

VoxAmaDeus

Valentin Radu, *Artistic Director & Conductor*

Concert Season 37



2023
2024

♪ Note from the Maestro

Thirty-seven continuous seasons strong, VoxAmaDeus is proud to continue its tradition of presenting extraordinary concerts that bring to life beautiful music by Renaissance, Baroque and Classical masters. A program of fabulous works has been selected for our three performing groups. And in January, **Winter Soirée** offers an intimate musical encounter with brilliant British piano virtuoso Peter Donohoe.

Camerata Ama Deus opens the season with our annual celebrations of two perennially favorite composers—Bach in September (**BachFest**) and Vivaldi in October (**Vivaldissimo**)—each having almost inexhaustible troves of musical treasures. In March, **Brilliant Baroque** will showcase seven other great Baroque composers from across Europe, in a delightful program of new-to-our-programming works. In April, **ABC** again brings together the amazing three-plus-one Baroque superstars (Albinoni, Bach, and Corelli—and Avison), featuring exciting works by this fabulous four. All Camerata concerts include Maestro's engaging "live notes".

Vox Renaissance Consort performs two enchanting concert series that will transport you back in time to the glory of Old Europe, with lush costumes and period instruments, and heavenly music of European masters, as well as traditional carols. In addition to the annual December **Renaissance Noël** is another uplifting concert series, **Renaissance Candlemas** in February, which features beautiful sacred motets in honor of this midwinter Christian feast.

Ama Deus Ensemble presents five exciting concerts, beginning at the Kimmel Center in November with **Brahms Requiem**, Johannes Brahms' profoundly moving *A German Requiem* and gorgeous vocal and instrumental works. Then, December brings our traditional **Handel Messiah** on Baroque instruments. In January, we are back at the Kimmel Center where British piano virtuoso Peter Donohoe will dazzle in **Gershwin & More**, featuring favorite works of Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and John Williams, as well as two special "guest" composers: George Enescu and Luc Radu. Our Good Friday concert presents Bach's sublime masterpiece in **Bach Mass in B Minor**. And to close an amazing season, the grand finale concert in June, **Mozart Missa Solemnis**, a selection of glorious Mozart works including his last complete Mass.

Mark your calendars and be a part of VoxAmaDeus's fabulous Concert Season 37!



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Concert 37 Season

**2023
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BachFest

Camerata Ama Deus

Sep 10 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Vivaldissimo

Camerata Ama Deus

Oct 14 8 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Oct 15 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Brahms Requiem (In memoriam Lewis du Pont Smith)

Ama Deus Ensemble

Nov 17 8 pm Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Handel Messiah

Ama Deus Ensemble

Dec 1 7 pm St Paul's Episcopal Church
Dec 3 4 pm Daylesford Abbey
Dec 15 7 pm St Mark's Church
Dec 17 4 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Renaissance Noël

Vox Renaissance Consort

Dec 9 8 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Dec 10 4 pm Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College

Gershwin & More

Ama Deus Ensemble

Peter Donohoe, piano
Jan 12 8 pm Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Winter Soirée

Peter Donohoe, piano

Jan 14 4 pm Church of the Good Samaritan

Renaissance Candlemas

Vox Renaissance Consort

Feb 3 8 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Feb 4 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Brilliant Baroque

Camerata Ama Deus

Mar 2 8 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Mar 3 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Bach Mass in B Minor

Ama Deus Ensemble

Mar 29 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

ABC: Albinoni, Bach & Corelli

(In memoriam Ruth Williams)

Camerata Ama Deus

Valentin Radu, piano
Apr 28 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Mozart Missa Solemnis

Ama Deus Ensemble

Valentin Radu, piano
Jun 2 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Programs subject to change

Our costs have significantly increased. Prices reflect a small price increase (first since 2017!)

General Admission concert venue prices (all non-Kimmel Center concerts):

Full price tickets: \$40 Adults, \$30 Seniors (65+)

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Kimmel Center concerts: \$30 - \$100 (purchase from Kimmel Cultural Campus Box Office)

Be a part of Maestro's Inner Circle with a Season Pass—save even more!

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Camerata Ama Deus

Chamber Orchestra

BachFest

Sunday, September 10 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Thomas DiSarlo violin **Kimberly Reighley** flute

Thomas Jackson violin **Valentin Radu** piano

Johann Sebastian Bach:

Violin Concerto in a minor, BWV 1041

Orchestral Suite No. 2 in b minor, BWV 1067

Air on the G String from Suite No. 3, BWV 1068

Concerto for Two Violins in d minor, BWV 1043

Piano Concerto in D Major, BWV 1054

We open our Season 37 in tribute to the great Johann Sebastian Bach, featuring a diverse and exciting selection of his instrumental compositions. The program includes two orchestral works—the Suite No. 2, with its brilliant and demanding passages for the flute soloist, and “Air on the G String” from Suite No. 3—as well as works for piano (with Maestro on the Bösendorfer grand piano) and violin, including the famous Double Violin Concerto, all with Maestro’s customary “live notes.”

Running time:

90 minutes – no intermission



Thomas DiSarlo



Kim Reighley



Valentin Radu



Thomas Jackson



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Concert Venues

Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields (SM)
8000 St Martin's Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19118

The Great Hall
Bryn Mawr College
212 N. Merion Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19001

Saint Mark's Church (SMK)
1625 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Saint Katharine of Siena Church (SK)
Lancaster & Aberdeen Avenues
Wayne, PA 19087

Daylesford Abbey (DA)
220 South Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301

Kimmel Cultural Campus
300 S Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (SP)
22 East Chestnut Hill Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2023

Camerata Ama Deus

Baroque Chamber Orchestra

Vivaldissimo

Saturday, October 14 8:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill

Sunday, October 15 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Thomas DiSarlo, Linda Kistler violin

Sarah Davol oboe, **Bob Wagner** trumpet

Antonio Vivaldi:

Sinfonia in C Major, RV 116

Concerto for Oboe in a minor, RV 461

Sinfonia in G Major, RV 802

Concerto for Violin in D Major, RV 204

Sinfonia in D Major, RV 122

Concerto for Trumpet in d minor, RV 454

Sinfonia in B flat Major, RV 162

Concerto for Two Violins in E flat Major, RV 515

Concerto for Trumpet and Oboe in D Major, RV 563

Our annual autumn concert celebrates the inexhaustible inventiveness of Antonio Vivaldi, the Venetian master whose works never fail to delight and uplift. Featured in this program are four recently discovered sinfonias (concertos for string orchestra), three concertos for solo instruments (violin, oboe, and trumpet), and two fabulous double concertos—for two violins, and for trumpet and oboe—performed by our stellar soloists. As is customary, Maestro introduces each work with his engaging “live notes.”

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



Linda Kistler



Thomas DiSarlo



Bob Wagner



Sarah Davol



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NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

Brahms Requiem

(In memoriam Lewis du Pont Smith)

Friday, November 17 8:00 PM Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Kara Goodrich soprano **Chelsea Laggan** alto **Keith Miller** bass

Johannes Brahms:

Ave Maria, Opus 12

Two Lieder for soprano, orchestrated by Max Reger:

We Wandered Once, Op. 96, No. 2

In Lonely Wood, Op. 85, No. 6

Alto Rhapsody, Op. 53

Variations on Haydn's "St. Anthony Chorale", Op. 56

Sapphic Ode, Op. 94, No. 4

A German Requiem, Op. 45

One of the "Three B's" along with Bach and Beethoven, Johannes Brahms returns to our programming after an absence of several years. Along with his profoundly moving *Requiem*, this concert will also include the Variations on the "St. Anthony Chorale," as well as four works that we present for the first time: his stunning *Ave Maria*, three of his many beautiful Lieder, and the stirring *Alto Rhapsody*, based on a poem by Goethe, a poignant expression of the pain of lost love.

Running time: 2 hours 30 minutes – one intermission



Kara Goodrich



Chelsea Laggan



Keith Miller



DECEMBER 1, 3, 15 & 17, 2023

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Baroque Orchestra

Handel Messiah

Friday, December 1	7:00 PM	St Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill
Sunday, December 3	4:00 PM	Daylesford Abbey, Paoli
Friday, December 15	7:00 PM	St Mark's Church, Philadelphia
Sunday, December 17	4:00 PM	St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Megan Monaghan soprano

Chelsea Laggan alto

Timothy Bentsch tenor

Ed Bara bass

From its very first performance in Dublin in 1742, *Messiah* was a huge sensation. For more than three decades, VoxAmaDeus has presented to the Philadelphia region annual performances of Handel's masterpiece, now a Christmas season tradition. Remaining true to Handel's vision, this is the complete work performed on original Baroque instruments. But Maestro Radu makes a few changes each time, so no two performances are ever quite the same. This will be the 2023 edition! This year, make *Messiah* part of your Advent/Christmas tradition—and come and be uplifted!

Running time: 2 hours – no intermission



Megan Monaghan



Chelsea Laggan



Timothy Bentsch



Ed Bara



DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2023

Vox Renaissance Consort

Voices & Period Instruments

Renaissance Noël

Saturday, December 9 8:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
Sunday, December 10 4:00 PM The Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College

This season marks the 37th consecutive year of our annual tradition of magical Renaissance Noël concerts by the Vox Renaissance Consort, celebrating the glorious Renaissance Christmas music of Old Europe, with masterpieces for single and double chorus, solo voices, and period instruments. A unique feature of these concerts is our Renaissance Consort performers exquisitely attired in lush Renaissance costumes. Come and experience a joyful and traditional old-world Noël!

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



JANUARY 12, 2024

Ama Deus Ensemble

Symphony Orchestra

Gershwin & More

Friday, January 12 8:00 PM Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Peter Donohoe piano



George Gershwin: **John Williams:**

Cuban Overture

Theme from Jurassic Park

Variations on "I Got Rhythm"

Raiders March

Concerto in F

Star Wars Suite

Rhapsody in Blue

Duke Ellington

A Medley, arr Calvin Custer

Luc Radu

A Soldier's Return

George Enescu

Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A Major, Op. 11

Our traditional January concert returns as a joyful celebration of music by Gershwin "and more" great American composers, featuring internationally renowned British piano virtuoso, Peter Donohoe. Well-known Gershwin favorites, movie themes of John Williams, and popular songs of Duke Ellington are complemented by two works of special note: the fabulous Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 of George Enescu, first introduced here four years ago, and the premiere of the medley *A Soldier's Return*, a rousing new work by young film and television composer Luc Radu.

Running time: 2 hours 30 minutes – one intermission



This concert sponsored by

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JANUARY 14, 2024

Maestro's Special Guest

Extraordinary Solo Piano Concert

Winter Soirée

Peter Donohoe piano

Sunday, January 14 4 PM Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli

Join us for an intimate musical afternoon featuring the brilliant artistry of British piano virtuoso Peter Donohoe, as he performs a selection of masterworks by Schumann, Chopin and Albeniz that he has chosen especially for this soirée and for which, with his characteristic charm, he also provides fascinating commentary.

Running time: 60 minutes – no intermission

Peter Donohoe

FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024

Vox Renaissance Consort

Voices & Period Instruments

Renaissance Candlemas

Saturday, February 3 8:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
 Sunday, February 4 7:00 PM St. Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

The Vox Renaissance Consort returns for an uplifting program of Renaissance motets, sacred choral works celebrating the Christian feast of Candlemas. As in our Renaissance Noël, the singers are joined by a small ensemble of period instruments and attired in lush Renaissance dress, making this delightful evening a feast for the eyes as well as for the ears.

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission

MARCH 2 & 3, 2024

Camerata Ama Deus

Baroque Chamber Orchestra

Brilliant Baroque

Saturday, March 2 8:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
 Sunday, March 3 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Thomas DiSarlo violin**Steven Zohn** baroque flute**Rainer Beckmann** recorder**Paul Futer** trumpet

Giuseppe Sammartini Concerto for Soprano Recorder in F Major

Charles Avison Concerto Grosso after Scarlatti, No. 10 in D Major

Johann Joachim Quantz Flute Concerto in G Major, QV 5:173

Jean-Marie Leclair Violin Concerto in a minor, Op. 7, No. 5

Georg Telemann Flute & Recorder Concerto in a minor, TWV 52:a2

Francesco Geminiani Concerto Grosso in d minor, "La Follia"

Alessandro Marcello Trumpet Concerto in d minor, S.Z799



Thomas DiSarlo

Rainer Beckmann
and Steven Zohn

Paul Futer

Beyond Bach and Vivaldi, many other composers contributed to the splendor of the Baroque era, and this concert presents seven of them, some familiar, others less so, from across Europe—Germany, Italy, France, and England. Recently featured composers Telemann and Avison are joined by other masters that have been rarely heard (or are new to our programming), including Marcello and Leclair, Quantz and Geminiani, in sparkling gems for recorder, Baroque flute, violin, trumpet, and orchestra. Complementing this thrilling program are Maestro's engaging and customary "live notes"!

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermissionThe Camerata concert series is sponsored by **The Phelan Family Foundation**

MARCH 29, 2024

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

Bach Mass in B Minor

Friday, March 29 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Rachel Sigman soprano

Chelsea Laggan alto

Colin Doyle tenor

Richard Zuch bass

Johann Sebastian Bach: Mass in B Minor, BWV 232

For this Good Friday, we present a work that is generally regarded as one of the supreme achievements of classical music, Bach's monumental Mass in B minor. Bach worked more than half his life on this Mass, completing the final movements only in 1749, the year before he died. It was his last major undertaking and the glorious summation of all his musical knowledge. Signed, as were most of his compositions, with "S.D.G." (*Soli Deo gloria*, "to God alone be the glory"), this sublime masterpiece by the "fifth evangelist" is a fitting work to honor this sacred day.

Running time: 2 hours – no intermission



Valentin Radu



Rachel Sigman



Chelsea Laggan



Colin Doyle



Richard Zuch



APRIL 28, 2024

Camerata Ama Deus

Chamber Orchestra

ABC: Albinoni, Bach & Corelli

(In memoriam Ruth Williams)

Sunday, April 28 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Robert Spates violin

Sarah Davol oboe

Valentin Radu piano



Valentin Radu

Tomaso Albinoni:

Concerto for Oboe in C Major, Op. 9, No. 5

Concerto for Oboe and Violin in G Major, Op. 9, No. 6

Charles Avison:

Concerto Grosso after Scarlatti, No. 8 in e minor

Concerto Grosso after Scarlatti, No. 9 in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach:

Piano Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055

Arcangelo Corelli:

Concerto Grosso in D Major, Op. 6, No. 1

Concerto Grosso in C Major, Op. 6, No. 10

An annual tradition celebrating three (plus one) Baroque superstars, Albinoni, Bach, and Corelli—the Baroque ABC—where the "A" also includes Charles Avison. The program features the Maestro, both as conductor and soloist on the Bösendorfer Grand Piano, plus exhilarating single and double concertos for oboe and violin, all with Maestro's "live notes."



Robert Spates



Sarah Davol

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



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JUNE 2, 2024

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

Mozart Missa Solemnis

Sunday, June 2 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Megan Monaghan soprano

Chelsea Laggan alto

Colin Doyle tenor

Ed Bara bass

Thomas DiSarlo violin

Valentin Radu piano

Overture to *The Magic Flute*, K. 620

Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major, K. 218

Exsultate jubilate, K. 165

Piano Concerto No. 20 in d minor, K. 466

Missa solemnis in C Major, K. 337

An exhilarating finale to our Season 37, this concert features a selection of fascinating works by Mozart, including both choral and instrumental masterpieces. Solo concertos for violin and piano (with Maestro on St. Katharine's magnificent Bösendorfer), the delightful overture to the *The Magic Flute*, the exquisite *Exsultate jubilate* for soprano soloist, and finally, for the first time in our programming, Mozart's last complete setting of the Mass, his festive *Missa solemnis*. Don't miss this fabulous conclusion to our Concert Season 37!

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



Valentin Radu



Thomas DiSarlo



Megan Monaghan



Chelsea Laggan



Colin Doyle



Ed Bara



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