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***AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS* RETURNS TO NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

TAKE A BREAK WITH BACH AT THE FREE NOONTIME CANTATA SERIES

Washington, D.C.—The Washington Bach Consort, the nation's premier Baroque chorus and orchestra, conducted by founder and music director J. Reilly Lewis, continues its 32nd season with ***An International Christmas*** on **December 20, 2008** at 3pm at **The National Presbyterian Church**. Building on the success of last season's ***An International Christmas***, we are pleased to continue this festive tradition, showcasing the virtuoso talents of our outstanding singers as well as the brilliant keyboard skills of organist Edward Moore on one of Washington's most magnificent pipe organs. This holiday performance also features harpist Caroline Gregg in Benjamin Britten's colorful *Ceremony of Carols*, a classic holiday favorite sure to delight young and old. Join us on a musical journey highlighting holiday repertoire from around the world including premieres of new works by modern composers and, of course, the music of Bach.

An International Christmas will be preceded by an hour-long lecture presented by world-recognized Bach scholar, Michael Marissen, Professor of Music at Swarthmore College. The lecture will begin at 2pm, immediately preceding the concert. There will be a brief, informal reception with refreshments following the performance.

The popular **Noontime Cantata Series** returns in December. This free-of-charge concert will be given at the **Church of the Epiphany**, located at **13th & G Streets, NW, Washington, DC**, ½ block from the **Metro Center** metro station on **Tuesday, December 1**. The performance

includes J.S. Bach's *Toccat, Adagio & Fugue in C Major*, BWV 564 and *Christen, ätzt diesen Tag*, BWV 63 performed by organist Jon Laird.

Subscriptions and Single Tickets

Subscriptions to the Washington Bach Consort's 2009-2010 season are currently available and single tickets to Bach Consort performances are currently on sale. For more information, contact the Consort at 202.429.2121. Information is available on the Consort website at www.bachconsort.org.

An International Christmas
Sunday, December 20, 2009 3:00 p.m.
National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016
*****FREE PARKING*****
Tickets: \$23, \$38, \$48, \$58
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Noontime Cantata Series
***Toccat, Adagio & Fugue in C Major*, BWV 564**
***Christen, ätzt diesen Tag*, BWV 63**
Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 12:10 p.m.
Church of the Epiphany
13th & G Streets NW, Washington, DC
Free Admission

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