

## 2025 VICTORIA BACH FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MAY 31



### THE GOLDBERG VARIATIONS – J.S. BACH

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Presidio La Bahia – Goliad  
7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1



### THE GOLDBERG VARIATIONS – J.S. BACH

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Rockport Center for the Arts  
3:00 PM

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.

## MONDAY, JUNE 2



**BAROQUE ENSEMBLE**  
Chris Haritatos, Leader  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
7:30 PM



### BACH TO BASICS

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.

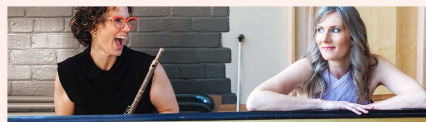
## TUESDAY, JUNE 3

**BACH 2.0**  
Faith DeBow, Piano  
St. Mary's Activity Center  
9:00 AM



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.

Free Admission | Coffee & Pastries available!

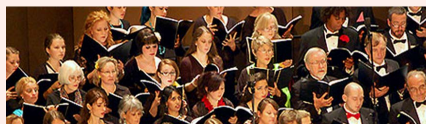


First United Methodist Church  
12:00 PM

### BEACH & ARENSKY

Rachel Wolfe, Flute  
Michelle Schumann, Piano

Join us for an afternoon 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.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
7:30 PM

### 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, JUNE 4

### LA REVUE DE CUISINE

St. Mary's Activity Center  
9:00 AM

Enjoy a playful morning of chamber music with Martin's jazz-tinged La Revue de Cuisine, a whimsical tale of kitchen romance, and Casella's elegant, spirited Serenata for Clarinet. This lively program captures the charm and inventiveness of early 20th-century music.

Free Admission | Coffee & Pastries available!



### SCHUBERT OCTET

First United Methodist Church  
12:00 PM

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.



### VAMP VOCALS

Trinity Episcopal Church  
7:30 PM

VAMP is a powerhouse all-women's 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

### BACH DECONSTRUCTED

Brent Baldwin

St. Mary's Activity Center  
9:00 AM

Experience Bach anew in Bach Deconstructed, as Brent Baldwin reimagines the Cello Suites through a bold, modern lens. This innovative program unravels their structure while honoring their timeless brilliance.

Free Admission | Coffee & Pastries available!



First United Methodist Church  
12:00 PM

Emerging Artists  
Weaverton Santos, Horn  
Logan Wadley, Tuba

Weaverton Santos and Logan Wadley, our 2025 Emerging Artists, bring outstanding talent to the Victoria Bach Festival. Weaverton excels on horn, while Logan enriches the stage with resonant tuba performances. As dedicated Eastman School of Music students, their artistry promises to captivate and inspire.



Trinity Episcopal Church  
7:30 PM

### Anton Nel, 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



## MONUMENT UNVEILING

University of Houston-Victoria  
1:00 PM

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.



### THUS BLEW THE SHEPHERD'S HORN Music by Brahms, Gershwin & Contreras With Special Guest: Anton Nel

Victoria Fine Arts Center  
7:30 PM

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 by acclaimed composer Juan Pablo Contreras, commissioned especially for this milestone season.

Also on the program is Gershwin's iconic Rhapsody in Blue, performed by the brilliant pianist Anton Nel.

Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of music, tradition, and innovation — a grand tribute to 50 years of the Festival's legacy!