



2026-27 Season Sponsorships

A sponsorship is more than a donation—it is a gift to the community, ensuring that excellent-quality early music is accessible to audiences across Rochester and Saint Paul.

We are thrilled to announce our exciting lineup of concerts for our 42nd season:

Concert 1: Classic Constellation: Europe's Other Mozarts

Friday, November 6 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the American Swedish Institute

Saturday, November 7 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Sundin Music Hall

Sunday, November 8 @ 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Church in Rochester

In our opening concert, we spotlight brilliant composers of Mozart's era, who illuminated different corners of Europe's musical scene. Thomas Linley's Overture to *The Duenna* and his Violin Concerto reveal a gifted young composer, whose life was tragically cut short, yet whose talent was deeply cherished by his friend Mozart. Chevalier de St George's remarkable life and career shines through his delightful Symphony in G, whilst Mozart's Divertimento in F offers a moment of pure joy and grace before we embark on a rather extraordinary journey at the end of the programme with Kraus' Symphony in C minor, a powerful and dramatic work that offers depth and intensity, bringing this constellation of geniuses to a stirring close.

Concert 2: Nightwatchman and Royal Table - from Courtly Splendor to Midnight Vigil

Friday, January 8 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester

Saturday, January 9 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Sundin Music Hall

Lyra Baroque Orchestra invites you into the evocative world of Heinrich Biber. From the shadowy charm of nocturnal serenades to the opulence of courtly feasts, we bring Biber's inventive genius to life. Expect dazzling violin virtuosity, playful dances, and colourful sonorities, all woven into a captivating evening of music and imagination.

Concert 3: Storm, Sunlight and Shadows

Friday, March 5 @ 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Sundin Music Hall

Saturday, March 6 @ 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

"Storm, Sunlight and Shadows" invites you on a journey through the emotional landscape of three masterful quartets. Haydn's Quartet op.20 no.5 evokes dramatic contrasts, while his "The Dream" Quartet shines with

elegance and wit. Finally, Mozart's Quartet KV 421 draws us into a world of poignant shadows. With each note, Lyra's quartet illuminates the shifting moods from the drama of storms to the warmth of sunlight and the quiet depth of shadows.

Concert 4: Venezia Stravangatissima - Musical Innovation from the Floating City

Friday, April 30 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 1 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Sundin Music Hall

Music by Monteverdi and his contemporaries. Step into the vibrant world of early 17th-century Venice with Venezia Stravagantissima, a time when the new musical language of the Baroque replaced the old one of the Renaissance. Composers such as Monteverdi, Castello and Fontana were pioneering new musical innovations, creating music that stirred the passions, lifted the soul, and emotionally engaged the listener like never before. Experience the groundbreaking music, as we bring to life the daring and inventive spirit of the floating city's golden age.

Concert 5: A Brilliant Lineage - The Bachs in Concert

Friday, June 11 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Saturday, June 12 @ 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at Sundin Music Hall* proudly presented as part of the Twin Cities Early Music Festival

In our season finale programme we celebrate the dazzling musical heritage of one family. JS Bach's violin concertos reveal his admiration of Italian composers, Vivaldi in particular, while CPE Bach's flute concerto captures a strikingly personal voice. WF Bach's "Dissonante" Symphony challenges expectations further with bold harmonic tension. In turn, the "London Bach", as JC Bach was known, radiates the refined charm in his Sinfonia Concertante. This final programme invites you to experience the brilliance, innovation, and intimate emotion that shaped one of music's most extraordinary families.

How Sponsorship Works

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