

Victoria Bach Festival
Festival Programming 2025

Saturday, May 31 – 7:30 PM

Presidio La Bahia – Goliad

The Goldberg Variations – J.S. Bach

Gregory Sauer, Cello

Lee Taylor, Viola

Corinne Stillwell, Violin



Experience the brilliance of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* like never before in this intimate performance for string trio. This masterful work, originally composed for keyboard, is transformed through rich textures and dynamic interplay, revealing new depth and beauty. Join us for an evening of exquisite artistry as we celebrate the timeless genius of Bach.

Sunday, June 1 – 3:00 PM

Rockport Arts Center

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Monday, June 2 – 7:30 PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Bach to Basics

VBF Baroque Ensemble



Led by Christopher Haritatos



Travel back to the origins of the Victoria Bach Festival with a special concert recreating the very first program from 1976. This nostalgic and inspiring performance honors the vision of our founders, celebrating 50 years of extraordinary music-making. Experience the works that started it all, performed with the same passion and excellence that have defined the festival for five decades.

Tuesday, June 3 – 9:00 AM

St. Mary's Activity Center

Bach 2.0

Faith DeBow, Piano

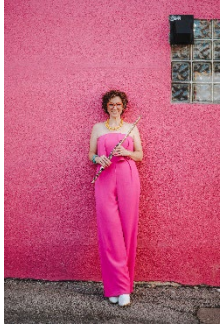


Pianist Faith DeBow performs a diverse repertoire featuring works by J.S. Bach, the English Romantic York Bowen, and modern composers who draw inspiration from Bach, such as Peter Schickele (known as PDQ Bach) and even the Beatles.

Tuesday, June 3 – 12:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Beach & Arensky

Rachel Wolfe, Flute



Michelle Schumann, Piano



Join us for an evening of lyrical beauty and rich textures featuring Amy Beach's *Theme and Variations for Flute and String Quartet* and Anton Arensky's *Piano Quintet*. Beach's elegant and expressive work showcases the flute's soaring melodies intertwined with lush string harmonies, while Arensky's quintet offers a deeply Romantic blend of passion and refinement. Experience these two masterful chamber works in an intimate and moving performance.

Tuesday, June 3 – 7:30 PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
The Great Mass

VBF Orchestra and Festival Choir



Experience the grandeur and spiritual depth of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* in this powerful performance. A masterpiece of choral and orchestral writing, this work showcases Bach's profound artistry and deep expression of faith. Join us for an unforgettable evening as we bring this monumental composition to life in celebration of the festival's 50th anniversary.

Wednesday, Jun 4 – 9:00 AM

St. Mary's Activity Center

La Revue de Cuisine

Step into a world of charm and playful liness with an evening of vibrant chamber music. Bohuslav Martinů's *La Revue de Cuisine* brings a jazz-infused, lighthearted energy to the stage, telling a whimsical tale of kitchen utensils caught in a love triangle. Paired with Alfredo Casella's *Serenata for Clarinet*, a work full of lyrical elegance and lively character, this program highlights the colorful and inventive spirit of early 20th-century music. Join us for a morning of wit, rhythm, and exquisite artistry.

Wednesday, June 4 – 12:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

Emerging Artists

Weverton Santos, Horn



Logan Wadley, Tuba



Weaverton Santos and Logan Wadley, our 2025 Emerging Artists, bring exceptional talent to the Victoria Bach Festival stage. Weaverton showcases his mastery of the horn, while Logan's deep resonances on the tuba enrich our musical experience. Both are dedicated students at Eastman School of Music in New York, where they continue to hone their craft under renowned mentors. We look forward to their performances, which promise to captivate and inspire audiences with their remarkable musical prowess.

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

VAMP Vocals



VAMP is a powerhouse all-women a cappella group from Austin, known for their bold harmonies, dynamic arrangements, and captivating performances. Blending classical, jazz, folk, and contemporary influences, they bring a fresh and vibrant energy to vocal music. With their rich vocal textures and innovative interpretations, VAMP delivers an unforgettable musical experience.

Thursday, June 5 – 9:00 AM

St. Mary's Activity Center

Bach Deconstructed

Brent Baldwin



Experience Bach like never before in *Bach Deconstructed*, a unique program led by multi-instrumentalist Brent Baldwin. Through a fresh and innovative lens, Baldwin explores the timeless brilliance of J.S. Bach's *Cello Suites*, unraveling their structure and reimagining their sound. Don't miss this captivating performance that bridges tradition and modern artistry.

Thursday, June 5 – 12:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

Schubert Octet

Experience the warmth and brilliance of Schubert's *Octet in F Major, D 803*, a masterpiece of chamber music. Overflowing with lyrical beauty, lively dance rhythms, and rich textures, this expansive work showcases Schubert's gift for melody and storytelling. Performed by an exceptional ensemble, this concert promises an evening of elegance and intimacy.

Thursday, June 5 – 7:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church
Anton Nel in Concert

Anton Nell, Pianist



Anton Nel, renowned pianist and faculty member at the University of Texas, delivers an enchanting performance that captivates audiences with his virtuosity and profound musical expression. His concert showcases a repertoire ranging from classical masterpieces to contemporary compositions, offering a mesmerizing journey through the depths of piano music. Attendees can expect a night of exquisite artistry and emotional depth, making it a truly unforgettable musical experience.

Friday, June 6 – 7:30 PM

Victoria Fine Arts Center
Victoria Bach Festival Orchestra, featuring Anton Nel



Join us for a spectacular finale concert celebrating the Victoria Bach Festival's 50th anniversary! The evening features the world premiere of *Symphony No. 1*, a thrilling new work by acclaimed composer Juan Pablo Contreras, commissioned especially for this milestone season. Rounding out the program is Gershwin's iconic *Rhapsody in Blue*, with the brilliant Anton Nel at the piano. Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of music, tradition, and innovation!

Friday, June 6 – TBD

Monument unveiling

After months of dedication and planning, we are thrilled to unveil the Victoria Bach Festival 50th Anniversary Monument! This special tribute honors our rich history and the incredible supporters who have made this milestone possible. We invite all who contributed to join us for this momentous occasion as we celebrate five decades of music, community, and inspiration.