

The Baroque Artists of **Champaign Urbana**

Classic music. Contemporary inspiration

Annual Report 2020-2021

Ingrid Kammin | Board President

"Reflecting upon this past year I am honored to be a part of an organization whose community and support run deep. Despite the effects of weathering a global pandemic, BACH continues to shine as an invaluable gem in the Champaign Urbana community. The BACH community made an early commitment to keep moving, to keep giving, and to keep shining. This year we experienced the exceptional programming of the Give BACH virtual concert series and continued our commitment to community outreach with our annual Young Baroque Artists Competition albeit in a virtual format. We are forever grateful to Joseph Baldwin's care and nurturing of our choir with the creation of the BACH Institute. Weekly classes that met virtually and fed the choir which is the heart and soul of our organization. I am pleased to report that BACH is here to stay and doing well.

As I think about this upcoming year, I think about hope and transition and the lessons we have learned of resilience, community, and of course flexibility. We are excited to embrace new leadership with the hire of Dr. Sarah Riskind as Music Director and to share beautiful music with our beloved community again. We hope to continue to grow, create, shine, and continue to heal as we embrace the precious gift of coming together."

2020-2021 Fun With Numbers

\$9,000

Was contributed by BACH board members for a Director's Challenge to raise funds needed to support the season activities, even as ticket sales revenue fell to zero.

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Different courses, from a study of politics and people of the Baroque period to a "Rhythm Boot Camp" were enjoyed by BACH Institute participants, all via Zoom. 1

PPP loan was secured by the BACH board to help us keep staff employed even as concerts and rehearsals were canceled.

7 Individual Young Baroque Artist winners were named after an All-Zoom competition and celebratory showcase concert.

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Facebook Live concerts meant BACH enthusiasts could see concerts old and new from the safety and comfort of their own home.

\$2,000

More than we took in this season, and had plenty of savings left in the bank to cover this shortfall.

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Weeks spent on Zoom classes for BACH Institute participants that began with a yoga-influenced warm up led by Joseph Baldwin.

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"What a wonderful 2020-2021 season we have had! I am very grateful for BACH's dedication through this extraordinary year. I hope you have enjoyed--and continue to enjoy--the virtual concerts we have offered weekly; there are many great concerts from BACH's illustrious history that we featured, as well as remarkable new ones that were recorded for this past virtual year. Please visit our Facebook and YouTube pages to view any concerts you may have missed.

It has been my joy to be the music director for BACH these past four years. I am proud of its place as one of the region's leading musical organizations and the music we share with our great community each year. While I will miss this marvelous organization and its loyal musicians and supporters, I know that it is only in the best of hands moving forward. I look forward to following BACH's future under what will be the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana's third music director."

BACH Institute Instructors

Chester Alwes Joseph Baldwin Linda Buzard Aubrey Hawkinson David Smith Kendra Wieneke Jonathan Young

Young Baroque Artists Competition

The 2021 Young Baroque Artists Competition had eight recorded submissions. This years finalists were selected to have their performances broadcasted on the BACH YouTube channel for this years Virtual YBAC Showcase. The winners were:

1st Place: Ethan Zhang (piano)

2nd Place Tie: Benjamin Keating (piano) and Miruna & Gedrych Eynon (viola & cello)

3rd Place Tie: Daniel Kim (piano) and Jenna Shin (violin)

Honorable Mention: Anne Godlin (soprano)

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Our 2020-2021 Season

Sep 27	Viva Italia (Oct 2013)	
0ct 4	BACH celebration (Jul 2000)	BA
Oct 18	Handel Saul (Mar 2005)	DR
Oct 25	Art of Fugue (Mar 2013)	Sund
Nov 8	Judas Maccabeus (May 2013)	June
Nov 15	Eve of Handel and Purcell (Jun 2012)	K.
Nov 22	Mass in B Minor (Mar 2004)	Jan
Nov 29	Holiday (Dec 1998) "Christmas Oratorio"	
Dec 20	Holiday (Dec 2001) "German Baroque Christmas"	Jan
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BACH Concert Series	
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Sundays at 7:30pm

Jan 24Italian Baroque (2016)Jan 31Music for Voice & Lute (2010)Feb 21Genius of Schuetz (2017)Feb 28LIVE: Annual YBAC Virtual ShowcaseDetails at:www.facebook.com/baroqueartistscu

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lar 14	LIVE: "A Patient Enduring"—Kristina Boerger & Friends
lar 28	Saint Matthew Passion (2000)
pr 18	LIVE: Chamber Music Concert with Molly Netter
	& Charlotte Mattax
pr 25	Anglo-American Musical Connections (2012):
	A Celebration of Nicholas Temperley
lay 2	Six Motets (2002)



September 20, 2020: "Opera from Purcell to Puccini" - Katherine Buzard, soprano

The first in our "Give BACH" series. Performing from her home, Katherine is sure to fill your evening with beauty featuring arias by Purcell, Handel, Mozart, Massenet, Bizet, Puccini and more. An accomplished pianist in her own right, she will be accompanying herself through pre-recorded tracks; for a few selections, she will be joined by pianist Mike McAndrew.



October 11, 2020: Rachel Schiff, classical guitar

Rachel will perform in a church in Germany and present various works by John Dowland, JS Bach, and Telemann.



November 1, 2020: "The Evolution of Bach" - Jonathan Young, organ Jonathan will showcase music of J.S. Bach, his teacher Dietrich Buxtehude, and Buxtehude's teacher Franz Tunder, all played in historical tuning.



December 20, 2020: "O Holy Night, An Evening of Light & Inspiration" - Ingrid Kammin, soprano A special holiday edition of our "Give BACH" series. Ingrid will be joined by special guest William Hudson, tenor. Together they will present a special evening of music featuring repertoire from the early baroque to contemporary... with a few holiday favorites.



March 14, 2021: "A Patient Enduring" - Kristina Boerger & Friends

A Patient Enduring: These words from one of tonight's selections describe the condition of all of us who cherish live musical performance. Grateful to offer a simulacrum, tonight's performers emerge from isolation to share Medieval conductus and ballade, English lute song, and duets from the early Italian Baroque.



April 18, 2021: "Le nuove musiche—Then & Now: Works by Caccini, Hitchcock, Bach & Others" - Molly Netter, soprano & Charlotte Mattax Moersch, harpsichord

Prominent New York City-based soprano, Molly Netter, a CU native, returns home to present an all-Baroque program with Charlotte Mattax Moersch. With Netter's "clear, beautiful tone and vivacious personality" (*NYTimes*), we hope you enjoy this highly anticipated virtual homecoming concert by some of our own.



Artistic Personnel \$4,300 Administration \$22,115



Operating \$4,471

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> PPP Loan \$2,240

Singers' Dues \$3,550 YBAC \$200 Ticket & Merch Sales \$98

> Donations \$27,435



Cash on hand: \$28,064 As of 6/30/2021