

BACH VIRTUOSI Festival

2019 Festival June 2nd through 9th

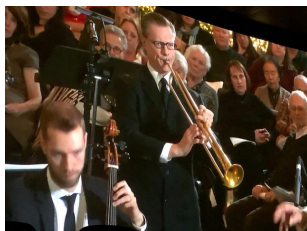


Last night, 250 people from the Portland area came together at the Cinemagic Theater in Westbrook to share a free concert, a gift to the people of Portland from the Bach Virtuosi Festival. For this many people to gather on a Monday evening, one week before Christmas, after having just received 3-4 inches of

snow, is really inspirational to me. I woke this morning with a smile on my face for what this means to Southern Maine communities and how grateful I am to bring the Bach Virtuosi Festival to Maine each summer.

As we had hoped, last night's performance was a magical experience. The article from the New York Times calling the Trinity Wall Street version of Handel's Messiah, "**The Best in New York**" was accurate. The musicians of the Bach Virtuosi Festival, who participated in this orchestra, were tremendous. I applaud **John Thiessen** (trumpet), **Priscilla Herreid** (oboe), **Jonathan Woody** (baritone) and **Brian Giebler** (tenor) for their respective parts, as well as the entire Trinity Wall Street orchestra and Music Director Julian Wachner.

Our vision for this free concert was to bring people together to share the inspirational beauty of Handel's Messiah as a gift to Portland. The stories we heard last night are moving. One gentleman, a conductor, brought his eight- and six-year old children, who are studying double bass and violin from him and his wife, to last night's performance – and they stayed until the end (10pm on a school night) of the concert enthralled by what they experienced. This is why we get together for these events!



John Thiessen



Jonathan Woody



Brian Giebler

Buy your loved ones a season pass to the
2019 Bach Virtuosi Festival

TICKETS Available	CONCERTS
by phone, website or at the box office	Sunday, June 2 ALL BACH - <i>The World-Renowned Artists of the BVF</i>
PortTIX Box Office Hrs: Mon-Sat 12-6 20 Myrtle Street, Portland, ME 04101 207.842.0800	Tuesday, June 4 BEFORE BACH AND BEYOND - <i>Timeless Inspiration</i>
BachVirtuosiFestival.org	Thursday, June 6 BACH IN THE SYNAGOGUE - <i>Featuring the Brandenburg Concerto #5</i>
	Sunday, June 9 BACH. HANDEL. SCARLATTI - <i>Celebrating 1685</i>
	Free Concert - Saturday, June 8 - Falmouth Congregational Church

Season Passes and Individual Concert Tickets
ON SALE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th

PortTIX

Looking to the upcoming summer, **season passes and individual concert tickets for the Bach Virtuosi Festival go on sale through PortTIX tomorrow morning** (*subtly stated, this would make for a lovely Christmas gift*). We hope that last night's performance inspires you to think about the passion of the musicians from the Bach Virtuosi Festival and to conclude 2018 by thinking about June 2019 through the purchase of tickets. The price of individual concert tickets will remain the same as it was this past summer, and the season ticket pass has only gone up by \$20, another gift to the Portland community.

[Buy Tickets](#)

I recently wrote in our newsletter that this season inspires us to think about all that we have and the many things to be grateful for in our lives and to express that gratitude. I once again echo, on behalf of the Bach Virtuosi musicians and staff, thank you to the Portland community. Thank you for appreciating the brilliance of J.S. Bach and early music; thank you for valuing the passion of the BVF musicians; and thank you for being such a vibrant and wonderful community. Our mission statement says it all:

Brilliance. Passion. Community.

I wish all of you happy holidays!

Lewis

**"A rock-solid ensemble, magnificently polished...
sizzling, steeped in lushness!"**

—Allan Kozinn, Portland Press Herald

"Can't Miss Classical Event of the Summer!"

—Boston Globe Classical Critic's Picks

**"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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