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About the Founder and Artistic Director, Daniel Johnson

Since its creation by founder and Artistic Director, Daniel Johnson, Texas Early Music Project has charmed central Texas audiences with intriguing, evocative, and innovative concerts. Johnson specializes in the music of Medieval and Renaissance Spain and France, the Sephardim, the early Baroque works of Monteverdi and Charpentier, and ballads from 17th and 18th century Scotland. He directs the Texas Toot Early Music Workshop and is a co-director of the Amherst Early Music Festival. He was inducted into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame in the spring of 2009.

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Like the universe, the world of music is constantly in motion.

Techniques change; Instruments change.

Movement, Change, Development:

These are the themes that TEMP explores in its 2016-2017 season.

Some changes are so gradual that they aren't observed in real time; only after an extended examination can we perceive the development, or even evolution, of a new style, a new convention. What is trending now quickly falls out of fashion, often forgotten until it is re-examined and its importance within the broader historical perspective is recognized.

TEMP’s 18th season of concerts explores the impetus of change in the music of the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras. We begin with the gradual progression of styles in early Baroque Germany, in which the music of Heinrich Schütz influenced Buxtehude, whose music vastly influenced the ubiquitous J. S. Bach in the High Baroque. We end with the music of Monteverdi, who, along with Gabrieli and other Italian composers, shaped the form and style of Schütz.

The most powerful and enduring impetus for change developed from a small band of composers and monks in Notre Dame Cathedral around 1200. The creative and experimental strength of one or two composers provided the force for major transformation in music throughout the next several centuries.

As always, Texas Early Music Project celebrates music of past times for its ability to connect with modern lives and modern needs. Through the music, we are able to understand some of the fundamental, daily aspirations and expectations of people and cultures that may be long gone, but whose passions, loves, fears, and humor live on.

Join us as we explore musical developments that provided the impetus for stylistic changes throughout history.

This concert series is supported in part by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Austin Economic Development Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.
Pathways to Bach
Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 7 PM
Sunday, September 4 at 3 PM
For both: Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7050 Village Center Dr.
J.S. Bach didn’t just appear out of nowhere. Dietterich Buxtehude, who has been called “the father of German musicians,” heavily influenced Bach; before that, Buxtehude was influenced by Heinrich Schütz, who is considered one of the most important German composers of the 17th century. Featuring Schütz’s Musikalische Exequien and Buxtehude’s Horzich lieb hab ich.

Songs of the Sephardim:
Love, Lament, and Loss
Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 8 PM
Congregation Beth Israel, 3901 Shoal Creek Blvd.
Sunday, October 30 at 3 PM
St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, 606 W 15th St.
Expelled from Iberia in 1492, the Sephardim fled to many new lands, especially in the Middle East and the Balkans. The haunting music of the Sephardim in the Diaspora reflects their longing for return to Iberia, while adapting their music and traditions to their new homelands.

An Early Christmas
Friday, December 9, 2016 at 8 PM
Saturday, December 10 at 8 PM
Fri & Sat: First English Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis Ave.
Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM
First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Dr.
We explore the intangible essence of Christmas with beautiful and joyful carols, motets, dances, and traditional songs with innovative arrangements for solo voices, small chorus, harp, violin, flute, mandolin, viola, and lutes.

London City Limits:
The Sequel
Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 8 PM
Sunday, February 19 at 3 PM
For both: First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Dr.
TEMP again weaves Baroque opera favorites around an original narrative. Continuing the story of our 2016 Opera on the Thames program, our intrepid heroes leave their forest home and roam across Europe trying to solve a mystery with beautiful music and adventurous humor. Music by Handel, Vivaldi, Lully, Purcell, and others.

Notre Dame Cathedral, c.1200
Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8 PM
St. Mary’s Cathedral, 203 E 10th St.
Sunday, March 26 at 3 PM
First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Dr.
Stepping back 800 years from the opera to around 1200, the Notre Dame school of polyphony was prominent in mastering the change from single-voice chant to three- and four-part polyphony, with the composer Pérotin being the impetus of this new style. The excitement generated by the new multi-voice texture dominated European sacred music for centuries.

Monteverdi 1610
Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 7 PM
Sunday, May 14 at 3 PM
For both: Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7050 Village Center Dr.
We come full circle from our opening concert, as Monteverdi (who was highly influential on Schütz) was a driving force in the transition from the Renaissance to the Baroque. His Vespers of 1610 includes elements of both musical eras; at this time, the changes of style and fancy were lightning-fast. Monteverdi lived in both worlds.

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