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16. Giga
17. In meines Herzens Grunde
18. Nun lob', mein Seel', den Herren
19. Den Tod...
20. Ciaccona in an arrangement for solo violin and four voices inspired by the analysis of Helga Thoene.

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Ensemble Memento: Sopran/Soprano: **Marie Alexis**, Alt/Alto: **Anna Zander**,
Tenor: **Fredrik Mattsson**, Bas/Bass: **Joakim Schuster**

Dans eller runa över en älskad livskamrat?

1720 skrev Bach Partita i d-moll för solo violin. Det var också året då hans första hustru, Maria Barbara Bach, mycket oväntat gick bort.

Den tyska musikforskaren Helga Thoene tolkar verket som ett sorgearbete, ett monumentalt mästerverk fullt av dolda budskap i form av numerologi, symbolik och citat ur egna koraler.

Temat i Ciacconan, menar Thoene, är numerologiskt hustruns namn och dödsår. I ackorden och melodierna i solo violinens stämma ligger dolda sångfragment ur flera av hans egna koraler, alla med budskap om död och sorg men också om hopp.

I det här arrangemanget sjungs de dolda koralfragmenten tillsammans med solo violinens stämma som ett perfekt lagt pussel.

Dance or tombeau?

In 1720 Bach wrote his Partita in d-minor for solo violin. Apart from being a monumental masterpiece in itself, it is also full of hidden messages, numerology, symbolism and chorale quotations. A fascinating theory is that the Partita in d-minor was written as an epitaph to Bach's wife Maria Barbara Bach.

The German musicologist Helga Thoene has a theory that within the theme of the Ciaccona, Bach has hidden a numerical code of his wife's name and year of death. The chords and melodies in the violin part derive from several of his own hymns, all with messages about death and grief – but also full of hope.

In this arrangement the chorale fragments are sung along with the violin part, like pieces of a perfectly laid puzzle.



Klara Hellgren

Med sin innerliga ton har hon sedan sin solistdebut med Sibelius violinkonsert och Kungliga Filharmoniska Orkestern år 1999 etablerat sig som en av de mest spännande och efterfrågade kammarmusikerna i sin generation. Idag är hon drivande i flera solistiska och kammarmusikaliska projekt och syns ofta i uppdrag som konsertmästare i landets stora orkestrar.

Sedan 2004 är Klara anställd som violinist i den mycket renommerade stråkkvintetten "Uppsala Kammarsolister", en av Sveriges främsta kammarensembler. Klara spelar på en violin byggd av Antonio Gragnani 1773, vänligen utlånad av Järnåkerfonden.

Klara Hellgren is one of Sweden's foremost violinists, currently employed as a member in Uppsala Chamber Soloists, a highly eminent string quintet where she plays both violin and viola, and as concertmaster in Uppsala Chamber Orchestra.

Klara regularly performs as a soloist, concertmaster and in various chamber music ensembles, delving into Baroque, Viennese, Classical, Romantic and new music. Klara plays on a Gragnani violin from 1773, kindly lent by the Swedish Järnåker Foundation.



Ensemble Memento

är Marie Alexis, sopran, Anna Zander, alt, Fredrik Mattsson, tenor och Joakim Schuster, bas. Denna sångarkvartett har alla en gedigen erfarenhet av både

solistisk sång, kör och ensemblesång. Alla sjunger sedan många år tillbaka i Radiokören och musicerar regelbundet i mindre vokalensemblér och i en mängd olika kammarmusikaliska sammanhang. Som solister besitter de en musikalisk bredd som sträcker sig från renässans till nyskrivet. De är alla väletablerade oratoriesångare och har även opera och romanser på repertoaren. Sångarnas individuella erfarenheter av den solistiska sidan av yrket finns med i deras sätt att musicera tillsammans. De inspirerar varandra med sina olika upplevelser och låter dessa både få sticka ut och smälta samman. Kvartettens gemensamma ideal vad gäller klang, intonation och fräsning gör att deras sound klingar välbalanserat och homogent.

Ensemble Memento

The singers Marie Alexis, soprano, Anna Zander Sand, alto, Fredrik Mattsson, tenor and Joakim Schuster, bass, all of whom are members of The Swedish Radio Choir, form this homogeneous vocal quartet, "Ensemble Memento". Their repertoire extends from early baroque to contemporary music. Their wealth of experience together as both soloists and choir singers, in lieder, opera and chamber music, make this quartet truly unique in terms of voice colour, intonation and phrasing. By allowing their individual expressiveness and varied backgrounds to shine through, they create a finely balanced and unified whole.

Koraler/Chorales

Christ lag in Todesbanden Verse 2:

Verse 1:

Christ lag in Todesbanden
Für unser Sünd gegeben,
Der ist wieder erstanden
Und hat uns bracht das Leben;
Dess wir sollen fröhlich sein, Gott loben
und ihm dankbar sein und singen Halleluja ; Halleluja!

No one could defeat death among all children of mankind, this was all because of our sins, no innocence was to be found. Therefore death came so quickly and seized power over us, held us captive in his kingdom. Hallelujah!

Verse 2:

Den Tod niemand zwingen kunt
Bei allen Menschen Kindern;
das macht alles unsre Sünd,
kein Unschuld war zu finden. Da von kam der Tod so bald
und nahm über uns Gewalt, hielt uns in sein'm Reich gefangen. Halleluja!

Christ lay in death's bonds

Christ lay in death's bonds given over for our sins, He has risen again and brought us life; therefore we should be joyful, praise God and be thankful to Him and sing Hallelujah; Hallelujah!

Auf meinen lieben Gott

Verse 1:

Auf meinen lieben Gott
Trau ich in Angst und Not;
Der kann mich allzeit retten
Aus Trübsal, Angst und Nöten, Mein Unglück kann er wenden, Steht all's in seinen Händen.

Verse 2:

Dein Blut, der edle saft, hat solche stärke und Kraft, dass auch ein tröpflein kleine die ganze Welt kann reine, ja, gar aus Teufels rachen frei, los und ledig machen

In my dear God

Verse 1:

In my dear God
I trust in fear and need;
He can save me always from trouble, terror and suffering, He can turn

aside my misfortune, since everything rests in His hands.

Verse 2:

Your blood, the noble juice, has such strength and power that just a drop makes the world pure, indeed, even from the devil's rage make one free, liberated and unfettered.

Wo soll ich fliehen hin

Weil ich beschwert bin
Mit viel und grossen sünden?
Wo kann ich Rettung finden? Wann alle Welt herkäme,
Mein Angst sie nicht wegnehme.

Where shall I flee

Where shall I flee, since I am burdened with many great sins? Where shall I find rescue? If all the world came to me, they could not take away my fear.

Dein Will gescheh'

Dein Will gescheh'
Herr Gott, zugleich Auf Erden wie im Himmelreich.
Gib uns Geduld in Leidenszeit, Gehorsam sein in Lieb und Leid;
Wehr und steur allem

Fleisch und Blut, Das wider deinen Willen tut!

May your will be done,

May your will be done, Lord God, both on earth as in heaven. Grant us patience in time of sorrow, obedience in love and sorrow; restrain and guide all flesh and blood that acts contrary to Your will!

Befiehl du deine Wege,

Befiehl du deine Wege, und was dein Herze kränkt, Der allertreusten Plege, Des, der den Himmel lenkt, Der Wolken, Luft und Winden gibt Wege, Lauf, und Bahn, der will auch Wege finden
Da dein Fuss gehen kann.

Commit your path,

Commit your path, and whatever troubles your heart, to the most faithful caretaker, He, who directs the heavens, who to the clouds, air, and winds gives path, course, and passage, He will find ways for your feet to follow.

Jesus, meine Freude,

Jesu, meine Freude, meines Herzens Weide, Jesu, meine Zier!
Ach wie lang, ach lange,

ist dem Herzen bange
und verlangt nach dir!
Gottes Lamm, mein
Bräutigam, ausser dir soll
mir auf erden nichts sonst
Liebers werden.

Jesus, my joy,
Jesus, my joy,
pasture of my heart,
Jesus, my adornment
ah, how long is my heart
filled with anxiety and
longing for you!
Lamb if God, my
bridegroom, apart from
you on the earth there is
nothing dearer to me.

Jesu, Deine Passion
Jesu, Deine Passion
ist mir lauter Freude, deine
Wunden, Krön' und Hohn
meines Herzens Weide;
meine seel auf Rosen geht,
wenn ich dran gedenke, in

dem Himmel eine Stätt mir
deswegen schenke.

Jesus, your passion

Jesus, your passion is pure
joy to me, Your wounds,
thorns and shame my
heart's pasture; my soul
walks on roses when i think
upon it; grant a place in
heaven for me for its sake

In meines Herzens Grunde

In meines Herzens Grunde
Dein Nam und Kreuz allein.
Funkelt all Zeit und Stunde,
Drauf kann ich fröhlich sein.
Erschein mir in dem Bilde
Zu Trost in meiner Not,
Wie du, Herr Christ, so
milde Dich hast geblut'
zu Tod!

In the depths of my heart

In the depths of my heart
Your name and Cross alone
shine at every moment

making me able to rejoice.
Let me see the image to
console me in my distress
of how you, Lord Christ, so
patiently shed your blood
in death!

Nun lob', mein Seel'

Nun lob', mein Seel',
den Herren,
Was in mir ist, den Namen
sein! Sein Wohltat tut er
mehrnen, Vergiss es nicht,
o Herze mein! Hat dir dein
Sünd vergeben
Und heilt dein Schwachheit
gross, Errett' dein armes
Leben,
Nimmt dich in seinen
Schoss.

Mit reichem Trost
beschüttet, Verjüngt, dem
Adler gleich.
Der König schafft Recht,
behütet, Die leid'n in
seinem Reich.

Now praise, my soul, the Lord,
Now praise, my soul, the
Lord,
all that is in me praise His
name!

He adds to his acts of
kindness, do not forget this,
o my heart!
He has forgiven you your
sins
and healed your great
weakness,
He rescues your meager
life,
and takes you into His
bosom,
pours down just
consolation,
renews you like the
eagle, the king acts justly;
protects those who suffer in
his kingdom.

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