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CELEBRATE BACH'S 325TH BIRTHDAY WITH *HAPPY BIRTHDAY BACH!*

RECORD-BREAKING FREE NOONTIME CANTATA SERIES RETURNS

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 ***Happy Birthday Bach!*** on **March 21, 2010** at **3pm** at **The National Presbyterian Church**. In celebration of the 325th anniversary of Bach's birth, we present a brilliant and joyful selection of some of his best-loved works: the *Orchestral Suite No. 1*, BWV 1066; the *Violin Concerto No. 2*, BWV 1042; the *Sinfonia from Cantata No. 42*; the *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*, BWV 1048; and the *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*, BWV 541. Bach's Birthday celebration performance showcases the skillful talents of June Huang on violin and J. Reilly Lewis on the organ.

Happy Birthday Bach! 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 birthday celebration with refreshments following the performance.

After a three month hiatus the popular **Noontime Cantata Series** returns in March. **Over 600 people attended the last Noontime Cantata on December 2, 2009.** 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, March 2 at 12:10 p.m.** The performance includes J.S. Bach's *Komm, du süsse Todesstunde*, BWV 161 and the *Prelude & Fugue in C Minor*, BWV 546: Edward A. Moore, organist.

Single Tickets

Single tickets to the Washington Bach Consort's 2009-2010 spring concerts 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.

Happy Birthday Bach!
Sunday, March 21, 2010 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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Free Admission

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