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Baroque Music Festival of Corona del Mar
Sunday, 1 June 1986, 8:00 p.m.
St. Michael and All Angels Church

LADD THOMAS, organist
with members of the Festival Orchestra
Burton Karson, conductor

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Passacaglia in G Major, Op.5, No.4  
George Frederic Handel  
(1685-1759)

Passacaglia for Organ and Strings (1946)  
Ellis B. Kohs  
(b. 1916)

Introduction and Passacaglia  
Max Reger  
(1873-1916)

Sinfonie in D Minor for Organ & Orchestra  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Noël in G Major  
Louis-Claude Daquin  
(1694-1772)

Variations sur un Noël  
Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

Theme  
Larghetto  
Poco animato  
Canon à l'octave  
Vif  
Vivace  
Canon à la quarte et à la quinte  
Vivace  
Canon à la seconde  
Animé  
Fugato et Presto

Three Chorale-Preludes on  
"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"  
Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

Paul Manz  
(b. 1919)

Max Drischner  
(1891-1971)

Concerto for Organ and Orchestra in F Major, Op.4, No.5  
George Frederic Handel

Larghetto  
Allegro  
Alta Siciliana  
Presto

Wine Reception
Notes on the Organ Concert

Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D Minor is as well known to modern audiences as any composition ever written. While this popularity is somewhat attributable to its commercial usage during the last forty years or so, the piece has basic dramatic qualities that prove irresistible.

Great contrast, expansion of technical demands on the performer, exploration of inherent tonal characteristics of the instrument and dazzling display for the sake of pure entertainment all reflect the Baroque ideal. Here composer, performer and listener are as one in their realization of profundity, wonder and joy.

The passacaglia, originally a dance, gained importance during the Baroque period as a type of variation piece in which a brief succession of tones (sometimes tuneful, sometimes a simple phrase beginning in the bass) is repeated while countermelodies or embellishments are added above or below in seemingly endless fashion. The repetitious harmonic pattern, resembling and often confused with a chaconne, moves in a fairly slow triple meter that gives it a slightly serious demeanor. Max Reger’s 19th century and Ellis Kohs’ 20th century contributions reflect this popular 17th and 18th century form while staying true to tonal and harmonic qualities of their own times.

Just as Bach often “arranged” the works of other composers, especially Vivaldi, so too did he “borrow” from himself. His church cantata No. 146, “Wir müssen durch viel Trübsal,” contains musical materials he had previously used in a violin concerto and which also appear in a harpsichord concerto. The cantata’s opening Sinfonia is indeed a concerto movement, one of Bach’s most energetic and compelling.

The Noël, variously spelled, is primarily a Christmas carol that gained popularity as a verse form, vocally and instrumentally, in the 15th century. Many were written during the 17th century, often for combinations of instruments. Of the Baroque Noëls, those for organ by Daquin have remained popular, perhaps because of their effervescent character.

In celebration of the 100th birthday (May 3) of Marcel Dupré, the most illustrious French organist of this century, it is fitting to enjoy his variations on the old French song, “Noël nouelet.” Several of the variations reflect Baroque procedures, especially the canons and elaborate fugal textures. The final Presto is toccata-like, ending with the theme in the pedals. Dupré’s inventive music, his exploration of the organ and his demands on the organist (originally himself!) are clearly the reason for his being so honored by the French as well as by organists around the world.

The three settings of the chorale, “How brightly shines the Morning Star,” are in the old German tradition of introducing a church hymn with some rather elaborate music before the congregation sings. Pachelbel’s chorale-prelude puts the melody phrase by phrase in the pedals, and so do the two contemporary settings by Manz and Drischner. Manz puts a small flute stop high above the pedal melody; Drischner places dotted rhythms above his pedal chorale, accompanied by the delightful tinkling of the Zimbelstern.

The Concerto in F, Opus 4, Number 5, is the third organ concerto of Handel heard in our series of festivals. Airy, buoyant and dancy, they were played by Handel himself during intervals at his oratorio performances (this one during “Deborah” in 1735) to lighten the mood and to show off his dexterity. We trust his intentions still hold true in the 20th century.
Baroque Music Festival of Corona del Mar
Wednesday, 4 June 1986, 8:00 p.m.
Sherman Library and Gardens

Baroque Inspirations

Irmeli Desenberg, art historian
Karen Nieberg, soprano
Richard Treat, cello
Burton Kasen, harpsichord

Introduction
Visual arts from the Baroque and later times, including our 20th century, will be presented and briefly discussed between musical selections. Posters, furniture, costumes and ceramics are on display for later perusal.

Irmeli Desenberg

Suite in D Major for Cello Solo
Prélude: Andante
Courante: Allegro Vivace
Recitative et Fugue: Lent et expressiv
Menuet: Allegro

Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-1767)
Realized from viola da gamba
by Paul Bazelaire

Three 18th Century Arias with Cello Obbligato
Bellezza tiranna
Amor, fammi goder!

Domenico Gabrieli
(1651-1690)
Anonymous, Parma 1688

Recitativo: Lungi del ben, ch'amoro
Aria: D'un bel crin tra i biondi stami

Bernardo Gaffi
(c. 1670-1744)

Sonata in G Major for Violoncello & Harpsichord
Allegro
Grave
Allegro

Giovanni Battista Sammartini
(1701-1775)

Three Love Songs and a Reprise

Alan Chapman

Wine Reception
Notes on Baroque Inspirations

Revivals of works from historical periods were unheard of until fairly recently. Renaissance madrigals and motets were written to be performed immediately in homes and churches without being surrounded by pieces from past generations (save for enduring statements such as Gregorian chants or folk songs). Baroque music for chamber, church and theater ("modern" in its time, of course) was performed for a few seasons and occasionally revived a decade or so later. The Classical period, late in the 18th century, showed little or no interest in the Baroque, except for composers who admired the genius of J.S. Bach and studied his works.

That the 19th century considered the Baroque period uninteresting from the musical standpoint was perhaps due to the lightness of sound, the small size of the orchestra, or the "out-of-date" timbre of instruments, notably the harpsichord. There was a Romantic interest in the Gothic visual arts, architecture and literature, but certainly not in that of the 17th or early 18th centuries.

The 20th century has rediscovered the Baroque, making historical/artistic pilgrimages to churches in Germany, palaces in France, gardens in England and opera houses throughout Europe. Monteverdi's operas have been revived, and the concertos and oratorios of Handel are now staples of our repertoire of concert and church music. Bach is synonymous with North German Protestant music, Handel with English pomp and Vivaldi with sunny Italy. Scarlatti and Bach are indispensable to keyboard players. Molière's plays are everywhere on bookshelves and stages. Modern designers of clothing know the Baroque style, weavers and ceramicists, architects and composers of music often suggest or emulate Baroque forms and style.

All four events in this year's Festival include modern works that pay tribute to, or appear to be inspired by the Baroque. This evening, Irmeli Desenberg shows us furniture, costume and ceramics created recently, alongside posters illustrating original Baroque art. Of major interest on this program is a new work by Alan Chapman. His "Three Love Songs and a Reprise" first appeared in 1983 as a result of his discovery of The Universal Songster, published in London in 1832. Originally set for soprano and string quintet, the songs have been newly arranged by Dr. Chapman for soprano, harpsichord and cello, expressly for this Festival. In his words, "The style is 'neo-Baroque'. Baroque harmony and ornamentation are combined with contemporary coloration."
Baroque Music Festival of Corona del Mar
Friday, 6 June 1986, 8:00 p.m.
Sherman Library and Garden

Music in the Gardens

Su Harmon, soprano
Gregory Walt, tenor
Christopher Lindblom, baritone
Andrew Charlton, recorder
David Grimes, guitar
Burton Karson, harpsichord
with
Susan Stockhammer, flute
Clayton Haslop, violin
Rebecca Haslop Barr, violin
Thomas Hall, viola
Richard Treat, cello

Celladon

William Croft
(1678-1727)

Cantata for soprano, recorder & harpsichord
Aria: By purling streams
Recitative: The wat'ry element
Aria: To Iris swiftly, at last she relent

Dormite, occhi, dormite!
Aria for baritone, cello & harpsichord

Alessandro Stradella
(1639-1682)

Look down, harmonious Saint

George Frederic Handel
(1685-1759)

Recitative & Aria for tenor & strings
Recitative (Largo, e cantabile): Look down, harmonious Saint
Aria (Andante allegro): Sweet accents all your numbers grace
(Andante larghetto):
(Andante allegro):

It charms the soul, delights the ear
Sweet accents... (da capo)

Partita Concerto

for Solo Guitar with String Orchestra & Harpsichord (1986)

Andrew Charlton

Prelude (Andantino)
Allemande (Moderato)
Courante (Allegro non troppo)
Sarabande (Andantino)
Bourée (Allegretto)
Minuet (Allegro)
Gavotte (Allegretto)
Giga (Allegretto quasi allegro)

INTERMISSION
(10 minutes)
The Coffee Cantata, BWV 211

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Recitative (tenor):
Aria (Schlendrian):
Recitative (Schlendrian & Lieschen):
Aria (Lieschen):
Recitative (Schlendrian & Lieschen):
Aria (Schlendrian):
Recitative (Schlendrian & Lieschen):
Aria (Lieschen):
Recitative (tenor):

Be silent! not a word
Children oftentimes are headaches
You naughty child!
Hail, thou most precious of blisses
If I see coffee near about
Daughters, you are all pigheaded
Now listen to your fathers talk
Happy day, darling Father
Old Schlendrian is searching far and wide
As mice to cats, the coffee-craze is all the rage
Notes on Music in the Garden

William Croft was first a chorister and then organist of the Chapel Royal (1700) and later a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. He succeeded John Blow as organist of Westminster Abbey, where he is buried. Celladon is a light cantata of the type performed in homes or for polite social gatherings. The subject, typically based loosely on ancient mythology, is about love among the elements of nature.

Alessandro Stradella, an Italian nobleman, was born near Viterbo and murdered some 43 years later in Genoa. Stories abound regarding his tempestuous life as illicit lover, embellezer and renegade; many were woven into an opera in 1844 by von Flotow titled Alessandro Stradella, and into two other operas by Niedermeyer and Sinico. This colorful and dangerous character wrote oratorios, prologues and intermezzos for the operas of other composers, of which "Dormite..." is an example.

Handel's "Look down, harmonious Saint" is an addendum to his Ode for Saint Cecilia's Day, performed (without this recitative and aria) on our final Festival concert in 1933. The text is quasi-religious in its address to a saint, but quite secular in its purpose of celebrating the one day of the year when musicians were honored in London. "Of harmony we'll sing!" is followed by, "it charms the soul, delights the ear, to it all passions bow; it gives us hope, conquers fear, and rules we know not how."

Andrew Charlton has amused and delighted many Festival audiences with his recorder playing. His prowess as a much published composer is acknowledged by recorder players and teachers and by aficionados of contemporary neo-Baroque music. In tribute to Sylvius Weiss (1686-1750), lutenist for whom J.S. Bach wrote, Prof. Charlton has written this Partita Concerto that is dedicated to master guitarist David Grimes. Charlton has fleshed out Weiss' Suite No. 16 for Solo Lute to create a little concerto — in the form of a Baroque dance suite — for guitar, harpsichord and strings. The work is heard for the first time in this Festival concert for which it was composed.

Bach's Coffee Cantata, written for an evening of secular amusement in Leipzig, is to a text by Picander to which Bach seems to have added the last two sections himself. Here, as in dozens of other light works, old Sebastian has fun with music and with his contemporary society. The drinking of coffee was a widespread fad during the 18th century, with coffeehouses in major cities becoming the meeting places of choice. This whimsical piece questions the wisdom of drinking too much of the brew, pokes fun at a father who tries to exert control over his charmingly stubborn daughter, and illustrates the determination of "modern" young ladies to do exactly as they wish. Little has changed.
Baroque Music Festival of Corona del Mar
Sunday, 8 June 1986, 8:00 p.m.
St. Michael and All Angels Church

Festival Finale

Su Harmon, soprano
Gregory Wait, tenor
Christopher Lindblom, baritone

Susan Stockhammer, flute
Donald Leake, oboe
Clayton Haslip, violin
Malcolm Hamilton, harpsichord

Festival Singers & Orchestra
Burton Karson, conductor

Gott, wie dein Name, BWV 171
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Cantata for the New Year

Chorus: God, as Thy name is, so Thy praise resounds unto earth’s farthest borders.

Aria for tenor: Lord, as wide as heaven is spacious is the greatness of Thy name! Everything in life and death, every creature that has breath, all of them glorify Thy name. The Lord is the helper of all who call upon Him. My hope on earth is in Thee. How need I then be burdened by earth’s crosses? Thou art a sure refuge, a clear standard to all my life and light, a beacon. With Thee there is no fear, most precious gift of this New Year!

Recitative for alto: O sweetest name! O Jesus blest! In Thee is man’s sure rest! My hope on earth is in Thee. How need I then be burdened by earth’s crosses? Thou art a sure refuge, a clear standard to all my life and light, a beacon. With Thee there is no fear, most precious gift of this New Year!

Nancy Bliss Estes, alto

Aria for soprano & violin: Jesus, on this joyous day my first word calls to thee. Thy name lives always on my lips, and will ever remain in my heart. Tis Thou, O Lord, has said: “Pray only in my name” and our prayers will be granted. We pray then, Saviour of the world, to protect us through the year from fire, pestilence and war. Ever let Thy word guard us, and grant us rulers who know truth and scorn evil. Grant us happiness, we pray, in Thy name. Amen.

Recitative for bass: Thine, Lord, be the glory and praise! In trouble never we doubt thee who governst all our ways. Till we, by death released, take our heavenly seat and dwell with joy forever in God’s sight. Do with us according to Thy will. Thy faithful rejoices with Christian joy and lift to Thee their voices to beg a happy year.

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
(1809-1847)

Cantata for soprano, mixed choir & strings

Chorale: My God, you know the very best, what is good and useful for me. Away with all human nature, away with my own house. Grant, Lord, that I build only on you and trust in you alone.

Chorale: He who lets only the clear light into his heart who, always hopes in Him, keeps wonderfully in every sorrow and adversity. He who trusts God the highest does not build on sand.
Soprano aria: He knows the true hours of joy. He knows, when it is advantageous, when He has found us faithful, and knows no hypocrisy, so comes God before we can even think, and lets many good things happen to us.

Chorale: Sing, pray and go on God's path, perform your tasks faithfully and trust in Heaven's rich blessings. So will all things be new for you. He who puts his trust in God will not be abandoned.

Fifth Brandenburg Concerto in D Major, BWV 1050a
for flute, violin, harpsichord and strings
Allegro
Adagio
Allegro

INTERMISSION
(Respites)

Partita for flute, oboe, harpsichord & strings (1945)
Introduction: Adagio
Pastorale: Andantino
Variation I: Le stesso tempo
Variation II: Allegro
Variation III: Un poco meno
Variation IV: Allegretto scherzando
Variation V: Epilogue: Tempo I
Scherzino: Vivace
Andante moderato
Fuga a cromatica a 4 voci e 2 soggetti: Allegro moderato
Giga: Allegro

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen alzugeleich
Cantata for soprano, tenor, bass, two mixed choruses, orchestra and organ

Chorus: Praise God, you Christians, on His highest throne: Lord God, we praise, who opens His heaven and gives His son: Lord God, we thank you.

Aria for bass: I praise you with a happy heart, you the true God, Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you from the bottom of my heart that you were born a man, a man like other children yet who is free of all sin, so that, through you lost sinners can be redeemed and blessed.

Recitative for soprano: What else do we have to offer for such grace, such blessing with which God from heaven crowns us, than a thanksgiving song: O Jesus! Let us praise you, what our poor heart brings and what it sings in your praise. You angels, join the song in two choirs, to honor your Lord, and our Savior.

Chorus: Amen, praise, honor and wisdom and thanks, glory and strength and power be with our God forever. Amen!

Aria for tenor: Now I rejoice in the Lord until I rejoice anew with the angels in heaven. Praise Jesus Christ. Oh, my Savior, how gladly would I depart today and in those joys see you with my own eyes. Oh, when will it come to pass?

Chorus: Today He unlocks the gate to beautiful paradise, before which the Cherub guards no more, to God be praise, honor and glory.
Notes on the Festival Finale

Bach's Cantata 171 is one of his most festive and dramatic. The opening fugue begins with tenors, supported only by violas and basso continuo. As choral sections are added, so are strings and oboes. A solo trumpet enters in the high register, and later is joined by another, than a third and finally by timpani for a triumphant close. The following tenor solo, accompanied by violins, represents the unflawing momentum so characteristic of the Baroque. The soprano solo is quite literally surrounded by a solo violin in a musical contest that the violinist seems to win. The alto recitative is secco, above a bare basso continuo; the baritone recitative is accompagnato, surrounded by strings. The final chorale features fanfares of trumpets and timpani which make a brilliant final statement.

This year's Festival concerts all include music from the 19th and 20th centuries in which an inspiration from the 18th century is obvious. Felix Mendelssohn was responsible for a 19th century revival of interest in the music of Bach. He produced the first performance in 100 years of the St. Matthew Passion in Leipzig, and continued to champion and perform Bach's works. His own compositions for his beloved Lutheran Church often reflect Bach's style. Of his chorale-cantatas, Wer nur den lieben Gott shows best the Baroque style that inspired Mendelssohn and also his own Romantic style.

The soprano solo represents a gentle prettiness so typical of Mendelssohn's piano pieces, concertos and even symphonies. With the final chorale, based on a hymn known now as "If thou but suffer God to guide thee," we are back in a quasi-Baroque texture which, were it not identified, might be mistaken by some for Bach himself.

The Brandenburg Concertos, six compositions reworked and sent off to the Margrave of Brandenburg by Bach who wanted to leave Anhalt-Cölthen for a better position, have become staples in late-20th century repertoire. The 5th is perhaps the most flamboyant, due to the harpsichord part with its fiery cadenza. Bach features the solo flute, violin and cembalo to such an extent that he even drops the orchestra accompaniment for the middle movement. Although fugal, the last movement displays not an ounce of profundity as it skips and dances to its happy conclusion.

Vittorio Rieti, an Italian born in Alexandria, Egypt, and educated in Rome, emigrated to the U.S. in 1940, subsequently teaching at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, the Chicago Musical College, and in New York at Queens College and Hunter College. The Partita was written for harpsichordist Sylvia Marlowe in 1945, and recorded by her. Its neo-Baroque qualities are apparent from the titles of dance movements and from its sonic structure which pits solo harpsichord, flute and oboe against the "ripieno" string orchestra. Full of lightness and humor, it must be considered a major work.

The prolific Telemann turned out many hundreds of cantatas, in addition to chamber works, concertos, operas and solo pieces for nearly every instrument. The cantata, while appropriate for Christmas, speaks generally in praise of God, and uses three soloists and double chorus in a concerted atmosphere that works as well for a concert as for an 18th century Lutheran service. Its message and musical style are truly timeless, and its dramatic use of trumpets, oboes, timpani and strings produces a vigorous concerted effect that places Telemann high among his most illustrious contemporaries.
Festival Singers

SOPRANO
Lois Beeman
Carol Draper
Stephanie Dreisbach
Maurine Gerrard
Linda Rose Linnebach
Christine Sorenson
Nancy Tretheway

ALTO
Margaret Donivan
Nancy Bliss Estes
Meta Hellman
Elizabeth Makino
Holly Moore
Grace Ward

TENOR
Ray Beeman
Paul C. Harms
David Rivinus
Thomas Sheets
Dale Tracy
Steven Jay Warner

BASS
John W. Carpenter
James Dunning
Steve Kester
Michael Lancaster
James Wall
Steve Webb

Festival Orchestra

VIOLIN I
Clayton Haslop (Concertmaster)
Robin Olson
Tamsen Brenton
Norman Hughes

VIOLIN II
Becky Haslop Barr (Principal)
Karla Berglund
Marcella Piscitello

VIOLA
Thomas Hall
Miriam Meyer

CELLO
Richard Treat

BASS VIOL
Timothy Barr

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Susan Stockhammer

OBOE
Donald Leake
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About the Performers

ANDREW CHARLTON, a favorite performer at our Festival since its founding, was educated at Pepperdine College and California State University, Los Angeles. New Professor of Music at California State University, Fullerton, he teaches courses ranging from Medieval music to jazz and composes professionally for many media. His “Partita Concerto,” composed for this Festival at the suggestion of Burton Karsen, receives its premiere performance at the June 6 concert. Mr. Charlton has recorded extensively for film soundtracks as well as discs, playing a variety of wind instruments in addition to recorder, and is also known for his writings on jazz arranging, composition and recorder playing.

IRMELI DESENBERG was born in Mannheim, Germany, educated in London, Madrid and Lausanne, Switzerland, and earned a degree in art history from the University of California at Berkeley. She has taught in the UCLA Extension Division, at UC Irvine, and for 14 years as part-time instructor at California State University, Fullerton. A contributor to cultural activities in Corona del Mar for more than 40 years, Mrs. Desenberg participated in the Festival’s founding in 1960 and has served three terms as President of its Board of Directors.

DAVID GRIMES earned a degree in mathematics at Caltech and worked at Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Inspired by guitarist Andres Segovia’s recordings, he studied guitar with Guy Horn and Oscar Ghiglia and soon established himself as a performer and teacher. Unlike most concert guitarists, Mr. Grimes composes transcriptions of works originally for other instruments, preferring unknown or neglected original pieces for guitar, or the output of contemporary composers. He has toured the U.S. and Mexico, performing both in recital and with orchestra. Recent appearances were with the Orange County Pacific Symphony, Symphony of the Verdugos and the Los Angeles Solo Repertory Orchestra. Mr. Grimes teaches at Cal State Fullerton and is Vice-President of the Guitar Foundation of America.

MALCOLM HAMILTON was born in Victoria, B.C. and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Washington. At USC, where he received his doctorate, he was a student of harpsichordist Alice Ehlers. Dr. Hamilton taught for four years at UCLA and has been Professor of Music at USC for the past 18 years. A widely traveled performer, he has appeared with the Carmel Bach Festival, the Cabrillo Festival, the Mozart Festival at San Luis Obispo, on a European tour with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and in many orchestral concerts under conductors Neville Marriner, Sir John Barbirolli, Gerard Schwarz and Daniel Lewis. His recordings include J.S. Bach’s complete Well Tempered Clavier on the Everest label, works of Handel and Scarlatti on Delos and concertos of C.P.E. Bach on Nonesuch. Dr. Hamilton’s performances of Scarlatti sonatas were a highlight of last year’s Festival.

SU HARMON has been featured as soprano soloist in every Corona del Mar Festival since 1981. The versatility of her performances ranges from contemporary pieces, often composed for her, to opera and song. She frequently appears in recital with pianist Burton Karsen, and has sung with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra as a featured soloist. Her recordings include excerpts from Monteverdi’s “Poppea” on the Orion label, Galliano’s “La Defina” on ABC/COMS, contemporary chamber music on Delos, and music of Antonio Soler on the Columbia label, as well as soundtracks for films and TV commercials. She scored great success recently, with both critics and public, in solo performances with the Pacific Chorale and Pacific Symphony in Newport Beach and Santa Ana. Miss Harmon is Professor of Music at California State University, Fullerton, and the teacher of award-winning students.

CLAYTON HASL0P, joining our Festival for the first time as soloist and concertmaster of the Festival Orchestra, studied violin with Edice Shaprio at USC and with Nathan Milstein in Zurich and London. He has performed with the Santa Barbara Symphony, the Pasadena Chamber Orchestra and the Los Angeles Piano Quartet and currently serves as concertmaster of the Peninsula Orchestra. His solo efforts at the Carmel Bach Festival and the Mozart Festival of San Luis Obispo have won special praise. He made his debut with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra in Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante under the baton of Neville Marriner. Mr. Haslop teaches at Pomona College.
DONALD LEAKE has long enjoyed a double career in music and medicine. He studied oboe and already performed extensively while an undergraduate and graduate student at USC. At the Brussels, Belgium, Royal Conservatory in 1956, he won first prize with greatest distinction for oboe and chamber music. He later earned a D.M.D. degree at Harvard University, an M.D. at Stanford, and was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard. Specializing in oral and maxillofacial surgery, he has served that field as Associate Professor at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and is a member of the leading international societies of oral surgeons. And, for many years, Dr. Leake has been soloist on oboe, oboe d'amore and English horn at the Carmel Bach Festival.

CHRISTOPHER LINDBLOOM studied as an undergraduate at Boston University, was for some years on the music faculty at Point Loma College, and this past year completed his doctorate in vocal performance at the University of Southern California. He is full time Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana, and also active as a musical editor and teacher of voice. Our baritone soloist at three earlier Festivals, Dr. Lindbloom continues to be in great demand as a recitalist and as soloist with local choral societies and orchestras, among them the San Diego Symphony and Santa Monica Symphony.

TODD MUFFATTI, professor of theatrical scene design at California State University, Fullerton for 15 years, has designed sets for operas, musicals and stage drama as well as television productions. He has worked for the Seattle, Stanford and Cabaret repertory theatres and is equally at home in large-scale presentations and intimate performances such as J.S. Bach's "Penzelt Cantata" at our 1984 Festival and last year's "Birthday Cantata for Prince Leopold." This year he is adding a coffee house atmosphere to the Main Patio Room of the Sherman Library & Gardens for our revival of Bach's "Coffee Cantata."

KAREN NIEBERG is a graduate of Occidental College and recently completed a master's degree in voice at U.S.C., where she was a member of the opera workshop. She has also studied at the American Institute for Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Solo appearances range from the Los Angeles Bach Festival to concerts of contemporary music. Ms. Nieberg also has extensive credits in musical theatre and is a regular member of the performing ensemble at Verdi Restaurant di Musica in Santa Monica.

SUSAN STOCKHAMMER is a native of Los Angeles. She completed Bachelor's and Master's degrees in flute at Julliard in New York, a doctorate in flute performance at the University of Southern California, and was a scholarship student at Aspen and Tanglewood. Dr. Stockhammer has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as with orchestras for the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Los Angeles Civic Light Opera, Baroque Consortium and Monday Evening Concerts. Listed among her world premieres is the performance by Hans Werner Henze and Bo Nilsen in New York, and Ingolf Dahl in Los Angeles. She has taught at Cal State Fullerton, Pomona College and USC, and now teaches full time at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Dr. Stockhammer performs often with Malcolm Hamilton and is at home in chamber and concerto literature.

LADD THOMAS holds a degree from Occidental College and a master's in theology from the School of Theology at Claremont. He studied piano with Gustav Kibler and Muriel Kerr, and organ with Max Miller, David Craighead and Clarence Mader. He is Professor of Music and Chairman of the Organ Department at the University of Southern California. Prof. Thomas has concertized throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico as well as Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy, appearing with numerous orchestras under such conductors as Zubin Mehta, Canny Rochevsky and Eduardo Mata. His performances at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists have included numerous world premieres of compositions for organ. He has recorded on London-Decca with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, on Angel with the Roger Wagner Chorale and on Avant and Western International with the Los Angeles Brass Society and the Los Angeles Brass Quintet. He has also recorded for MGM, Paramount and Universal Studios. As organist, since 1960, of the First United Methodist Church of Glendale, he is heard regularly on church broadcasts. His 20 years of service were recognized by establishment of the Ladd Thomas Fund for Church Music at the School of Theology at Claremont.
RICHARD TREAT's Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music degrees are from California State University, Los Angeles, and he studied violoncello with Stefan De'ax, Eleanor Schoenfeld and Lucien LaPorte. He has been first chair cellist with the Santa Barbara Symphony and Orange Coast Symphony and has played in the Pasadena Symphony, the Pacific Symphony and at the Mozart Festival of San Luis Obispo. He currently teaches at Cal State Los Angeles and is much in demand as soloist and chamber musician.

GREGORY WAIT earned his degree at Chapman College and studied further at California State University, Fullerton. He directed the Lutheran Chorale of Los Angeles for seven years, taught at Lutheran High School, and is presently Senior Lecturer in Voice at Stanford University. Tenor soloist for more than a dozen years at the Carmel Bach Festival, he has appeared as oratorio soloist with most of the major orchestras in the western United States and was principal soloist in a concert series at Harvard University. Together with pianist Burton Karson, Mr. Wait has given vocal recitals in California and New Mexico, most recently a January performance in Palo Alto of the "Magalope" cycle of Johannes Brahms. This is his fourth year with the Corona del Mar Festival.

BURTON KARSON, a 12-year resident of Corona del Mar, founded the Baroque Music Festival in 1981 and has served continuously as Artistic Director, harpsichordist and conductor. After a career as a boy soprano in Los Angeles, he earned the degrees Bachelor, Master and Doctor in music at the University of Southern California, also teaching there as Director of Chapel Music and later serving as University Chapel Organist. He taught at Glendale College, then, in 1965, joined the music faculty at California State University, Fullerton, where he is Professor of Music. A lifetime church musician, he was for eight years the Choirmaster and Organist at St. Joseph Church in Costa Mesa and, since 1982, is Organist & Choirmaster at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Corona del Mar, and was Director of the Lutheran Chorale of Los Angeles for four years. He appears publicly as pianist, harpsichordist, organist and conductor, and is a frequent lecturer on musical topics, often as preview speaker for Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra concerts (three lectures recently on their "Upbeat Live!" series), for the William Hall Chorale, the Pacific Chorale, San Diego Opera, Carmel Bach Festival and other groups. Editor of a book of musicological essays published by the BYU Press, he is active as an author of reviews and articles for professional journals and periodicals, as well as program notes for the Baroque Music Festival. Also an inveterate world traveler, Dr. Karson spends much time in Europe as a researcher, performer and conductor. He was honored this spring, by the School of the Arts at Cal State Fullerton, with the Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award, in recognition of his contributions to the cultural life of the community and for the continuing success and upgrading of the artistic level of our Baroque Music Festivals during the past two years.
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