



2019 Festival June 2nd through 9th



I trust this holiday season is a vibrant and fulfilling time for you and your family.

One week from tonight, the Bach Virtuosi Festival is proud to extend our gratitude to the people of Portland with a FREE concert. We will be at Cinemagic (183 County Road in Westbrook)

on **Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM** to share a live concert of Handel's *Messiah* from **Trinity Church Wall Street** with performances by world renowned members of the Bach Virtuosi Festival.

This past Friday, the New York Times called Trinity's Messiah "The Best in New York." (Click the link to read the article in its entirety). We are proud that this production features BVF musicians, trumpet John Thiessen, oboe Priscilla Herreid, and vocalists Jonathan Woody and Brian Giebler.

We sat down with Brian Giebler to discuss Trinity's *Messiah* and how he feels to perform in Portland, in front of such a vibrant audience. Take a few minutes to watch this video and then RSVP below for Monday's concert (**RSVPs are REQUIRED** to keep an accurate count of attendees; only 150 seats remain, so reserve your seat at this holiday gathering quickly).

VIDEO: Tenor Brian Giebler

In addition to the performance on Monday night at Cinemagic, I am pleased to be performing at St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday, December 16 during Morning Mass. This is very kind of the good people from St. Luke's to welcome me for a short performance. Additionally, I will be sharing the holiday spirit with the residents at Ocean View in Falmouth, and speaking about the holiday spirit with Robin Rilette on Maine Public Radio on Monday morning.

Finally, I spoke with Bob Keyes from the Portland Press Herald recently and shared with him our growing vision for BVF. His article will be in the paper on Thursday and online earlier in the week, so keep an eye out for it.

There is so much to be grateful for and we want to express this to our friends in Portland with this FREE holiday gift. As I mentioned in my past newsletter, the vision for this festival continues to dynamically grow and that is thanks to you! The Portland community has embraced the Bach Virtuosi Festival since its inception and for this reason, we involve you in our mission:

Brilliance. Passion. Community.

I look forward to thanking many of our supporters in person and expressing our appreciation of your past and future support of the Bach Virtuosi Festival at the Handel's *Messiah* concert, our holiday gift to the Portland community. Please reserve your seats today; we expect the theater to be at full capacity.

Wishing all of you happy holidays!
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A Holiday Gift to the Portland Community

This holiday gift to the Portland community is **FREE**, but we do need an accurate count of attendees for the theater, so **RSVPs are REQUIRED**.

[RSVP for Messiah & Invite Friends](#)

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LEWIS KAPLAN, DIRECTOR

JUNE 2-9, 2019

"Can't miss classical event of the summer" — *Boston Globe, Classical Music Critics*

Visit our website and sign up for details about our Dec. 17th simulcast of

Messiah,

a live performance airing at Cinemagic
on County Road in Westbrook.

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Video with tenor Brian Giebler

"My favorite thing about singing
Messiah is..."

"that's the Aria I am singing in this
year's Messiah..."

"The thing that is so special about
Trinity's Messiah is..."

"you kind of hear what Messiah
would have sounded like back in
1741..."

[Watch Brian Giebler's Video](#)

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**"Some of the world's foremost Bach interpreters...I never
heard anything as good as what Lewis Kaplan has brought to
Portland."**

— Chris Hyde, Maine Classical Beat

About the Bach Virtuosi Festival

Bach Virtuosi Festival concerts are held in intimate spaces: St. Luke's Cathedral, Etz Chaim Synagogue, and Falmouth Congregational Church, all with marvelous acoustics so attendees can be close to the musicians and further their appreciation for this music.

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