

Vox Ama Deus

Valentin Radu, *Artistic Director & Conductor*

40th Anniversary Concert Season



2026
2027

♪ **Note from the Maestro**

Welcome to our 40th anniversary season! For forty consecutive years, VoxAmaDeus has been delighting Philadelphia-area audiences with live performances that bring to life the glorious music of the Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical eras. This year promises to be our best ever—an amazing season of carefully curated concerts for our three performing groups, and also including our January **Winter Soirée**, an intimate musical encounter with brilliant British piano virtuoso, Peter Donohoe.

Camerata Ama Deus opens our season with celebrations of two perennially favorite Baroque composers, Bach in September (**BachFest**) and Vivaldi in October (**Vivaldissimo**). The spring offerings include **Brilliant Baroque** in March and **ABC** in April, each an exciting mix of famous as well as lesser-known Baroque composers. At each Camerata concert, audiences are treated to Maestro's engaging and informative "live notes."

Vox Renaissance Consort performs two enchanting concert series that will transport you back in time to the glory of Old Europe, with lush costumes and period instruments, and heavenly music of European masters, as well as traditional carols. In addition to the annual December **Renaissance Noëls** is another uplifting concert series, **Renaissance Candlemas** in February, which features beautiful sacred motets in honor of this midwinter Christian feast.

Ama Deus Ensemble will present five spectacular concerts, beginning at the Kimmel Center in November with the thrilling masterpiece **Verdi Requiem**. In December, four performances of our traditional **Handel Messiah** on Baroque instruments, once again including a performance at the magnificent Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul. In January, we return to the Kimmel Center with **Beethoven Gershwin & More**, featuring renowned British pianist Peter Donohoe in virtuosic performances of piano works of both composers, plus exciting orchestral works by a selection of American composers. In keeping with the sacredness of the day, our Good Friday concert will feature the majestic **Brahms Requiem** and include, for the first time in our programming, his profoundly moving Fourth Symphony. And for our grand finale in June, a spectacular ending to an amazing anniversary season, we offer **MozartFest**, a fabulous all-Mozart program of both orchestral and choral works.

Mark your calendars! This VoxAmaDeus **Anniversary Concert Season 40** is one you will not want to miss!



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Concert 40 Season

2026
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BachFest

Camerata Ama Deus

Valentin Radu, piano Guillaume Combet, violin
Sep 13 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Vivaldissimo

Camerata Ama Deus

Oct 17 7 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Oct 18 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Verdi Requiem

(In Memoriam Lewis du Pont Smith)

Ama Deus Ensemble

Nov 13 7 pm Kimmel Center

Handel Messiah

Ama Deus Ensemble

Dec 4 7 pm St Mark's Church
Dec 6 4 pm Daylesford Abbey
Dec 18 7 pm Cathedral Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul
Dec 20 4 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Renaissance Noël

Vox Renaissance Consort

Dec 12 7 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Dec 13 4 pm Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College

Beethoven Gershwin & More

Ama Deus Ensemble

Peter Donohoe, piano
Jan 22 7 pm Kimmel Center

Winter Soirée

Peter Donohoe, piano
Jan 24 4 pm Church of the Good Samaritan

Renaissance Candlemas

Vox Renaissance Consort

Feb 20 7 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Feb 21 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Brahms Requiem

Ama Deus Ensemble

Mar 26 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Brilliant Baroque

Camerata Ama Deus

Apr 17 7 pm St Martin-in-the-Fields
Apr 18 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

ABC: Albinoni, Bach & Corelli

(In Memoriam Ruth Williams)

Camerata Ama Deus

Valentin Radu, piano
May 16 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

MozartFest

Ama Deus Ensemble

Valentin Radu, piano Guillaume Combet, violin
Jun 6 7 pm St Katharine of Siena Church

Programs subject to change

General Admission concert venue prices (all non-Kimmel Center concerts):

Full price tickets: \$40 Adults, \$30 Seniors (65+) Students: \$10 at all times.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Camerata Ama Deus

Chamber Orchestra

BachFest

Sunday, September 13 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Guillaume Combet violin

Linda Kistler violin

Kimberly Reighley flute

Valentin Radu piano



Valentin Radu



Guillaume Combet

Johann Sebastian Bach:

Violin Concerto in a minor, BWV 1041

Piano Concerto in f minor, BWV 1056

Concerto for Two Violins in d minor, BWV 1043

Orchestral Suite No. 2 in b minor, BWV 1067

"Air on the G String" from Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068

Piano Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055



Kim Reighley



Linda Kistler

We open this Anniversary Concert Season 40 with our traditional celebration of the genius of J. S. Bach. Though he wrote relatively few orchestral works, each is a masterpiece. This program will feature two of his festive dance suites, written for the wealthy court at Cöthen: the delightful Orchestral Suite No. 2, with a virtuosic part for the flute soloist; and the second movement from the Suite No. 3, popularly known as "Air on the G String." In addition is a solo work for violin and the exquisite "Bach Double," his only concerto for two violins. Two piano concertos performed by the Maestro on St. Katharine's superb Bösendorfer Grand Piano (while conducting from the keyboard) complete this spectacular program. And of course, Maestro will provide his customary "live notes." Join us for a fabulous start to Anniversary Concert Season 40!

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission

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Concert Venues

Church of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields (SM)
8000 St Martin's Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Daylesford Abbey (DA)
220 South Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301

Saint Mark's Church (SMK)
1625 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College (BMC)
101 N Merion Ave
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Cathedral Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul (CB)
1723 Race Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Kimmel Center Campus
300 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Church of the Good Samaritan (GS)
212 West Lancaster Avenue
Paoli, PA 19301

Saint Katharine of Siena Church (SKS)
Lancaster & Aberdeen Avenues
Wayne, PA 19087

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2026

Camerata Ama Deus

Baroque Chamber Orchestra

Vivaldissimo

Saturday, October 17 7:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill

Sunday, October 18 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Guillaume Combet violin

Kimberly Reighley flute

Sarah Davol oboe

Bob Wagner trumpet

Antonio Vivaldi:

Sinfonia in d minor, RV 128

Oboe Concerto in B-flat Major, RV 464

Sinfonia in C Major, RV 110

Flute Concerto in D major "Il cardellino," RV 428

Violin Concerto in e minor, Op. 4, No. 2, RV 279

Concerto for Flute and Oboe in d minor, RV 535

Trumpet Concerto in d minor, RV 454

Sinfonia in B-flat Major, RV 162

Concerto for Trumpet and Oboe in D Major, RV 781



Guillaume Combet



Kim Reighley



Sarah Davol



Bob Wagner

Our traditional fall Vivaldi concert is a celebration of instrumental works by the Venetian master featuring a superb selection from his immense repertoire. Vivaldi wrote more than 500 concertos for various instruments (mostly for violin), and in this program, stellar soloists will perform exciting solo concertos for oboe, flute, violin, and trumpet, and will combine for two exciting double concertos, for oboe and flute and for oboe and trumpet. Three sinfonias, sometimes referred to as concertos for strings without soloist, complete this outstanding program. And introducing each work are Maestro's customary "live notes."

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



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NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

Verdi Requiem

(In memoriam Lewis du Pont Smith)

Friday, November 13 7:00 PM Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Kara Goodrich soprano **Chelsea Laggan** mezzo soprano

Timothy Bentsch tenor **Richard Zuch** bass

Giuseppe Verdi

Messa da Requiem

Verdi's *Requiem* is probably the most famous major choral work written after Mozart's *Requiem*. It was composed in 1874 in memory of the poet and novelist Alessandro Manzoni, whom Verdi greatly admired and who had died the previous year. The *Requiem* is renowned for its dramatic, operatic style, unsuitable for liturgical use but fabulously popular as a concert piece. It is especially known for the thunderous double-chorus number "Dies irae," evoking a fiery, awe-inspiring vision of the Last Judgment.

One of the most celebrated choral works in the Classical repertoire, this is a concert not to be missed!

Running time: 2 hours including one intermission



Kara Goodrich



Chelsea Laggan



Timothy Bentsch



Richard Zuch



This concert sponsored by
Mrs. Lewis du Pont Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. du Pont Smith

DECEMBER 4, 6, 18 & 20, 2026

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Baroque Orchestra

Handel Messiah

Friday, December 4	7:00 PM	St Mark's Church, Philadelphia
Sunday, December 6	4:00 PM	Daylesford Abbey, Paoli
Friday, December 18	7:00 PM	Cathedral Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul, Phila
Sunday, December 20	4:00 PM	St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Andrea Lauren Brown soprano

Chelsea Laggan alto

Timothy Bentch tenor

Ed Bara bass

From its very first performance in Dublin in 1742, *Messiah* was a huge sensation. For more than three decades, VoxAmaDeus has presented to the Philadelphia region annual performances of Handel's masterpiece, now a Christmas season tradition. Remaining true to Handel's vision, this is the complete work performed on original Baroque instruments. But Maestro Radu makes a few changes each time, so no two performances are ever quite the same. This will be the 2026 edition!

This year, make *Messiah* part of your holiday tradition—and come and be uplifted!

Running time: 2 hours – no intermission



Andrea Lauren Brown



Chelsea Laggan



Timothy Bentch



Ed Bara



DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

Vox Renaissance Consort

Voices & Period Instruments

Renaissance Noël

Saturday, December 12 7:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
Sunday, December 13 4:00 PM The Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College

This season marks the 40th consecutive year of our annual tradition of magical Renaissance Noël concerts by the Vox Renaissance Consort, celebrating the glorious Renaissance Christmas music of Old Europe, with masterpieces for single and double chorus, solo voices, and period instruments, and always including one or more carols from Maestro's native Romania. A unique feature of these concerts is our Renaissance Consort performers exquisitely attired in lush period costumes.

Come and experience a joyful and traditional old-world Noël!

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



JANUARY 22, 2027

Ama Deus Ensemble

Symphony Orchestra

Beethoven Gershwin & More

Friday, January 22 7:00 PM Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater

Peter Donohoe piano

Ludwig van Beethoven:

Coriolan Overture, Op. 62

Piano Concerto No. 3 in c minor, Op. 37

An American Triptych—*Andrei Radu*, guitar soloist Luc Radu

Variations on "I Got Rhythm"

George Gershwin

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

Raiders' March from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

John Williams

Imperial March from *Star Wars Suite*

John Williams

Olympic Fanfare

John Williams

Rhapsody in Blue

George Gershwin



Peter Donohoe

A fascinating mix of stirring works for our 40th-anniversary January concert! British piano virtuoso Peter Donohoe returns to delight us with his always brilliant performances of two of Gershwin's most popular works, as well as Beethoven's powerful Third Piano Concerto. Also on the program are Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture* as well as rousing, exhilarating works by American composers Aaron Copland and John Williams, plus the premiere of a new work by Luc Radu.

Running time: 2 hours 30 minutes including one intermission



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JANUARY 24, 2027

Maestro's Special Guest

Extraordinary Solo Piano Concert

Winter Soirée

Peter Donohoe piano

Sunday, January 24 4:00 PM Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli

Join us for an intimate musical afternoon featuring the brilliant artistry of British piano virtuoso Peter Donohoe, as he performs a feast of piano masterworks that he selected especially for this musical soirée.

Running time: 70 minutes – no intermission



Peter Donohoe

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2027

Vox Renaissance Consort

Voices & Period Instruments

Renaissance Candlemas

Saturday, February 20 7:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill

Sunday, February 21 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Vox Renaissance Consort, comprising costumed singers and a period-instrument orchestra, returns for an uplifting program of Renaissance carols and motets celebrating the Christian feast of Candlemas, with a selection of joyous instrumental works as interludes. As in our Renaissance Noël, performers are attired in lush Renaissance dress, making this delightful evening a feast for the eyes as well as the ears.

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



MARCH 26, 2027

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

Brahms Requiem

Good Friday, March 26 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Andrea Lauren Brown soprano

Ed Bara bass

Johannes Brahms:

Ave Maria, Op. 12

Symphony No. 4 in e minor, Op. 98

In Waldeseinsamkeit (In Lonely Wood), Op. 85, No. 6

A German Requiem, Op. 45

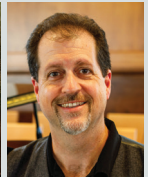
Johannes Brahms' extensive catalog spans orchestral, choral, and intimate chamber music. This Good Friday concert will begin with Brahms' lovely setting of *Ave Maria* and also feature a tender soprano solo, *In Waldeseinsamkeit* (In Lonely Wood), orchestrated by Max Reger. As well, two of his greatest masterpieces were chosen to reflect and honor this sacred day's character. His profound and darkly passionate Fourth Symphony (fittingly, it was performed for the ailing composer at the last concert he attended before his death), in an Ama Deus Ensemble premiere; and his majestic *Requiem*, by contrast a warm and uplifting work meant to bring consolation and a promise of peace.



Valentin Radu



Andrea Brown



Ed Bara

Running time: 2 hours – no intermission



APRIL 17 & 18, 2027

Camerata Ama Deus

Baroque Chamber Orchestra

Brilliant Baroque

Saturday, April 17 7:00 PM Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
Sunday, April 18 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Guillaume Combet, Linda Kistler violins **Rainer Beckmann** recorder
Steven Zohn baroque flute **Paul Futer** trumpet

Charles Avison: Concerto Grosso No. 5 in d minor (after Scarlatti)

Georg Philipp Telemann: Recorder Concerto in C Major, TWV 51:C1

Antonio Vivaldi: Concerto for Two Violins in a minor, RV 522

Telemann: Flute Concerto in G Major, TWV 51:G2

Vivaldi: Sinfonia in c minor, RV 118

Tomaso Albinoni: Trumpet Concerto in B-flat Major, Op. 7, No. 3

J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major, BWV 1049

Beyond Bach and Vivaldi, many other European composers contributed to the brilliance of the Baroque era. This program will feature the German Telemann, the Italians Vivaldi and Albinoni, plus the British Avison, with sparkling selections from each of these composers in works for violins, flute, recorder, and trumpet, as well as Bach's stunning Brandenburg No. 4—all with Maestro's always engaging "live notes"!

Running Time: 90 minutes – no intermission



Guillaume Combet



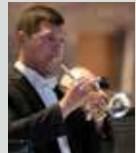
Linda Kistler



Steven Zohn



Rainer Beckmann



Paul Futer



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MAY 16, 2027

Camerata Ama Deus

Chamber Orchestra

ABC: Albinoni, Bach & Corelli

(In memoriam Ruth Williams)

Sunday, May 16 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Guillaume Combet, Robert Spates violins

Sarah Davol oboe **Vivian Barton Dozor** cello

Valentin Radu piano

Charles Avison:

Concerto Grosso No. 1 in A Major (after Scarlatti)

Concerto Grosso No. 4 in a minor (after Scarlatti)

Arcangelo Corelli:

Concerto Grosso in D Major, Op. 6, No. 1

Concerto Grosso in C Major, Op. 6, No. 10

Tomaso Albinoni:

Oboe Concerto in d minor, Op. 9, No. 2

Concerto for Violin & Oboe in F Major Op. 9, No. 3

Johann Sebastian Bach:

Piano Concerto in D Major, BWV 1054

An annual tradition celebrating the Baroque ABC—Albinoni, Bach, and Corelli—plus Charles Avison. A selection of delightful concerti grossi and solo concerti for oboe, violin, and piano, with Maestro on the Bösendorfer Grand Piano, plus his entertaining “live notes.”

Running time: 90 minutes – no intermission



Valentin Radu



Guillaume Combet



Robert Spates



Vivian Dozor



Sarah Davol



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JUNE 6, 2027

Ama Deus Ensemble

Soloists, Chorus & Orchestra

MozartFest

Sunday, June 6 7:00 PM St Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

Guillaume Combet violin

Doris Hall-Gulati clarinet

Valentin Radu piano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:

"Alleluia" from *Exsultate, jubilate*, K. 165

Overture to *The Magic Flute*, K. 620

Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622

Te Deum, K. 141

Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major, K. 218

Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488

Vesperae solennes de confessore, K. 339

A performance of masterworks by Mozart
concluding Anniversary Concert Season 40!

The fabulous program includes choral and instrumental works spanning Mozart's entire life, beginning with his 13th year (*Te Deum*), and ending with the year of his untimely death, age 35, in 1791 (Clarinet Concerto and *The Magic Flute* Overture). The intervening years are represented by solo works for violin and piano and his exciting choral work *Vesperae solennes de confessore*.

Don't miss this exhilarating ending to an amazing Season 40!

Running time: 2 hours – no intermission



Valentin Radu



Guillaume Combet



Doris Gulati



Rachel Sigman



Tracy Sturgis



Raffaella Lo Castro



Rachael Ditre



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1 BachFest	☐ 9/13 at SKS				
2 Vivaldissimo	☐ 10/17 at SM ☐ 10/18 at SKS				
4 Handel Messiah	☐ 12/4 at SMK ☐ 12/18 at CB ☐ 12/6 at DA ☐ 12/20 at SKS				
5 Renaissance Noël	☐ 12/12 at SM ☐ 12/13 at BMC				
7 Winter Soirée	☐ 1/24 at GS				
8 Renaissance Candlemas	☐ 2/20 at SM ☐ 2/21 at SKS				
9 Brahms Requiem	☐ 3/26 at SKS				
10 Brilliant Baroque	☐ 4/17 at SM ☐ 4/18 at SKS				
11 ABC	☐ 5/16 at SKS				
12 MozartFest	☐ 6/6 at SKS				
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