

**MAY 24-26 • 2024**

# TORONTO BACH FESTIVAL

John Abberger, Artistic Director



## Welcome to the 2024 Toronto Bach Festival!

We're delighted to celebrate our 7th year, as we continue to discover the many ways Bach's music has stood the test of time. This year we look forward to unearthing Bach's own musical roots, as we explore the musicians and works which provided a basis for his own musical expression. Join us as we celebrate our own roots in this city, helping to cement Toronto's place as a world-class baroque music destination. We're delighted to continue supporting home-grown talent as we explore the rich diversity of talented artists right here in our own community, and we are pleased to welcome special guests from the Bach community around the world!

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## The Game of Threes

**Friday, May 24 • 8 PM**  
**Eastminster United Church**  
**310 Danforth Ave**

Directed by Adrian Butterfield

Adrian Butterfield, violin  
Patricia Ahern, violin  
Cristina Zacharias, violin  
John Abberger, oboe  
The Toronto Bach Festival Orchestra

The festival will open with *The Game of Threes*, as we welcome guest violin soloist and leader Adrian Butterfield to our stage. The concert will feature the magnificent *Concerto for three Violins*, as well as the *Concerto in A minor* for solo violin, and will also examine some composers who influenced Bach, including Albinoni and Vivaldi. The concert will conclude with the masterful *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*, a work in which Bach takes the concept of a triple concerto to the next level, as he writes for three groups of three instruments (violins, violas, and cellos), each with an independent part.



## Organ Recital

**Saturday, May 25 • 12 PM**  
**St. Andrew's Church**  
**73 Simcoe St**

Aaron James, organ

We are proud to feature Toronto organist Aaron James at the festival, as he presents a recital of Bach favourites, including the famous *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*, together with masterpieces of the north German repertory that Bach certainly knew. Mr. James will present his program on the dazzling Karl Wilhelm organ at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

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performance,  
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## Kaffeehaus

**Saturday, May 25 • 4 PM & 8 PM**

*(choose your preferred time when purchasing your ticket)*

**Church of the Holy Trinity  
19 Trinity Square**

Directed by John Abberger

Yeree Suh, soprano

Ellen McAteer, soprano

Charles Daniels, tenor

Jesse Blumberg, bass

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*With Special Guest: RH Thomson*

Following a highly acclaimed debut at last year's festival, we are pleased to present our Kaffeehaus concert again this year. Join us in a relaxed café setting as we regale you with a complete performance of Bach's *Hunt Cantata*, including the famous aria "Sheep may safely graze," together with movements from *Brandenburg Concerto No. 1*. We are also looking forward to presenting guest soloist Yeree Suh, the noted soprano now established in Stuttgart, in her Toronto Bach Festival debut. The spacious acoustic of the Church of the Holy Trinity (by the CF Toronto Eaton Centre) will provide an excellent location for our recreation of Zimmermann's Leipzig coffee house, and the beloved Canadian actor RH Thomson will once again preside as Herr Zimmermann.



## How Brightly Shines

**Sunday, May 26 • 4 PM**

**Eastminster United Church  
310 Danforth Ave**

Directed by John Abberger

Yeree Suh and Sinéad White, sopranos

Daniel Taylor and Nicholas Burns, altos

Charles Daniels and Shane Hanson, tenors

Jesse Blumberg and Martin Gomes, basses

The Toronto Bach Festival Orchestra

No festival would be complete without a generous sampling of Bach's matchless vocal music, and our final concert *How Brightly Shines* will not disappoint. We'll hear two settings of the beautiful chorale "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" ("How brightly shines the Morningstar"), one by Johann Kuhnau, Bach's predecessor at the Thomas Kirche, and one by Bach himself. The artistry of guest soloist Yeree Suh will be featured in several arias, and there will be other cantatas to bring the festival to a joyous conclusion - not to be missed!

## Special Lecture

**Sunday, May 26 • 1 PM**

**Eastminster United Church  
310 Danforth Ave**

Join us at Eastminster United Church for a cherished TBF tradition that brings together scholars, musicians, and enthusiasts to delve into the life and music of J. S. Bach. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of Bach's genius and explore the complexities of his works through expert analysis and interpretation. Whether a seasoned Bach aficionado or a newcomer to his music, this special presentation offers an enriching experience that celebrates the legacy of the greatest composer who ever lived.



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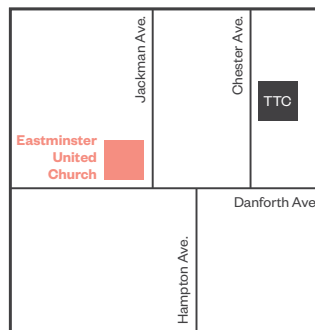
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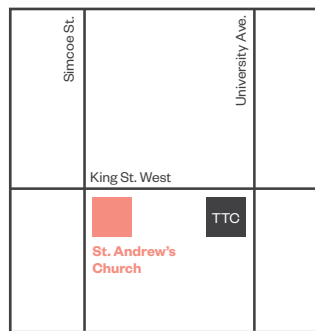
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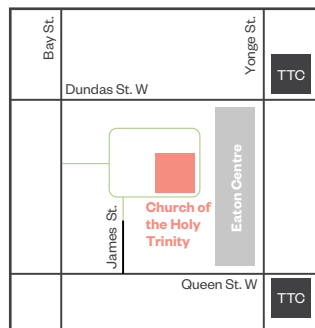
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### St. Andrew's Church 73 Simcoe St, Toronto

Located on the corner of King St W and Simcoe St, across from Roy Thomson Hall. Steps away from St. Andrew Station (TTC).



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