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OCTOBER 8-9 & 14-15

Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

IN PERSON OR AT HOME

Erica Schuller, Molly Netter, Rebecca Myers, *soprano* Jacob Perry & Steven Caldicott Wilson, *tenor*

The exoticism of the East and the structure of the West. They met in Venice in 1610 – and the splendor resounded. Jeannette Sorrell leads chorus, strings, brass, lutes, and soloists in Monteverdi's sumptuous masterpiece.

Saturday, October 8, 8:00pm Sunday, October 9, 4:00pm Friday, October 14, 7:30pm Saturday, October 15, 8:00pm First Baptist Church, SHAKER HEIGHTS St. Raphael Catholic Church, BAY VILLAGE St. Paul's Episcopal Church, AKRON First Baptist Church, SHAKER HEIGHTS



NOVEMBER 10-13

Storms & Tempests

Amanda Forsythe, soprano

The wild power of nature inspires this program of orchestral showpieces, including Vivaldi's Tempesta di Mare (Storm at Sea) concerto featuring violinist Alan Choo; Marais' tempest scene from Alcione; and gorgeous arias sung by Amanda Forsythe.

Thursday, November 10, 7:30pm Friday, November 11, 7:30pm Saturday, November 12, 8:00pm Sunday, November 13, 4:00pm

First United Methodist, AKRON **ROCKY RIVER Presbyterian** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS



DECEMBER 6-11

Handel's MESSIAH

IN PERSON **OR AT HOME**

Sonya Headlam & Erica Schuller, soprano | Amanda Crider, mezzo-soprano Steven Caldicott Wilson, tenor | Edward Vogel, baritone

Sound the trumpet! Jeannette Sorrell, soloists, and chorus bring their nationally acclaimed interpretation of Messiah back home to Northeast Ohio. The singers become musical storytellers, bringing spirituality and theatricality to Handel's richly layered masterpiece.

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00pm Wednesday, December 7, 7:00pm Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm Saturday, December 10, 8:00pm Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm

Federated Church, CHAGRIN FALLS LAKEWOOD United Methodist St. Paul's Episcopal Church, AKRON First Baptist Church, SHAKER HEIGHTS First Baptist Church, SHAKER HEIGHTS



FEBRUARY 2-5

MUSE OF

Alan Choo, violin & direction Andréa Walker, soprano | Edward Vogel, baritone

A profound spirituality inspired many 17th-century composers to scale the heights of virtuosity. Alan Choo and 7 friends continue their exploration of Biber's stunning Sonatas on the Mysteries of the Rosary alongside sacred vocal works.

Thursday, February 2, 7:30pm Friday, February 3, 7:30pm Saturday, February 4, 8:00pm Sunday, February 5, 4:00pm

First United Methodist, AKRON St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS **ROCKY RIVER Presbyterian**



MARCH 8-10

Exile Music of the Jewish & African Diasporas

IN PERSON OR AT HOME

Rent from their homes and scattered across the earth, exiled peoples have often found strength and resilience in their music. This new program from Jeannette Sorrell begins where "O Jerusalem!" ended – celebrating the interwoven connections of the Sephardic, Ashkenazy, Palestinian, and African traditions.

Wednesday, March 8, 7:30pm Thursday, March 9, 7:30pm Friday, March 10, 7:30pm

The BATH Church UCC The Temple-Tifereth Israel, BEACHWOOD St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Also on April 4 at Avon Lake, see Send-Off Concerts on next page



MAY 10-13

A RETURN TO **Bach's Coffeebouse**

A famous Leipzig coffeehouse in the 18th century was the scene of lively musical duels, as J.S. Bach led concerts featuring double-concertos. Our musical fencing matches include Bach's *Concerto for Oboe & Violin* and Telemann's *Concerto for Flute & Recorder*.

Wednesday, May 10, 7:30pm Thursday, May 11, 7:30pm Friday, May 12, 7:30pm Saturday, May 13, 8:00pm First United Methodist, AKRON ROCKY RIVER Presbyterian Church St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS



APRIL 4 & 8

PLUS... TOUR SEND-OFF CONCERTS!

Join us for a festive send-off (with champagne reception) as our musicians warm up their 2 programs for our European tour. – Or better yet, plan to come with us! London (UK), Heidelberg (Germany), and more...!

EXILE & RESILIENCE: Music of the Jewish & African DiasporasTuesday, April 4, 7:30pmAVON LAKE UCC

VIVALDI'S Four Seasons – rediscovered | Francisco Fullana, violin Saturday, April 8, 7:30pm Federated Church, CHAGRIN FALLS

AND... the popular **BAROQUE BISTRO** is concerts are back! Details coming soon.

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