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Father's Day Concert to Feature Work By Bach and Two of His Sons

[CHATHAM, NY] - PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century presents the sixth annual Paul Grunberg Memorial Bach Concert on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at 3:00 pm.

Titled "Paternal Influences", this program will include four pieces performed by Andrew Appel and the Four Nations Ensemble.

"The pieces we've selected, some famous and the others so easily loved, are perfect to celebrate the month of June, Father's Day, and Judy's husband who so loved Bach," said Appel. This annual concert is held in memory of Paul Grunberg, the late husband of PS21 President Judy Grunberg.

The first piece to be performed will be Vivaldi's Cello concerto in G. "For Bach, Vivaldi was a musical paternal influence," said Appel. "Bach's entire way of writing changed after he got to know the Vivaldi concertos. He incorporated Vivaldi's methods and values into his own music while holding onto the German traditions and French styles he knew as a very young man."

Bach had 20 children, four of whom became musicians. On this day, PS21 will feature work by two of his sons, Carl and Johann Christian. "The boys responded to their father very differently," said Appel. "Johann Christian moved to Italy, became Catholic and transfigured himself into a modern Italian opera composer. Carl wrote in two styles: one introspective and thoughtful, the other dramatic... storm at sea writing. Between the two we can see the roots of the composers who have thrilled us for 200 years, Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven."

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The Four Nations Ensemble brings together soloists who are leading exponents of period instrument and vocal performance. Founded in 1986 by former Juilliard students, this ensemble now includes Andrew Appel (artistic director, harpsichord and fortepiano), Charles Brink (traverso), Krista Bennion Feeny (first violin), and Loretta O’Sullivan (cello). In their 25-years together, the group has performed extensively throughout the United States. For more information about Four Nations Ensemble, visit their website <http://www.fournations.org>.

PS21 is located at 2980 Route 66, one mile north of the village of Chatham. Tickets for the Sunday, June 19 concert are \$35 general admission and \$30 for PS/21 members. For tickets or information about this or any other event at PS/21, please visit ps21chatham.org or call 518.392.6121.

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