

A Bach Family Reunion

BACH

18–29 June 2022

Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, Canberra



The Bach family revolutionised music. From the undeniable genius of JS Bach to the spectacular works of his children including CPE and JC Bach, the influence of this extraordinary family has reverberated throughout the centuries.

This June, the ACO will explore the invention, virtuosity and sheer beauty of the Bach family's musical offerings. JS Bach's Double Violin Concerto features as the glowing centrepiece. Performed by Artistic Director **Richard Tognetti** and Principal Violin **Helena Rathbone**, it includes a Largo of heart-stopping beauty in which the two soloists weave around one another rapturously. Ravishing arias and intricate orchestral works by JS Bach's forebears and children showcase the talents of the star musicians of the ACO and guest musicians, mezzo-soprano **Anna Dowsley** and harpsichord **Erin Helyard**, before the concert concludes with CPE Bach's vividly virtuosic Cello Concerto in A major, performed by Principal Cello **Timo-Veikko Valve**.

"Bach is God to musicians," says Tognetti. "Study any piece of his and, unlike with anyone else, every single piece, is the work of the hands and brain of a genius. As a musician, there is so much you can reveal in his music. As a listener, there is so much you can access without even needing to truly understand why or how it's affecting you."

This is an unmissable concert that spotlights why the Bach family legacy resounds to this day.

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Concert details

JOHANN LUDWIG BACH Suite in G major: Overture

HEINRICH BACH Sonata à 5 in F major

JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH Meine Freundin, du bist schön: Ciaccona "Mein Freund is Mein"

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV1043

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH Cantata "Widerstehe doch der Sünde" BWV54: "Widerstehe doch der Sünde"

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH Cantata "Ich habe genug", BWV82: "Schlummert ein, ihr matten Augen"

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (after JOHANN CHRISTIAN BACH) Piano Concerto No.12 in A major, K.414: II. Andante

JOHANN CHRISTOPH FRIEDRICH BACH Die Amerikanerin: "Mein Herz fleucht ihr entgegen"

CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH Cello Concerto in A major, Wq.172

Richard Tognetti Director & Violin

Anna Dowsley Mezzo-soprano

Helena Rathbone Violin

Timo-Veikko Valve Cello

Erin Helyard Harpsichord & Fortepiano

Australian Chamber Orchestra

Melbourne Recital Centre

Sat 18 Jun 7.30pm

Mon 20 Jun 7.30pm

Melbourne • Arts Centre Melbourne

Sun 19 Jun 2.30pm

Adelaide Town Hall

Tue 21 Jun 7.30pm

Perth Concert Hall

Wed 22 Jun 7.30pm

Sydney • City Recital Hall

Sat 25 Jun 7pm

Sun 26 Jun 2pm

Tue 28 Jun 8pm

Wed 29 Jun 7pm

Canberra • Llewellyn Hall

Mon 27 Jun 8pm

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