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BACH AT ST. BART'S

LEON BOTSTEIN, CONDUCTOR

C.P.E. BACH (1714-1788)

Heilig, H.775 (1776)

LEAH WOOL, mezzo-soprano

C.P.E. BACH (1714-1788)

Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu, H.777 (1774 - 78)

U.S. Premiere

Erster Teil (Part One)

Intermission

Zweiter Teil (Part Two)

MEI GUI ZHANG, soprano TERRENCE CHIN-LOY, tenor TROY COOK, baritone

Today's concert will run approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes, including a 20-minute intermission.

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June 6, 2025 at Carnegie Hall

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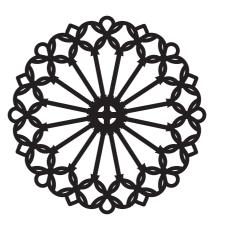
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TEXT & TRANSLATIONS

C.P.E. BACH Heilig mit zwei Chören und einer Ariette zur Einleitung (Holy with two choirs and an ariette as an introduction)

Herr, wert, daß Scharen der Engel dir dienen und daß dich der Glaube der Völker verehrt, ich danke dir. Herr!

Sei mir gepriesen unter ihnen!

Ich jauchze dir!

Und jauchzend lobsingen dir Engel und Völker mit mir.

Heilig, heilig ist Gott der Herr Zebaoth!
Alle Lande sind seiner Ehren voll.

Herr Gott, dich loben wir! Herr Gott, wir danken dir!* Lord, who is worthy to be served by angels, and who is honored by all peoples who believe, I thank you, Lord!

I thank you, Lord!

Let me praise you along with others!

I laud you!

And the angels and people joyfully sing your praises with me.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of his glory.
We praise thee, O God,

We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.*

Translation of the Ariette © 2017 by Ruth B. Libbey. Translations of the Heilig and Te Deum texts based, respectively, on Isaiah 6:3 (King James Version) and the Book of Common Prayer.

C.P.E. BACH Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu (The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus)

ERSTER TEIL

1. Einleitung

2. Chor

Gott, du wirst seine Seele nicht in der Hölle lassen und nicht zugeben, dass dein Heiliger die Verwesung sehe!

3. Accompagnement

Judäa zittert! Seine Berge beben!

Der Jordan flieht den Strand!—

Was zitterst du, Judäens Land?

Ihr Berge, warum bebt ihr so?

Was war dir, Jordan, dass dein Strom zurückefloh?

Der Herr der Erde steigt

empor aus ihrem Schoß, tritt auf den Fels und zeigt der staunenden Natur sein Leben.—

Des Himmels Myriaden liegen auf der Luft rings um ihn her, und Cherub Michael fährt nieder und rollt des vorgeworfnen Steines Last

hinweg von seines Königs Gruft.

Sein Antlitz flammt, sein Auge glühet. Die Schar der Römer stürzt erblasst

auf ihre Schilde: "Flieht, ihr Brüder!

Der Götter Rache trifft uns: Fliehet!"

4. Arie

Mein Geist, voll Furcht und Freude, bebet! Der Fels zerspringt! Die Nacht wird lichte! Seht. wie er auf den Lüften schwebet!

PART I

1. Introduction

2. Chorus

God, you will not leave his soul in hell and not allow that your Holy One shall see decay!

3. Accompanied Recitative

Judaea trembles! Its mountains shake!
The Jordan flees its banks!—
Do you tremble, land of the Judaeans?
Your mountains, why do you shake so?
What was the matter Jordan that your

What was the matter, Jordan, that your stream retreated? The Lord of Earth rises up from its bosom, treads upon

The Lord of Earth rises up from its bosom, treads upon the stone and shows astonished Nature his life.—
The throngs of heaven rest on the air all about him, and cherub Michael descends and rolls away from his king's grave the weight of the stone that had been thrown in front of it.

His countenance flames his eye glows

His countenance flames, his eye glows. Turned pale, the horde of Romans fall on their shields: "Flee, you brothers! The revenge of the gods strikes us: Flee!"

4. Aria

My soul, full of fear and joy, tremble! The rock shatters! Night becomes day! See how he hovers on the breezes!

^{*} In the second part of this chorus the first two lines of the German Te Deum are inserted. The English translations of the Heilig and Te Deum texts are based, respectively, on Isaiah 6:3 (King James Version) and the Book of Common Prayer.

Seht, wie von seinem Angesichte
die Glorie der Gottheit strahlt!
Rang Jesus nicht mit tausend Schmerzen?
Empfing sein Gott nicht seine Seele?
Floss nicht sein Blut aus seinem Herzen?
Hat nicht der Held in dieser Höhle
der Erde seine Schuld bezahlt?

5. Chor

Triumph! Triumph! Des Herrn Gesalbter sieget! Er steigt aus seiner Felsengruft. Triumph! Triumph! Ein Chor von Engeln flieget mit lautem Jubel durch die Luft.

6. Accompagnement

Die frommen Töchter Sions gehn nicht ohne Staunen durch des offnen Grabes Tür. Mit Schaudern fahren sie zurück. Sie sehn, in Glanz gehüllt, den Boten des Ewigen, der freundlich spricht: "Entsetzt euch nicht! Ich weiß, ihr suchet euren Toten, den Nazaräer Jesus, hier, dass ihr ihn salbt, dass ihr ihn klagt. Hier ist er nicht. Die Stätte sehet ihr, die Grabetücher sind vorhanden. Ihn aber suchet bei den Toten nicht! Es ist erfüllt, was er zuvor gesagt: Er lebt! Er ist erstanden!"

7. Arie

Wie bang hat dich mein Lied beweint! "Ach, unser Trost, der Menschenfreund, sieht keinen Tröster, steht verlassen. Der blutet, der sein Volk geheilt; der Tote weckte, muss erblassen." So hat mein banges Lied geweint.

Heil mir! Du steigst vom Grab herauf. Mein Herz zerfließt in Freudenzähren, in Wonne löst mein Gram sich auf.

8. Accompagnement

Wer ist die Sionitin, die vom Grabe so schüchtern in den Garten flieht und weinet?-Nicht lange. Jesus selbst erscheinet, doch unerkannt, und spricht ihr zu: "O Tochter, warum weinest du?—" "Herr, sage, nahmst du meinen Herrn aus diesem Grabe? Wo liegt er? Ach vergönne, dass ich ihn hole, dass ich ihn mit Tränen netze, dass ich ihn mit diesen Salben noch im Tode salben könne, wie ich im Leben ihn gesalbt.-- ""Maria!" So ruft mit holder Stimm ihr Freund in seiner eigenen Gestalt: "Maria!—" "Mein Meister, ach!—" Sie fällt zu seinen Füßen nieder, umarmt sie, küsst sie, weint.-"Du sollst mich wiedersehen! Noch werd ich nicht zu meinem Vater gehen. Steh auf und suche meine Brüder und meinen Simon! Sag: Ich leb und will ihn sehen!"

See how the glory of divinity
beams forth from his face!

Did not Jesus contend with a thousand agonies?

Did his God not receive his soul?

Did his blood not flow from his heart?

Has the hero not paid his debt
in this cave of earth?

5. Chorus

Triumph! Triumph! The Lord's anointed one prevails! He rises from his grave of stone.
Triumph! Triumph! A choir of angels flies through the air with loud cheers.

6. Accompanied Recitative

The devout daughters of Zion go, not without astonishment, through the open grave's door. With shudders they go back. They see, clothed in radiance, the messenger of the Eternal, who amiably speaks: "Do not be dismayed!

I know, you seek your deceased, the Nazarene Jesus, here, that you may anoint him, that you may mourn him. He is not here. You see the place, the graveclothes are present.

But seek him not among the dead!

It is fulfilled, that which he said before: He lives! He is arisen!"

7. Aria

How anxiously my song has mourned you! "Ah, our comfort, the friend of mankind, finds no comforter, stands abandoned. He who healed his people bleeds; He who raised the dead must grow pale." Thus my anxious song has wept.

I rejoice! You arise from the grave. My heart melts away in tears of joy, my grief dissolves in bliss.

8. Accompanied Recitative

Who is the woman of Zion who from the grave so shyly flees into the garden and weeps?-Not long. Jesus himself appears, though unrecognized, and addresses her: "O daughter, why do you weep?—" "Sir, tell me, did you take my Lord from this grave? Where does he lie? Ah, grant that I may come get him, that I may wash him with tears, that I may anoint him with this salve even in death, as I anointed him in life."—"Maria!" Thus her friend called with lovely voice in his own form: "Maria—" "My master, ah!—" She falls down at his feet, embraces them, kisses them, weeps.— "You will see me again! I shall not yet go to my father. Arise and seek my brothers and my Simon! Say: I live and will see him!"

9. Duett

- Vater deiner schwachen Kinder, der Gefallne, der Betrübte hört von dir den ersten Trost.
- II. Tröster der gerührten Sünder, die dich suchte, die dich liebte, fand bei dir den ersten Trost.
- I, II. Tröster, Vater, Menschenfreund, o wie wird durch jede Zähre dein erbarmend Herz erweicht!
 - I. Sagt, wer unserm Gotte gleicht, der die Missetat vergibet?
 - II. Sagt, wer unserm Gotte gleicht, der den Missetäter liebet?
- I, II. Liebe, die du selbst geweint, o wie wird durch jede Zähre dein allgütig Herz erweicht!

10. Accompagnement

Freundinnen Jesu, sagt: Woher so oft in diesen Garten? Habt ihr nicht gehört, er lebe? Ihr zärtlichen Betrübten hofft, den Göttlichen zu sehn, den Magdalena sah?— Ihr seid erhört. Urplötzlich ist er da, und Aloen und Myrrhen düftet sein Gewand. "Ich bin es! Seid gegrüßt!—" Sie fallen zitternd nieder, sein Arm erhebt sie wieder. "Geht hin in unser Vaterland und sagt den Jüngern an: Ich lebe und fahre bald hinauf in meines Vaters Reich. Doch will ich alle sehn, bevor ich mich für euch zu meinem Gott und eurem Gott gen Himmel hebe."

II. Arie

Ich folge dir, verklärter Held, dir, Erstling der entschlafnen Frommen! Triumph! Der Tod ist weggenommen, der auf der Welt der Geister lag. Dies Fleisch, das in den Staub zerfällt, wächst fröhlich aus dem Staube wieder. Oh, ruht in Hoffnung, meine Glieder, bis an den großen Erntetag!

12. Chor

Tod! wo ist dein Stachel? Dein Sieg, o Hölle! wo ist er?— Unser ist der Sieg! Dank sei Gott, und Jesus ist Sieger.

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ZWEITER TEIL 13. Einleitung

14. Accompagnement

Dort seh ich aus den Toren
Jerusalems zwei Schüler Jesu gehn.
In Zweifeln ganz und ganz in Traurigkeit verloren
gehn sie durch Wald und Feld
und klagen ihren Herrn. Der Herr gesellt
sich zu den Traurenden, umnebelt ihr Gesicht,
hört ihre Zweifel an, gibt ihnen Unterricht:
"Der Held aus Juda, dem die Völker dienen sollen,
muss erst den Spott der Heiden
und seines Volks Verachtung leiden.
Der mächtige Prophet von Worten und von Taten

9. Duet

- I. Father of your weak children, the fallen, the afflicted, hears from you the first consolation.
- II. Comforter of the disquieted sinners, who sought you, who loved you, found the first consolation in you.
- I, II. Comforter, Father, friend of mankind, oh how shall your merciful heart be softened through each tear!
 - I. Say, who is like our God, who forgives misdeeds?
 - II. Say, who is like our God, who loves the wrongdoer?
- I, II. Love, who yourself have wept, oh how shall your all-gracious heart be softened by each tear!

10. Accompanied Recitative

Women friends of Jesus, say: why frequent this garden so? Have you not heard that he lives?
You tenderly sorrowful ones hope to see the divine one, whom Magadalene saw?—
You are heard. All of a sudden he is there, and his garb is scented with aloes and myrrh.
"It is I! Greetings!—" They fall down trembling; his arm lifts them up again.
"Go forth in our homeland and tell the disciples: I live and soon will go up into my father's kingdom.
Yet I will see them all, before I ascend into heaven to my God and your God."

II. Aria

I follow you, transfigured hero, you, firstborn among the departed pious!
Triumph! Death,
which blanketed the world of souls, is removed.
This flesh, which crumbles into dust,
rises joyously again from the dust.
Oh, rest in hope, my limbs,
until the great harvest day!

12. Chorus

Death! Where is thy sting? Thy victory, o hell! Where is it?—
Ours is the victory! Thanks be to God, and Jesus is victor.

PART II

13. Introduction

14. Accompanied Recitative

There I see two disciples of Jesus walk out through the gates of Jerusalem.

Lost completely in doubts and in sadness they walk through wood and field and lament for their Lord. The Lord joins the grieving, clouds over their face, hears their doubts, gives them instruction: "The hero from Judah, whom the people should serve, must first suffer the mockery of the gentiles and the contempt of his people.

The powerful prophet of words and of deeds

muss, durch den Freund, der mit ihm aß, verraten, verworfen durch den andern Freund, verlassen in der Not von allen, den bösen Rotten in die Hände fallen. Es treten Frevler auf und zeugen wider ihn: So spricht der Mund der Väter. Der König Israels verbirgt sein Angesicht vor Schmach und Speichel nicht. Er hält die Wangen ihren Streichen, den Rücken ihren Schlägen dar. Zur Schlachtbank hingeführt tut er den Mund nicht auf. Gerechnet unter Missetäter fleht er für sie zu Gott hinauf. Durchgraben hat man ihn, an Hand und Fuß durchgraben. Mit Essig tränkt man ihn in seinem großen Durst und mischet Galle drein. Sie schütteln ihren Kopf um ihn. Er wird auf kurze Zeit von Gott verlassen sein. Die Völker werden sehn, wen sie durchstochen haben! Man teilet sein Gewand, wirft um sein Kleid das Los. Er wird begraben wie die Reichen, und unverwest am Fleisch zieht Gott ihn aus dem Schoß der Erd hervor und stellt ihn auf den Fels. Er gehet in seine Herrlichkeit zu seinem Vater ein. Sein Reich wird ewig sein. Sein Name bleibt, so lange Mond und Sonne stehet." Die Rede heilt der Freunde Schmerz, mit Liebe wird ihr Herz zu diesem Gast entzündet. Sie lagern sich. Er bricht das Brot und saget Dank.

15. Arie

Willkommen, Heiland! Freut euch, Väter!
Die Hoffnung Zions ist erfüllt.
O dankt, ihr ungebornen Kinder!
Gott nimmt für eine Welt voll Sünder sein großes Opfer an.
Der Heilige stirbt für Verräter:
So wird des Richters Spruch erfüllt.
Er tritt das Haupt der Hölle nieder, er bringet die Rebellen wieder; der Himmel nimmt uns an.

Die Jünger kennen seinen Dank;

der Nebel fällt, sie sehn ihn, er verschwindet.

16. Chor

Triumph! Triumph! Der Fürst des Lebens sieget! Gefesselt führt er Höll und Tod. Triumph! Triumph! Die Siegesfahne flieget, sein Kleid ist noch vom Blute rot.

17. Recitativ

Elf auserwählte Jünger, bei verschlossnen Türen, die Wut der Feinde scheuend, freuen sich, dass Jesus wieder lebt.— "Ihr glaubt es, aber mich", erwidert Thomas, "soll kein falsch Gesicht verführen.—" "Ist er den Galiläerinnen nicht, auch diesem Simon nicht erschienen?

must, betrayed by the friend who ate with him, rejected by the other friend, abandoned in affliction by all, fall into the hands of the evil horde. The wicked come forth and testify against him: so speaks the word of the fathers. The King of Israel does not hide his face from shame and spitting. He presents his cheeks for their strikes, his back for their blows. Led to the slaughtering table, he does not open his mouth. Counted among miscreants, he prays for them to God above. They have pierced him, pierced him in hands and feet. In his great thirst they gave him vinegar to drink, and mixed gall with it. They shook their head at him. For a short time he will be abandoned by God. The people will see whom they have pierced! They divide his garb, draw lots for his robe. He will be buried like the rich. and uncorrupted in flesh God draws him out from the bosom of earth and stands him on a rock. He goes to his father in glory. His kingdom will be eternal. His name remains, as long as earth and sun stand." The speech heals the friends' pain. Their heart is set on fire with love for this guest. They settle themselves. He breaks the bread and gives

15. Aria

the cloud falls away; they see him; he disappears.

The hope of Zion is fulfilled.
Oh give thanks, you unborn children!
God accepts his great sacrifice
for a world full of sinners.
The holy one dies for traitors;
thus the judge's sentence is fulfilled.
He treads on the head of hell,
he brings the rebellious back again;
heaven accepts us.

The disciples recognize his thanks;

Welcome, Savior! Rejoice, fathers!

16. Chorus

Triumph! Triumph! The prince of life is victorious! He leads hell and death in shackles.
Triumph! Triumph! The flag of victory flies; his robe is still red with blood.

17. Recitative

Eleven chosen disciples, behind closed doors, shrinking from the rage of the enemies, rejoice that Jesus lives once more.— "You believe it, but no false face" replied Thomas, "shall lead me astray.—"
"Did he not appear to the women of Galilee,

Sahn ihn nicht Kleophas und sein Gefährte dort bei Emmahus? Ja hier, mein Freund, an diesem Ort sahn wir ihn alle selbst. Es waren seine Mienen, die Worte waren seinen Worten gleich, er aß mit uns." "Betrogen hat man euch! Ihr selbst, aus Sehnsucht, habt euch gern betrogen. Lasst mich ihn sehn, mit allen Nägelmalen sehn; dann glaub auch ich, es sei mein heißer Wunsch geschehn."

Und nun zerfließt die Wolke, die den Herrn umzogen, der mitten unter ihnen steht und spricht:
"Der Friede Gottes sei mit euch!
Und du, Schwachgläubiger, komm, siehe, zweifle
nicht!—"

"Mein Herr! mein Gott! ich seh, ich glaub, ich schweige.—"

"So geh in alle Welt und sei mein Zeuge!"

18. Arie

Mein Herr! mein Gott! mein Herr! mein Gott!
Dein ist das Reich! Die Macht ist dein!
So wahr dein Fuß dies Land betreten,
wirst du der Erde Schutzgott sein.
Jehovens Sohn wird uns vertreten.
Versöhnte, kommt, ihn anzubeten!
Erlöste, sagt ihm Dank!
Zu dir steigt mein Gesang empor

Zu dir steigt mein Gesang empor aus jedem Tal, aus jedem Hain. Dir will ich auf dem Feld Altäre und auf den Hügeln Tempel weihn. Lallt meine Zunge nicht mehr Dank, so sei der Ehrfurcht fromme Zähre mein letzter Lobgesang.

19. Chor

Triumph! Triumph! Der Sohn des Höchsten sieget! Er eilt vom Sühnaltar empor. Triumph! Triumph! Sein Vater ist vergnüget. Er nimmt uns in der Engel Chor.

20. Accompagnement

der Ölbaum und der Palmbaum schmücken. steht der Gesalbte Gottes. Um ihn stehn die seligen Gefährten seiner Pilgrimschaft. Sie sehn erstaunt von seinem Antlitz Strahlen gehn. Sie sehn in einer lichten Wolke den Flammenwagen warten, der ihn führen soll.-Sie beten an.— Er hebt die Hände zum letzten Segen auf: "Seid meines Geistes voll! Geht hin und lehrt bis an der Erden Ende, was ihr von mir gehört, das ewige Gebot der Liebe!— Gehet hin, tut meine Wunder!— Gehet hin, verkündigt allem Volke Versöhnung, Friede, Seligkeit!" Er sagt's, steigt auf, wird schnell empor getragen. Ein strahlendes Gefolg umringet seinen Wagen.

Auf einem Hügel, dessen Rücken

Did not Klephas and his companion
see him there at Emmaus? Yes, here, my friend, at this
place
we all saw him ourselves. They were his manners,
the words were like his words,
he ate with us." "They have deceived you!
You yourselves, out of longing, have willingly deceived
yourselves.
Let me see him, with all the nailholes see;

also to this Simon?

true."
And now the clouds dissolve that surrounded the Lord, who stands right among them and speaks:
"The peace of God be with you!
And you, weak in belief, come, see, doubt not!—"
"My Lord! My God! I see, I believe, I am silent.—"
"So go out into all the world and be my witness!"

then I too will believe that my fondest wish has come

18. Aria

Yours is the kingdom! The power is yours!
As surely as your feet walk this land,
shall you be the divine protector of Earth.
Jehovah's son will take our place.
Reconciled ones, come, worship him!
Redeemed ones, give thanks to him!
To you my song rises up
from that valley, from that grove.
I will consecrate to you the altars of the field
and the temple of the hills.
Should my tongue no more give thanks,
then let the pious tears of reverence
be my last song of praise.

My Lord! My God! My Lord! My God!

19. Chorus

Triumph! Triumph! The Son of the Highest is victorious!

He hastens upward from the altar of atonement.

Triumph! Triumph! His father is well pleased.

He takes us into the choir of the angels.

20. Accompanied Recitative

On a hill whose back is adorned with the oil tree and the palm tree stands God's anointed. Around him stand the saintly companions of his pilgrimage. Astonished they see beams of light shining from his face. In a cloud of light they see the chariot of flames awaiting, which will carry him.— They worship.—He raises his hands in the last blessing: "Be filled with my spirit! Go forth and teach to the ends of the earth what you have heard from me, the eternal commandment of love!— Go forth, perform my miracles!— Go forth, announce to all nations forgiveness, peace, blessedness!" He says it, arises, is quickly borne upward. A shining retinue surrounds his chariot.

21. Arie

Der König ziehet in sein Reich. Macht Bahn, ihr Seraphinenchöre! Er steigt auf seines Vaters Thron. "Triumph! Werft eure Kronen nieder!" So schallt der weite Himmel wider. "Triumph! Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

Heil unserm Gott und seinem Sohn!"

Ihr Tore Gottes, öffnet euch!

22. Chor

Gott fähret auf mit Jauchzen, und der Herr mit heller Posaune. Lobsinget, lobsinget Gott! Lobsinget, lobsinget unserm Könige!

Der Herr ist König. Des freue sich das Erdreich! Das Meer brause! Die Wasserströme frohlocken, und alle Inseln sein fröhlich!

Jauchzet, ihr Himmel! Freue dich, Erde! Lobet, ihr Berge, mit Jauchzen! Wer ist, der in den Wolken gleich dem Herren gilt und gleich ist unter den Kindern der Götter dem Herrn? Lobet ihn, alle seine Engel! Alles, was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn! Halleluja!

Text by Karl Wilhelm Ramler

21. Aria

You gates of God, open! The king enters his kingdom. Make way, you choirs of seraphim! He ascends unto his father's throne. "Triumph! Bow down your crowns!" So the wide heavens echo. "Triumph! Give glory to our God! Hail to our God and his Son!"

22. Chorus

God ascends with rejoicing, and the Lord with bright trumpets. Sing praise, sing praise to God! Sing praise, sing praise to our King!

The Lord is King. May the realm of earth rejoice in it! May the sea roar! May the streams of water exult, and all islands be joyous!

Rejoice, you heavens! Be happy, earth! Praise, you mountains, with rejoicing! Who can be considered like the Lord in the heavens and is like the Lord among the children of God? Praise him, all his angels! All that has breath, praise the lord! Alleluia!

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A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

OUT OF THE SHADOWS AND INTO THE LIMELIGHT: CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH By Leon Botstein

C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788) was perhaps the most famous, respected, and original composer from the Protestant north of German Europe during the later eighteenth century, a worthy equal and rival of two composers whose posthumous reputation and place in the repertory far exceeds his own-Havdn, 18 years younger and a Catholic subject of the Habsburg Empire—and Mozart, also a Catholic Austrian, who, although more than 40 years younger than C.P.E. Bach died only three years later than C.P.E. Bach. The shadow cast by Haydn and Mozart over C.P.E. Bach's life and career has merged seamlessly with the shadow cast, for later generations, by C.P.E. Bach's father, J.S. Bach.

children who became composers of note, C.P.E. has remained the most memorable, in part because his music merits comparison with his father's achievements. C.P.E. Bach's career was centered on Berlin and Hamburg. His output was prodigious and ranged from sacred choral music to secular chamber music and he wrote what became a legendary and widely read treatise on the "proper" way to play a keyboard instrument. Generations of piano students associate him with a single keyboard work, the "Solfegietto" or "Solfeggio" in c minor from 1766. More recently, however, his fabulous Magnificat from 1749 and his stunning symphonies, written in Hamburg have slowly made their way into the repertory.

Nonetheless, of all of J.S. Bach's Perhaps the most persuasive evidence of

as a composer is the fact that Mozart instrument, the flute. In practically himself conducted three performances of the main work on this program in the great painting by Adolph Menzel, 1788. As Mozart recognized, C.P.E. Bach's music reveals daring harmonic language, rhythmic intensity, a sense of drama in architecture, an imaginative use of sonorities, and a distinctive melodic invention. Equally memorable is Bach's command of instrumental texture, as his many concerti reveal. C.P.E. Bach possessed an authentic, original compositional voice of his own.

Thanks to the tireless dedication of a few individuals, including the author of the program notes to this concert, there is now a nearly complete modern edition of the works of C.P.E. Bach, made possible through the generosity of the Packard Humanities Institute, a product of the Hewlett and Packard fortunes. The edition, of which Paul Corneilson is the managing editor, has quidance of distinguished scholars, including Christoph Wolff, Peter Wollny, Ulrich Leisinger and noted performerthe late Christopher Hogwood.

There is no longer any excuse for not performing this astonishing composer's music. Indeed, C.P.E. Bach's keyboard music has finally attracted the attention of well know international stars. That the time has arrived to hear, in live performance, the full range of music by this composer is one of the unexpected benefits of the collapse of the Soviet empire. At the end of the twentieth century, the C.P.E. Bach manuscripts stolen at the end of World War II by the victors from the Berlin Sing-Akademie were recovered.

C.P.E. Bach's music may have languished unperformed for generations, but hebeyond being J.S. Bach's son-remained visible as part of the society and culture of Berlin in the era of Frederick the Great. I suspect no composer was so

C.P.E. Bach's greatness and importance prolific in writing for that monarch's every publication about C.P.E. Bach, completed nearly three quarters of a century after Bach's death, depicting Frederick the Great playing a concert on the flute, is reproduced. It presumes to show C.P.E Bach at the keyboard.

> Furthermore, C.P.E. Bach was one of the first composers to write for amateurs and connoisseurs and exploit the rapidly expanding late eighteenth century market in German speaking Europe for keyboard music playable by enthusiasts, and not only by professionals. That explains why he wrote his treatise on keyboard playing, which alongside Mozart's father's book on string playing and Quantz's on flute playing, exerted a lasting influence. Bach's book was well known to, among others, Haydn and Beethoven.

been meticulously prepared under the The dominance of Vienna and the Habsburg court, in classical music, beginning with Gluck, and ending with Schubert, and the shift in influence from the scholars, including Robert D. Levin and Protestant traditions of Bach, Handel and Telemann (and one of C.P.E Bach's contemporary colleagues, the composer Carl Heinrich Graun (1704-1759), whose direct descendant in the 20th century would be none other than Vladimir Nabokov, who enjoyed poking fun at his ancestor's minor place in the history of music) to those of Catholic German speaking Europe may partly explain C.P.E. Bach's posthumous disappearance from the stage. Equally probable is the misfortune all the sons of Bach inherited simply by being their father's offspring. In the case of C.P.E. Bach, however, there is no cause for compassion at one's inability to choose one's parents. C.P.E. Bach's music does not suffer by comparison with his father. As the works on this concert suggest, C.P.E. Bach deserves a place alongside Haydn and Mozart as a master of music in the classical style that is deeply expressive, poetic, commanding, unexpected, memorable, and dramatic.

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

By Paul Corneilson, Managing Editor of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach: The Complete Works

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C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)
Born March 8, 1714, in Weimar, Germany
Died December 14, 1788, in Hamburg, Germany
Heilig, H.775
Composed 1776
Premiered during Michaelmas in 1776
Conducted by C.P.E. Bach
Performance Time: Approximately 8 minutes
Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu, H.777
Composed 1774-78
Premiered March 18, 1778
Conducted by C.P.E. Bach
Performance Time: Approximately 73 minutes
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Des Rufs partheyische Posaune, O Bach! ist für Dein Lob zu klein; Dein Vater und verklärte Graune Sehn vom Olymp herab, sich Deines Ruhms zu freun!

(The call of sympathetic trombones, / O Bach, is too small for your praise; / Your father and the transfigured Grauns / Look down from Olympus to rejoice in your glory.)

(Anonymous poem in Hamburgischen unpartheyischen Correspondenten, 16 March 1773)

← arl Philipp Emanuel was born ach first introduced his Heilig igcup in Weimar in 1714, the second $igcup_{mit\ zwei}$ Chören (H.775) in a son of Johann Sebastian Bach cantata for Michaelmas in 1776.1 and Maria Barbara Bach. After Two years later, on 28 July 1778 training in Leipzig and attending Bach wrote to his publisher Johann the University at Frankfurt an Gottlob Immanuel Breitkopf about der Oder, C.P.E. Bach joined the publishing the work at his own music establishment of Frederick expense: "In this I have shown the II of Prussia around 1740. In 1768 greatest and boldest diligence he succeeded his godfather Georg for a good reception. This shall Philipp Telemann as music director (perhaps) be the last of its kind, in the city of Hamburg, and died so that I will not be forgotten there in 1788. Today C.P.E. Bach so soon." Two months later, on is known mostly for his keyboard 16 September 1778, he wrote to treatise, Versuch über die wahre Breitkopf again: "This Heilig is Art das Clavier zu spielen (1753- an attempt to arouse far greater 62), and his progressive keyboard attention and emotion through music, but for the last two decades quite natural and ordinary harmonic of his life in Hamburg, he also wrote progressions than one is able to do a variety of church music and three with all anxious chromaticism. It oratorios before his death in 1788. shall be my swan song of this kind,

T n the same letter, he explains that ■ the work begins with "an arietta as introduction (eine Ariette zur accommodate the 28 separate parts of all three libretti for Hamburg, and timpani, oboes, strings, and April 1774 at St. Petri in Hamburg; fashion with trumpets and timpani trio, and the double-choir Heilig. editor, Bach emphasizes the need than two dozen instrumentalists. for careful proofreading, "The most exact correction, especially with the *Heilig*, will be necessary, so

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and serve to ensure that I am not of the work outside of Hamburg. forgotten too soon after my death."3 (Mozart revised the trumpet solo in the tenor aria for flute instead.)

nie Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Desu was the third libretto in Einleitung), scored with systems a trilogy by the poet Karl Wilhelm of five staves (strings plus alto Ramler. Carl Heinrich Graun, Bach's solo). Bach had warned Breitkopf colleague in Berlin, wrote a famous that the double choir would require setting of Der Tod Jesu (The Death of "großes Royal-Papier" in order to Jesus), and Telemann wrote settings required for the double choir and including the nativity cantata, Die orchestra. Each choir, representing Hirten an der Krippe zu Bethlehem the "Angels" (Engel) and the "People" (The Shepherds at the Manger in (Völker), calls for soprano, alto, Bethlehem). Bach first performed tenor, bass with three trumpets part I for Vespers of Easter on 2 basso continuo (organ, bassoon, four years later he completed part and violoncello). The score was II and the Einleitung (instrumental printed on oversize folio paper in introduction) for a concert on 18 an upright format (48 x 31 cm), and March 1778. It was repeated on 6 laid out in C.P.E. Bach's typical April with a keyboard concerto, a at the top. On 25 November 1778 These performances were given Bach sent Breitkopf the copy-text with a chorus of 12 singers (two and requested an initial print run altos, two tenors, two basses, of 550 copies. Always the careful and four boy sopranos), and less

m he composition of Die Auferstehung ▲ was spread out over several that I do not suffer innocently." 4 years. The work is dated 1777-78 in his estate catalogue, but it T n February and March 1788, Mozart was begun by 1774 and revisions ▲ led three performances of Bach's continued after 1778. Bach wrote to oratorio, Die Auferstehung und Ramler about writing a substitute Himmelfahrt Jesu (The Resurrection aria no. 7, "Wie bang hat dich and Ascension of Jesus) in Vienna. mein Lied beweint!" to replace the On 4 March, at the palace of Count original text, "Sei gegrüßet, Fürst Esterházy, Bach's portrait in a des Lebens!" (The original aria was copperplate engraving was passed based on an earlier wedding cantata around to the audience, and the from Berlin; it is published in an Hamburg newspaper reported that appendix to the edition in CPEB:CW, "The princesses and countesses IV/2.) Two other pieces—the chorus and the whole glittering nobility no. 5, "Triumph! Triumph! Des venerated the great composer, and Herrn Gesalbter sieget," the music there was a great cheer, and a loud of which is repeated in nos. 16 threefold affirmation of applause." and 19, and the aria no. 9, "Ich Bach's oratorio had been published folge dir, verklärter Held"in 1787 at his own expense (im Verlag are also based on earlier pieces des Autors), and the concerts in written for installation cantatas Vienna were the first performances (Einführungsmusik Hornbostel,

H 821e, and Einführungsmusik *Klefeker*, H 821b, respectively).

m he correspondence between Bach ▲ and Breitkopf provides a window into publishing music in the late eighteenth century. Bach first asked Breitkopf about publishing the oratorio in October 1780, but nothing happened immediately. It was only after the publication of Klopstocks Morgengesang am Schöpfungsfeste (Wg 239) in 1784 that Bach started advertising

Although this Ramler cantata is my own, I can nevertheless claim, without foolish egotism, that it will survive for many years, because it is a considerable example of my masterpieces

from which young composers can learn something. In time it will also sell as well as Graun's Tod Jesu. Initially, there is a problem with all such things that are written for teaching and not for ladies and musical windbags. My Heilig and my Israeliten are also faltering at the moment, but I am not worried since they will eventually be sought out again. 7

for prepaid subscriptions to Die Thus, like the double-choir Auferstehung. But after almost two **L** Heilig, Bach saw Die Auferstehung years, Bach did not have enough as part of his legacy, and the work subscribers to cover the printing was published even though it had costs, and he put a hold on the little chance of making money, in printing and asked Breitkopf to contrast to his six sets of solo send him the two and half sheets keyboard collections for "Kenner that had already been printed. und Liebhaber" that were published But the composer was reluctant to between 1779 and 1787. Haydn, Mozart, give up on a work that he thought and Beethoven (who performed the deserved to be known. On 21 September Heilig at one of his concerts in 1817) 1787 Bach wrote to Breifkopf: all admired C.P.E. Bach and were inspired by, among other passages, the daring modulation in the opening of the *Heilig* to push the limits of tonality in their own music.8

Ulrich Leisinger, "'Es erhub sich ein Streit' (BWV 19): Carl Philipp Emanuel Bachs Aufführungen im Kontext der Hamburgischen Michaelismusiken," *Bach-Jahrbuch* (1999): 105-26. Bach incorporated the chorus into several other of his works; see Paul Corneilson, "Zur Entstehungs— und Aufführungsgeschichte von Carl Philipp Emanuel Bachs 'Heilig,' " *Bach-Jahrbuch* (2006): 273-89. The original ending is given as example 2 on p. 136 of CPEB:CW, V/6.1.

"Hierin habe ich den meisten und kühnsten Fleiß bewiesen zu einer guten Ausnahme. Dies soll (vielleichte) in dieser Art das lezte seÿn, damit ich einstens nicht so bald vergeßen werde." *Car Philipp Emanuel Bach. Briefe und Dokumente.* Kritische Gesamtausgabe, 2 vols., ed. Ernst Suchalla (Göttingen, 1994), 1:686-87 (*hereafter CPEB-Briefe*).

³ "dieses <u>Heilig</u> ist ein Versuch, durch ganz natürliche und gewöhnliche harmonische Fortschreitungen eine weit stärke Aufmerksamkeit und Empfindung zu erregen, als man mit aller ängstlichen Chromatik nicht im Stande ist zu thun. Es soll mein Schwanen Lied, <u>von dieser Art</u>, seÿn, und dazu dienen, daß man meiner nach meinem Tode nicht zu bald vergeßen möge." *CPEB-Briefe*, 1:694.

"Die genaueste Correctur, mahl beÿ dem Heilig, wird nothing seÿ[n], damit ich nicht unschuldig leide." *CPEB-Briefe,* 1:709-10.

Quoted in Annette Richards, The Temple of Fame and Friendship: Portraits, Music, and History in the C.P.E. Bach Circle (Chicago, 2022), 205-6.

Ramler published the three works in an edition titled Geistliche Kantaten, and Bach himself consistently referred to Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu as a cantata

⁷ "Diese Ramlersche Cantate ist zwar von mir, doch kann ich ohne närrische Eigenliebe behaupten, daß sie sich viele Jahre erhalten wird, weil sie von meinen Meisterstücken ein beträchtliches <u>mit</u> ist, woraus junge Componisten etwas lernen können. Mit der Zeit wird sie auch <u>so</u> vergriffen werden, wie Grauns Tod Jesu. Anfänglich haperts mit allen solchen Sachen, die zur Lehre u. nicht für Damen u. musikalische Windbeutel geschrieben sind. Mein Heilig u. meine Israeliten stocken jezt auch; mir ist aber nicht bange, endlich werden sie wieder vorgesucht." CPEB-Briefe, 2:1227-30.

See Richard Kramer, "The New Modulation of the 1770s: C.P.E. Bach in Theory, Criticism, and Practice," Journal of the American Musicological Society 38 (1985): 551-92.

THE ARTISTS



Leon Botstein, Conductor Photo by Ric Kallaher

Leon Botstein has been music director and principal conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992. He is also music director of The Orchestra Now, an innovative training orchestra composed of top musicians from around the world. He is co-artistic director of Bard SummerScape and the Bard Music Festival, which take place at the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, where he has been president since 1975. He is also conductor laureate and principal guest conductor of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, where he served as music director from 2003-11. In 2018 he assumed artistic directorship of the Grafenegg Academy in Austria.

Mr. Botstein is also active as a guest conductor and can be heard on numerous recordings with the London Symphony (including a GRAMMY-nominated recording of Popov's First Symphony), the London Philharmonic, NDR-Hamburg, and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. Many of his live performances with the American Symphony Orchestra are available online. His recording of Paul Hindemith's The Long Christmas Dinner with the ASO was named one of the top recordings of 2015 by several publications, and his recent recording of Gershwin piano music with the Royal Philharmonic was hailed by *The* Guardian and called "something special...in a crowded field" by Musicweb International. Mr. Botstein is the author of numerous articles and books, including The Compleat Brahms (Norton), Jefferson's Children (Doubleday), Judentum und Modernität (Bölau), and Von Beethoven zu Berg (Zsolnay). He is also the editor of The Musical Quarterly. For his contributions to music he has received the award of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and Harvard University's prestigious Centennial Award, as well as the Cross of Honor, First Class from the government of Austria. Other recent awards include the Bruckner Society's Julio Kilenyi Medal of Honor for his interpretations of that composer's music and the Leonard Bernstein Award for the Elevation of Music in Society. In 2011 he was inducted into the American Philosophical Society.



Terrence Chin-Loy, Tenor Photo by Jiyang Chen

American tenor Terrence Chin-Loy, whom Opera News described as having a "beautiful lyric tenor voice" pairs passionate performance with a full, sweet sound. In the 2024-2025season, Mr. Chin-Loy makes his European debut singing Gualtiero in Vivaldi's Griselda with the Danish National Opera, returns to the Lyric Opera of Chicago for *Blue*, performs the role of Ferrando in Così fan tutte with Virginia Opera, Don Ottavio in Don Giovanni with Opera Omaha and in concert, and Graf Albert in Die tote Stadt with Andris Nelsons and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

In the 2023-2024 season, Mr. Chin-Loy returned to Arizona Opera to sing Roméo in Roméo et Juliette and Victor Frankenstein the world premiere of Frankenstein. With LA Opera, he sang Pang in *Turandot* and with Virginia Opera and the tenor solos in Paul Moravec's *Sanctuary Road*. In concert, Mr. Chin-Loy joined the Lubbock Symphony for Haydn's *Creation*.

Highlights of recent seasons also include Mr. Chin-Loy's solo debut at the Metropolitan Opera in Terence Blanchard's Fire Shut Up In My Bones, Tamino in Die Zauberflöte with the National Taichung Theater in Taiwan and at Arizona Opera, Don José in Carmen with MasterVoices at Lincoln Center, Henrik Egerman in A Little Night Music and Ferrando in Così fan tutte with Arizona Opera, and Benny Paret, Jr. in Boston Lyric Opera's production of Champion. In concert, He

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Reading of a Psalm with the American Symphony Orchestra and Leon Botstein at Carnegie Hall, the North Carolina Symphony for Mozart's Requiem, the Caramoor Festival for an Independence Day celebration concert, the Boise Philharmonic for a performance of Hailstork's *I Will Life Mine Eyes* as well as a residency with the College of Idaho.

Terrence's favorite roles include Idomeneo in Idomeneo: afterWARds (Pittsburgh Opera), director David Paul's retelling of Mozart's masterpiece with the composer's original music, Edgardo in Donizetti's *Lucia di* Lammermoor (Indiana University), and Younger Thompson in Tom Cipullo's Glory Troy created the role of Father Palmer in Denied (Pittsburgh Opera, Penn Square Music Festival). He was happy to make his Carnegie Hall debut in Handel's Messiah in the 2018-2019 season.

Terrence is a graduate of Indiana University, where he received a Performer Diploma. He also holds degrees from Mannes College and Yale University. At Mannes, he performed the roles of Laurie in Mark Adamo's *Little Women* and Bill in the New York premiere of Jonathan Dove's Flight with Mannes Opera, and received the Michael Sisca Opera Award, the school's top prize for an opera singer. Terrence holds his studies concentrated on Music Theory and Musicology. While at Yale, Terrence was also a frequent performer with the Yale Baroque Opera Project, with which he performed major roles in La Calisto, Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in patria, and Scipione affricano. He is a 2018 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions National Semifinalist.



Troy Cook, Baritone Photo by Eric Joannes

American baritone Troy Cook has performed

in many of the world's great opera houses, including The Metropolitan Opera, Royal Opera, Covent Garden, San Francisco Opera, performed and recorded Taneyev's At the La Monnaie (Brussels), and Opera Bilbao. Mr. Cook's 2024-2025 season began with his home company, Opera Philadelphia, singing the role of Paul Devon in the North American premiere of *The Listeners*. A champion of new music, he bows in Virginia Opera's world premiere, Loving v. Virginia, portraving ACLU attorney Bernard Cohen. Also during the season, Cook revives Major-General Stanley in The Pirates of Penzance for Knoxville Opera, bows as Giorgio Germont in Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's performances of La traviata (conducted by JoAnn Falletta), and sings Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer with the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra.

the world premiere of the Pulitzer Prizewinning opera Silent Night by Kevin Puts and Mark Campbell with Minnesota Opera, singing further performances of the role with Utah Opera, Austin Opera, and Atlanta Opera. Other recent engagements include Sharpless in Madama Butterfly with Washington National Opera, Portland Opera and Central City Opera, Watty Watkins in Lady be Good with Teatro San Carlo Napoli, Enrico in Lucia di Lammermoor in a new Laurent Pellv production with Opera Philadelphia, Rodrigo in Don Carlo with Washington National Opera and Opera Philadelphia, Valentin in Faust a B.A. in Music from Yale University, where at the Macau Festival, and Ford in Falstaff with San Diego Opera.



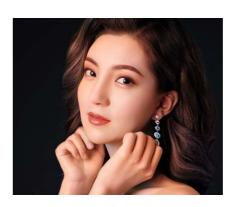
Leah Wool, Mezzo-soprano Photo by Dario Acosta

Mezzo-soprano Leah Wool is the recipient of a Sullivan Foundation Award, a Second Place Winner in the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation International Vocal Competition, and subsequently made her Alice Tully Hall debut in the Foundation's gala concert. She also received the Judith Raskin Memorial Award from Santa Fe Opera, and the Presser

Award, a prestigious study grant from The Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Opéra National de Presser Foundation and the Yale School of Bordeaux, and Guangzhou Opera House; Despina

Defiant Requiem Foundation in recital, singing a world premiere of Jewish-American composer Gerald Cohen's new song cycle. Last season featured an appearance with OnSite in Le nozze di Figaro. Opera and the Defiant Requiem Foundation as the Trommler in Ullmann's Der Kaiser von Atlantis at Zankel Hall, the proceeds of which benefited Holocaust Survivors.

Most recently, Ms. Wool joined the San Francisco Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, and Jacksonville Symphony for Handel's Messiah. Previously, she returned to Cincinnati Symphony for Bach's Magnificat, San Francisco Symphony for Handel's Messiah and Utah Opera as Dorabella in Così fan tutte, made her debut with the Charlotte Symphony for *Elijah*, returned to Boston Baroque as Holofernes in Juditha Triumphans, debuted with the Nashville Symphony in Mozart's Requiem, the Phoenix Symphony for Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, and the Defiant Requiem Foundation in Hours of Freedom: The Story of the Terezín Composer. GRAMMYnominated for her work as Minerva on Boston Baroque's recording of *Il ritorno d'Ulisse*



Mei Gui Zhang, Soprano Photo by Dario Acosta

Soprano Mei Gui Zhang opened the 2024-2025 season debuting the role of Oscar in Un ballo in maschera with San Francisco Opera, followed by appearances as Pamina in Mozart's Die Zauberflöte with both the Atlanta Opera and Opera Carolina. She also reprises her "warm, honeyed" Barbarina with The Metropolitan Opera in *Le nozze di Figaro*.

Highly regarded for her interpretations of Mozart's works, Ms. Zhang has appeared as Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* with Atlanta

in *Così fan tutte* with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood; and Ilia in *Idomeneo* (cover) Previously, Ms. Wool made a return to the with The Metropolitan Opera. At the Verbier Festival, where she was a Laureate of the 2019 Prix Yves Paternot, Ms. Zhang was seen as Pamina in Die Zauberflöte and Barbarina

> Ms. Zhang made her triumphant Carnegie Hall debut in 2023, joining The Philadelphia Orchestra in J.L. Adams' Vespers of the Blessed Earth and later reprised the performance at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Previous seasons sparkled with notable performances at esteemed venues, including her debut as Euridice in San Francisco Opera's Orfeo ed Euridice opposite countertenor Jakub Józef Orliński; and her "energetic, bright-voiced Thibault" in Sir David McVicar's Don Carlos under the baton of Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

> Ms. Zhang's connection to her cultural roots is a hallmark of her career, bringing to life rarely performed works by Chinese composers. These works have brought Ms. Zhang to prominent stages worldwide, including her world premiere performance of Aaron Zigman and Mark Campbell's *Émigré* with the New York Philharmonic and Shanghai Symphony, a work she also recorded with Deutsche Grammophon, and her grand debut as the lead role Dai Yu in Bright Sheng's The Dream of the Red Chamber with San Francisco Opera.

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James Bagwell, Music Director of the Bard Festival Chorale

James Bagwell maintains an active international schedule as a conductor of choral, operatic, and orchestral music. He was most recently named associate conductor of The Orchestra Now (TŌN) and in 2009 was appointed principal guest conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra, leading the ensemble in concerts at both Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. From 2009-15 he served as music director of The Collegiate Chorale, with whom he conducted a number of rarely performed operas-in-concert at Carnegie Hall, including Bellini's Beatrice di Tenda, Rossini's Möise et Pharaon, and Boito's Mefistofele. He conducted the New York premiere of Philip Glass's Toltec Symphony and Golijov's Oceana, both at Carnegie Hall. His performance of Kurt Weill's Knickerbocker Holiday at Alice Tully Hall was recorded live for Gaslight Records and is the only complete recording of this musical. Since 2011 he has collaborated with singer and composer Natalie Merchant, conducting a number of major orchestras across the country, including the San Francisco and Seattle Symphonies.

Mr. Bagwell has trained choruses for a number of major American and international orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic; Los Angeles Philharmonic; San Francisco, NHK (Japan), and St. Petersburg Symphonies; and the Budapest Festival, Mostly Mozart Festival, American Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Cincinnati Pops, and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras. Since 2003 he has been Director of Choruses for the Bard Music Festival, conducting and preparing choral works during the summer festival at the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College.

He conducted some 25 productions as music director of Light Opera Oklahoma. At Bard SummerScape he has led various theatrical works, most notably The Tender Land, which received glowing praise from The New York Times, The New Yorker, and Opera News. From 2005-10 he was music director of The Dessoff Choirs in New York, who under his leadership made numerous appearances at Carnegie Hall in addition to their regular season.

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