pm Voertman Hall

#### **PROGRAM**

Christe redemptor	
omnium, ex	
Patre (1589)	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)
	HYMNI TOTIVS ANNI [], Rome [no. 2]
	Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München, 2 Mus.pr. 18

# Vox Aquilae Dong Hyun Kang, conductor

Ballo Polacco (1599)......Giovanni Antonio Terzi (c. 1580–1620)
IL SECONDO LIBRO DE INTAVOLATVRA DI LIVTO [...], Venice
Biblioteca del Liceo Musicale di Bologna, U.238 (2)

## UNT Plucked Ensemble • Arash Noori, director

Sergio Hernandez Felix - baroque guitar • Jonno Garver - lute Gabrielle Logan - baroque harp • Chazz Miceli - theorbo Arash Noori - lute • April Seals - lute • Brayden Stonecipher - theorbo

# Bradley Swanson - baroque trumpet • Ezechiel Daos - organ

- I. Largo
- II. Allegro
- III. Piva (Largo)

UNT Baroque Orchestra • David Štech, conductor Jessica Wang & You Yang, baroque flute Lucas Gabriel Furtado - principal Concerto in
E minor (1738) .......Giuseppe Antonio Brescianello (c, 1690–1757)
Concerto. del Sig.re Brescianello.
Sächsische Landesbibliothek - Staatsund Universitätsbibliothek Dresden, Mus. Mus.2364-O-9
I. Allegro
II. Adagio

## UNT Baroque Orchestra • Paul Leenhouts, conductor Polly Klein, principal Soloist: Emma Milian - baroque violin

Concerto No. 8 in D Major (n.d.).....František Jiránek (c. 1698–1778)

Concerto VIII Dal Signore GIRANECK.

Musik- och teaterbiblioteket,

Magasin B, Stockholm, VO-R

I. Allegro

III. Allegro

- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro

UNT Baroque Orchestra • Paul Leenhouts, conductor
Polly Klein, principal
Soloist: Karim Ayala Pool - baroque violin

--Intermission--

Concerto in F Major, RV 296 (1701–41)................ Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741) Con:to del Vivaldi Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria, Torino, Fonda Foà 31, f.26r-38v

- I. Allegro ma poco
- II. Largo
- III. Allegro

UNT Baroque Orchestra • Paul Leenhouts, conductor Hyun Jung Kim, principal Soloist: Polly Klein - baroque violin Magnificat in G minor, RV 610 (late 1720s) ...... Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Magnificat con Istrom:ti Del Vivaldi

Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria,

Torino, Giordano 3516 (cc. 89a-112b)

- I. Magnificat anima mea Dominum
- II. Et exultavit

Soloists: Savanna Singleton - soprano, Nicole Barbeau - alto, Marquis McBride - tenor

- III. Et misericordia eius
- IV. Fecit potentiam
- V. Deposuit potentes
- VI. Esurientes implevit bonis

Soloists: Maryn West & Emma Garcia - soprano

- VII. Suscepit Israel
- VIII. Sicut locutus est

Soloists: Danah Berry - soprano, Maiya Williams - alto,

Avery Sanderlin - bass

IX. Gloria Patri

# UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquilae • Allen Hightower, conductor Karim Ayala Pool, principal

All instrumental works edited by Paul Leenhouts

# Palestrina: Christe redemptor omnium, ex Patre

Christe, redemptor omnium, Ex Patre, Patris unice,

Solus ante principium Natus ineffabiliter.

Tu lumen, tu splendor Patris,

Tu spes perennis omnium, Intende quas fundunt preces

Tui per orbem famuli.

Memento salutis auctor, Quod nostri quondam corporis

Ex illibata Virgine Nascendo formam sumpseris.

Hic praesens testatur dies, Currens per anni circulum,

Quod solus a sede Patris

Mundi salus adveneris.

Hunc caelum, terra, hunc mare, Hunc omne quod in eis est, Auctorem adventus tui,

Laudans exsultat cantico.

Nos quoque qui sancto tuo, Redempti sanguine sumus, Ob diem natalis tui, Hymnum novum concinimus.

Gloria tibi Domine, Qui natus es de Virgine, Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu In sempiterna saecula. Amen.

## Palestrina: Christ Redeemer of All

Christ, Redeemer of all,
From the Father, and the Father's
only son,
One, before the beginning,
ineffably brought to birth.

You, the light, you the splendor of the Father, you, the perpetual hope of all, Attend to the prayers which your servants throughout the world pour forth.

Remember, author of salvation, how you once assumed the form of our body, being born of the unblemished Virgin.

Thus the present day bears witness, rolling on through the cycle of the year,

That you alone, from the abode of the Father,

have come as the salvation of the world.

Heaven, earth and sea, and all that is in them praise him, the author of your coming, exulting in song.

We too who have been redeemed by your sacred blood, celebrate the day of your birth with a new hymn.

Glory to you, o Lord, you who were born of a virgin, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, through endless ages. Amen.

Vivaldi: Magnificat	Vivaldi: Magnificat
Magníficat anima mea Dóminum.	My soul doth magnify the Lord.
Et exultavit spíritus meus: in Deo salutari meo.  Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:  Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.  Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen eius.	And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  Because He hath regarded the humility of His slave:  For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is His name.
Et misericordia eius in progenies et progenies timentibus eum.	And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.	He hath shewed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
Deposuit potentes de sede: et exaltavit humiles.	He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.
Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes.	He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiae suae.	He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy:
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: Abraham, et seémini eius in saecula.	As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever, Amen.



Illustration: Agnolo Bronzino (1503 - 1572) Adoration of the Shepherds Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

#### **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 & David Stech,
conductors
Karim Ayala Pool & Josue Reyes,
assistants

#### **Baroque Violin**

Karim Ayala Pool\*
Ella Curb
Kevin Reid Duran
Lucas Gabriel Furtado\*
Hyun Jung Kim\*
Polly Klein\*
Emma Milian\*
Peng Yi

#### **Baroque Viola**

Kelsey Felton\*
Brittney Geurink\*
Wing Chin Liu\*
RJ McDowell\*
Isaac Seybold

#### **Baroque Violoncello**

Tyler Aguillard Madeline Dykhouse\* Mengmeng Huang\* Jaya Waugh\*

VOX AQUILAE
Allen Hightower, conductor
Dong Hyun Kang, conducting
associate
Jiyoung Kim, organist

#### Soprano

Danah Berry Harli Daniel Emma Garcia Savanna Singleton Maryn West

#### <u>Alto</u>

Abigail Bahng Nicole Barbeau Graham Day Trinity Del Regno Sarah Harvey Maiya Williams

#### **Double Bass**

Riley Hale Savannah Hilterbrandt Jacob Hoch\* Kuan-Chieh Lo\* Josue Reyes\*

#### **Baroque Flute**

Jessica Wu\* You Yana\*

#### **Baroque Trumpet**

Bradley Swanson\*

## **Harpsichord & Organ**

Ezechiel Daos Jiyoung Kim Michael Soto

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

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

#### **Tenor**

David Ferguson Xavier Howard Dong Hyun Kang Marquis McBride Ken Sieloff Spencer Simpson

#### <u>Bass</u>

Seth Bazán Samuel Benavidez Matthew Dexter Zachary Rohwer Avery Sanderlin

<sup>\*</sup> 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 in 2020, the



national conference of the American Choral Directors Association in 2021. and the Southwestern Region of ACDA in 2022. The 2022 conference of the National Collegiate Choral Organization will feature 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 2014 North Central Division of ACDA, 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. During his tenure, the SHSU Chorale toured Europe, performed for the 2007 National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association, the 2010 Southwestern Division of ACDA, and the 2003, 2006, and 2010 conventions of the Texas Music Educators Association. 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 Sweder



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 Life-time Achievement Award in Hsin-Chu City, Taiwan in October 2017.

Dong Hyun Kang is a conductor, pianist, and educator. He is currently studying conducting in the Doctor of Musical Arts program at University of North Texas: Choral Conducting as the major area and Orchestral Conducting as the related field. In 2023, he earned his master's degree in Choral Conducting with the related field in Orchestral Conducting at the university. As a teaching assistant, he has served various roles: Conducting Associate for Vox Aquilae, Collaborative Pianist for A Cappella Choir, Grand Chorus, and Kalandra, and Coordinator for Conductors' Chorus. He is also Director of Music in Flower Mound Korean Church, where he serves as a conductor for the church choir



and the youth orchestra. In 2020-2021, he studied conducting and theology of music in the Master of Music in Church Music program (Conducting Concentration) at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary while shaping theological understandings on music and its related topics. In 2015-2020, he served as a conductor for the church choir and orchestra at Power Mission. Baptist Church of Cincinnati. He holds memberships in American Choral Directors Association, International Conductors Guild, National Collegiate Choral Organization, Texas Choral Directors Association, and Society of Pi Kappa Lambda, His conducting teachers include Allen Hightower, Margues Garrett, David Itkin, Clay Couturiaux, Kristina MacMullen, Markand Thakar, Aik Khai Puna, Mark Gibson, Brett Scott, Annunziata Tomaro, Huan Jing, Charles Peltz, and Erica Washburn, Kana's musical training is extended to piano performance. He first appeared as a pianist in a public concert at age 15 with Seoul Symphony Orchestra in Seoul Arts Center. Since then, he has performed in various venues and won prizes in national or international competitions in South Korea and the United States. He holds dearees in piano performance from Seoul National University, Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, and University of Cincinnati and a graduate diploma from New England Conservatory of Music. His primary piano teachers include James Tocco, Eugene Pridonoff, Gabriel Chodos, Seth Knopp, Hyung Bae Kim, and Young-Mee Yun.

**David Štech** is a DMA student in orchestral conducting at UNT. He earned his bachelor of arts in organ performance at California State University, Chico. Subsequently, he secured his master of music in orchestral conducting from Northwestern University and a professional studies diploma in collaborative piano from the Manhattan School of Music. David is the founder and artistic director of the New York Conducting Institute. He has also taught at the University of Illinois Chicago, Roosevelt University, and, notably, the Manhattan School of Music, where he taught for eight years. Štech's mentors



include David Itkin, Donald Schleicher, Paul Nadler, and Michael Morgan. He was in the conducting class at Tanglewood where he participated in masterclasses with Sir Roger Norrington, Christoph von Dohnányi, and Kurt Mazur. Professionally, Štech has held key roles such as associate conductor for the dell'Arte Opera Ensemble and the New York Lyric Opera. He is music director emeritus of the American Opera Group in Chicago and the Astoria Symphony Orchestra in New York City. He was assistant conductor at Sarasota Opera and the long-time assistant conductor and chorus master at St. Petersburg Opera. David's recent guest conducting engagements include The Florida Orchestra and Brooklyn Ballet. Next summer, he will conduct at the inaugural season of the Lyric Arts Festival in southern France.

Karim Ayala Pool is a concert violinist currently pursuing his doctorate at the University of North Texas, under the tutelage of Professor Julia Bushkova, where he also serves as the graduate teaching assistant for the UNT Baroque Orchestra and Professor Paul Leenhouts. Mr. Ayala Pool actively performs throughout Mexico and the United States, where he is a section violinist with the Abilene Philharmonic, Waco Symphony, Shreveport Symphony, and serves as a substitute violinist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony, Dallas Bach Society, Sarasota Orchestra, and The Florida Orchestra. He



was the sole finalist for the concertmaster position for the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale in 2020. As a soloist, Mr. Ayala Pool has performed with the UNT Baroque Orchestra, Yucatán Symphony Orchestra (OSY), Yucatán Superior Arts University Orchestra (ESAY), Yucatán Youth Symphony Orchestra, and was the winner of the 2020 USF Concerto Competition with the Korngold Violin Concerto in D, Op. 35. Mr. Ayala Pool is a very active chamber musician, and his broad repertoire includes works from all eras. He is part of the clarinet, violin and piano trio STR3TTO, and he is first violin of the Adrian String Quartet. As a Baroque violinist with the early music chamber ensemble Fantasmi, Mr. Ayala Pool toured Colombia and Puerto Rico in November 2021 and the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany in July 2022. He also is a founding member of the new music collective Homegrown, a non-profit organization that highlights and performs works from local composers in multiple areas of the country and leads an active role in a mission to get new music performed.

**Polly Klein** is the sixth generation of musicians in her family. She started to play the violin at the age of five and by the age of nine she had her debut with the Bach Chamber Orchestra in Russia. During her early formative years, both in Russia and in Israel, she won several competitions such as the International Mstislav and Leopold Rostropovich Competition in 2015, XII Delphic Games in 2017, David Grits Competition in 2021, and the most recent one the University of North Texas Concerto Competition. As part of her



award, she will perform with the Dallas Blue Candlelight music series during the 2023–2024 season. Since 2021 she moved to the United States to study at the University of North Texas with Professor Julia Bushkova and during the summer of 2022 attended the Brevard Music Center Festival. Since 2022 she has been a member of the UNT Baroque Orchestra, conducted by professor Paul Leenhouts and studying baroque violin with Cynthia Roberts. As a member of Ensemble Fantasmi she toured Germany and the Czech Republic in July 2023. In her free time in Israel, Polly Klein used to perform in ensembles with her family different styles of music, such as klezmer, gypsy jazz, classical music, and arrangements by her father.

**Emma Milian** graduated from the Eastman School of Music in May 2023 with a bachelor's degree in violin performance, a certificate in arts leadership, and a certificate in performance practice. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Ms. Milian now studies with Julia Bushkova at the University of North Texas College of Music and holds a position in the Bancroft String Quartet. Ms. Milian is a violinist with a wide variety of musical interests including contemporary works and early music. In 2017, she premiered *Sunburst*, a work by Charlie Peck for piano quartet at Weill Recital Hall. More recently, she has performed in the Rochester Early Music Festival with the Eastman



Collegium and performed as concertmaster in the Eastman Bach Cantata series, Eastman Symphony Orchestra, and Eastman Philharmonia. Ms. Milian served as the concertmaster for the Empire Film and Media Ensemble from 202—2023. She also recently recorded the score (composed by Mark Watters) to WXXI's upcoming documentary on Eastman. You may hear her as principal second violin in the orchestral recordings, and first violin in the piano quintet recordings. In addition to her work in Rochester, Ms. Milian has performed in many venues across New York City, including Carnegie Hall, the Dimenna Center for Classical Music, Symphony Space, and the National Arts Club. Ms. Milian currently subs in the Texarkana Symphony, and plays with the UNT Symphony Orchestra and the UNT Baroque Orchestra.

#### **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

# Sunday, February 18, 2024, 3:00 pm Winspear Hall

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquila

# Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 8:00 pm Voertman Hall

Musica da Camera & da Chiesa: 16th–18th century chamber music works

# Friday, April 12, 2024, 7:30 pm Winspear Hall

UNT Baroque Orchestra & Vox Aquila

#### **EARLY MUSIC STUDIES**

Paul Leenhouts, Director of Early Music Studies, Director of
UNT Baroque Orchestra
David Štech, Assistant Director of Baroque Orchestra
Allen Hightower, Director of Vox Aquilae
Dong Hyun Kang, Vox Aquilae conducting associate
Karim Ayala Pool & Josue Reyes, UNT Baroque Orchestra assistants

#### **EARLY MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL FACULTY**

Brad Bennight - harpsichord & basso continuo
Daniel Bubeck - voice
Adam Gordon - baroque trumpet
Jennifer Lane - voice
Na'ama Lion - baroque flute
Stacie Mickens - natural horn
Arash Noori - lute, theorbo & baroque guitar
Gudrun Raschen - double bass & chamber music
Cynthia Roberts - baroque violin & baroque viola
Sydney ZumMallen - baroque violoncello & viola da gamba

#### MUSICOLOGY FACULTY

Bernardo Illari

#### **COLLEGE OF MUSIC ADMINISTRATION**

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