



Vache Baroque announces 'Looking Bach' Gala Concert

**From 7.30pm on Saturday 19 November 2022 at
Conway Hall, WC1R 4RL**

Vache Baroque presents a gala event with a twist to celebrate 300 years since the compiling of J. S. Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1 and the Anna Magdalena Notebooks.

The evening will feature performances and new commissions from a number of outstanding and award winning classical, jazz and electronic musicians. The line up includes **pianist Libby Burgess, harpsichordist and melodica player David Gordon, the David Gordon jazz trio, sound artist Dan Samsa, and a consort of Vache Baroque singers and players.**

In line with the Vache Baroque mission and ethos, young people will perform side-by-side with leading professionals - VBF is proud to be showcasing their Children's Choir at this event!

Doors will open at 7.30pm. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to explore VBF's signature sound and art installations, as well as to enjoy the food & drink on offer, including sweet treats from The Bach-ery!

The main performance will begin at 8.15pm. Total running time will be approx. 70mins.

Tickets are on sale now:

£10 | £20 | £45 | £90

50% of the £10 tickets are reserved for Under 35s.

[Please click here to read more and book now](#)

Artistic Director Jonathan Darbourne comments:

It is telling that in the preface to his first book of preludes and fugues, Bach writes that the pieces are both for 'profit' and 'diversion', or put another way, enrichment and entertainment. This sums up what we want this event to deliver, with the hope that our performers and audience members will all leave having learnt new things and heard new things, whatever their prior experience of Bach's music. There will be explanations of tuning systems and different types of keyboards, silly rounds, serious arias, beautiful chorales, old, new, fast, slow - a whistle-stop tour!

Associated Education & Outreach Programmes

A key component of the gala celebration will be short performances from children in the following VBF education programmes:

- **24 - 28 October: Vache Baroque Children's Choir:** building on the success of the inaugural choir course in 2021, children aged 8 - 15 resident in Buckinghamshire will enjoy five days of workshops and rehearsals led by Suzzie Vango, Shivani Rattan, and Jonathan Darbourne. Applications are still open; please submit the following short form by 10pm on Friday 30 September:

[More information](#)

Notes to Editors

About The Vache Baroque Festival

The Vache Baroque Festival is a fresh and forward looking organisation bringing audiences world-class Baroque music in the grounds of The Vache, an historic house located in the heart of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and connected to London on the Metropolitan Line.

Vache Baroque believes high-quality productions of Baroque music and drama should be open to everyone. The festival produces vibrant events that inform, challenge and entertain new and seasoned audiences, combining contemporary artistic disciplines in performance and pop-up installations away from the stage beforehand. These events are a platform for emerging artists to play, sing, dance, act, design, and create alongside some of the industry's leading lights.

For the inaugural Vache Baroque Festival in September 2020, Henry Purcell's opera *Dido & Aeneas* played to two sell-out audiences. Since then, and with the support of its founding

VBFriends, projects have included: *Coffee Baroque*, immersive performances of Bach's comic mini-opera about coffee addiction; *Paradise & Pandemonium*, a dramatic rendition of Milton's epic poetry interwoven with monumental Bach cantatas; *Acis & Galatea*, an exuberant, critically-acclaimed production of Handel's tragicomic opera; *Purcell Reimagined*, a competition for young composers and arrangers; *Women of the Baroque*, a six-video showcase of songs by female Baroque-era composers; Charpentier's opera *Orphée*, with street dance choreography by BirdGand Ltd; and *A History of Sound*, a children's show now touring to local schools.