



Tafelmusik
Baroque Summer Festival

Jeanne Lamon, Music Director | Ivars Taurins, Director, Chamber Choir

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9th Annual Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute 2nd Annual Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Festival

Toronto (Canada) ... On the heels of a successful nine-city European tour, Tafelmusik launches the **Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Festival**, May 29 to June 20, which includes a number of free concerts in different venues around Toronto, visits to local schools, and family-friendly workshops at the Ontario Science Centre. Running concurrent to the Festival from June 6 – 19 is the **9th Annual Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute** (TBSI), which sees pre-professional and professional musicians from around the world gathering in Toronto for an advanced training programme led by some of the world's finest musicians in the field of baroque performance.

Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Festival begins May 29 with several free concerts at three different **Doors Open Toronto** venues. The Festival also includes the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Baroque Orchestra performances of Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt* directed by **Ivars Taurins** on May 29, 30 and June 1 at Koerner Hall. In the coming weeks, Tafelmusik musicians will visit four Toronto schools to lead interactive sessions with local school children, and on June 20, visitors to The Science Centre can participate in a Creative Sunday Workshop called *The Science Behind Tafelmusik*. Musicians will lead participants through an interactive exploration of the elements of music. The Festival wraps up with four free TBSI concerts on June 7, 12, 16 and the grand finale on June 19.

Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute offers an in-depth course of study of baroque repertoire and performance practice through masterclasses, lectures, orchestral and choral training, and chamber ensembles. Each year TBSI is held at the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, where Tafelmusik is the baroque orchestra-in-residence. For this year's Institute, Tafelmusik will welcome 88 students from ten different countries for two weeks of baroque immersion in Toronto. This year, Tafelmusik welcomes musicians from Turkey, Norway and Brazil for the first time.

"Over the past nine years, TBSI has not only grown in size and reputation, but has also become increasingly international. We have welcomed musicians from across Canada and the United States, as well as from Europe, Russia, the Middle East, Asia, South Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Central America and South America. The members of this ever-growing list of TBSI alumni form a rich and vibrant musical community. Several alumni sing and play on the Tafelmusik stage, here in Toronto and around the world, and many others can be heard performing with other baroque orchestras, choirs and chamber ensembles," says TBSI Artistic Coordinator **Charlotte Nediger**.

TBSI Faculty includes Music Director **Jeanne Lamon**, Choir Director **Ivars Taurins**, and harpsichordist **Charlotte Nediger** as TBSI Artistic Coordinator, along with members of the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir. Faculty members also include singers **Ann Monoyios** and **Rufus Müller**, Toronto Consort Artistic Director **David Fallis**, and Opera Atelier Co-Directors **Marshall Pynkoski** and **Jeannette Lajeunesse Zingg**.

**Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Festival presents:
Five FREE concerts in conjunction with Doors Open Toronto
Four FREE concerts in conjunction with Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute
Three performances of Handel's *Israel in Egypt* at Koerner Hall**

Doors Open:

Saturday, May 29

Campbell House

10:30 and 11:30 AM

Allen Whear (solo cello)

Le Meridien King Edward Hotel – Crystal Ballroom

10:30 and 11:30 AM

Geneviève Gilardeau (violin), Lucas Harris (lute/guitar)

1:30 and 2:30 PM

John Abberger (oboe), Marco Cera (oboe), Dominic Teresi (bassoon), David Occhipinti (guitar)

Commerce Court North, 25 King Street West

1:30 and 2:30 PM

Christopher Verrette (violin), Geneviève Gilardeau (violin), Aisslinn Nosky (violin), Cristina Zacharias (violin), Patrick G. Jordan (viola), Allen Whear (cello), Alison Mackay (bass), Borys Medicky (harpsichord)

Sunday, May 30

Le Meridien King Edward Hotel – Crystal Ballroom

10:30 and 11:30 AM

Thomas Georgi (violin/viola d'amore), Lucas Harris (lute/guitar)

Handel *Israel in Egypt*:

Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Baroque Orchestra

Directed by Ivars Taurins

Featuring Teri Dunn & Michele DeBoer, sopranos; Matthew White, countertenor;

Lawrence Wiliford, tenor; Sumner Thompson & Andrew Mahon, baritones

Saturday May 29th, Tuesday June 1st at 7:30PM, Sunday May 30th at 2PM

Koerner Hall, The Royal Conservatory of Music TELUS Centre, 273 Bloor Street West

Ticket Prices: \$39 - \$89 / Face the Musik for 30 and under: \$25 and up

Box Office: The Royal Conservatory of Music TELUS Centre: 416.408.0208 / <http://performance.rcmusic.ca/>

Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute:

Delightfully Baroque

free admission

Monday, June 7 at 8pm

Trinity-St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor Street West

The Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra & Chamber Choir, with soloists Ann Monoyios, soprano & Rufus Müller, tenor.

Programme includes: Vivaldi, Purcell, Bach, Handel

Musical Interlude

free admission

Saturday, June 12 at 12pm

Walter Hall, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, 80 Queen's Park

A casual noon-hour recital of chamber music performed by members of the TBSI faculty. Programme includes: J.S. Bach/Weiss, Biber, Vivaldi, Marini, Bertoli, Legrenzi and CPE Bach

The TBSI Orchestras and Choirs *free admission*

Wednesday, June 16 at 1pm

Walter Hall, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, 80 Queen's Park

Directed by Jeanne Lamon and Ivars Taurins and featuring TBSI participants. Programme includes: Lully, Telemann, J.S. Bach

The Grand Finale *free admission with tickets obtained in advance**

Saturday, June 19 at 7:30pm

Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road

The combined forces of the TBSI Orchestra, Tafelmusik Orchestra, TBSI Choir and Tafelmusik Chamber Choir in a baroque extravaganza directed by Jeanne Lamon and Ivars Taurins. Programme includes: Handel, Rameau, Charpentier

***Tickets for The Grand Finale must be obtained in advance and will be available to the public on Friday, June 11 starting at 10 am in person only, at the Tafelmusik Box Office at 427 Bloor Street West. Maximum of 2 tickets per person.**

Creative Sunday Workshops at the Ontario Science Centre: *free with admission to Science Centre*

770 Don Mills Road

Sunday, June 20 at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM

Tafelmusik musicians will lead participants through an interactive exploration of the elements of music.

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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon and founded in 1979, is one of the world's leading period performance ensembles. All members of the Orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice, and their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. Tafelmusik performs over 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, has released over 75 CDs and has received nine JUNO Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination. Tafelmusik is the Baroque Orchestra-in-Residence at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto and operates its annual Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute which attracts pre-professional and professional musicians from around the world. The Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, specializing in baroque performance practice and vocal technique, was formed in 1981 to complement the Orchestra. Tafelmusik made its sold-out Carnegie Hall debut in February, 2009. This season, Tafelmusik embarks on six major tours to Europe, Mexico and the U.S.

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