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PROGRAM

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Ut queant laxis Juan de Araujo (1646–1712)

Jacob Perry, Jr., tenor

Dime amor

Canticum Beatae Mariae Virginis: Magnificat a 8 Francisco López Capillas (1615–1673)

Cui Luna, Sol et omnia Capillas

Missa Ego flos campi: Credo

Conceptio gloriosae de Salazar

Hola, hala, que vienen gitanas de Araujo

Missa Ego flos campi: Sanctus & Agnus Dei

O sacrum convivium Antonio de Salazar (c.1650–1715)

Ay andar, a tocar, a cantar, a baylar de Araujo

MUSICIANS

Soprano

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Alto

Kristen Dubenion-Smith Sylvia Leith

Tenor

Matthew Hill Jacob Perry, Jr.

Bass

Mark Duer lan Pomerantz

Guitar/Theorbo William Simms

Organ

Paula Maust

Violone

Jessica Powell Eig

Percussion

Michelle Humphreys

Ruben Valenzuela, Guest Director



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

How curious it is that we sometimes are more comfortable far from home, a continent away or in a different hemisphere, than we are moseying around in our own backyard, blithely oblivious to the fact that there are rubies and emeralds right under our feet, if we would only glance down at the dirt upon which we're standing. Similarly, many of us are acquainted, at least casually, with the music of Purcell, Lully, Corelli, or Schütz—all residing in Europe—but would be hard pressed to recognize a single "American" composer from that era who was active in the Hispano-American world (that extended from the tip of Chile to the California Coast). Tonight, the Washington Bach Consort will pause so that we can reflect upon and relish our own musical heritage that grew from the seeds and topsoil of indigenous Native American, African-American, and Hispanic cultures here in the Western Hemisphere. It's time to explore our own house.

From the late 1500s through the 1770s, Spain administered government functions in the Americas through two enormous geographic regions: the Viceroyalty of New Spain (centered in Mexico) and the Viceroyalty of Granada (focused on Peru and neighboring Andean localities). These two were intense rivals—a bit like the Red Socks vs. the Yankees or the Giants vs. the Dodgers. The composers in tonight's program were the "star composers" from these viceroyalties: Mexico (featuring Gutiérrez de Padilla, López Capillas, and Salazar) vs. Peru (highlighting the infectious music of Juan de Araujo).

Tonight's music can be divided almost equally between two highly divergent styles. One is the erudite, learned, "serious style" to be performed in church, in Latin, either at Mass or monastic services such as Vespers. It is quite formal in its demeanor and careful to adhere to the "rules" of counterpoint and harmony. The name for tonight's concert is drawn from Antonio de Salazar's Conceptio gloriosae, written in this "serious style" around 1688 for an opulent celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Puebla, Mexico. Like much of the music from the cathedrals of Latin America, this sacred text was set for eight voices divided into two choirs, accompanied by organ. (The manuscript in Mexico City for Conceptio gloriosae includes in its title "for eight voices," but only six of them are found in the folder! I have therefore composed two melody lines to make this performable.) You will hear similar polychoral arrangements of voices in all of the Latin-texted works on tonight's concert, with the sole exception of López-Capillas's Cui luna, sol et omnia—a tender, elegiac gem that compares favorably with the music of Josquin or Byrd.

In dramatic contrast to the intensely reverential and contemplative "serious style," we also encounter an entirely different soundscape in the more rambunctious villancicos works that are more down-to-earth, causing us to tap our feet to an impulsive beat, sway to undulating rhythms, and be tempted to leap up and dance (but we probably shouldn't!). We've put aside our tuxedos and changed into our blue jeans. The villancico was always a sacred work for voices (and usually instruments), that admitted the use of secular elements both stylistically and textually. Instead of using Latin—the official choice for worship inside the sanctuary— villancicos used vernacular languages—that is, the kind of speech and dialect that people actually used in their everyday lives. The villancico was the only sacred category that deliberately imitated the style of the street or the farm, and would offer a sampling of the ethnicities, regional origins, and occupations of regular, everyday folk, singing in their down-home way as opposed to the "serious style" of Mass. Whereas Masses and Latin motets were often accompanied by organ, the villancico allowed the whole folkloric band to show up with a battery of guitars, harps, bandurrias, transverse flutes, slit flutes (quenas), or panpipes (zampoñas or sikus) from the Andes. Perhaps most flavorful to our sonic palate is the rich assortment of handheld percussion instruments, such as tambourines, sonajas (a tambourine with no drum membrane), rattles (drawn from the local indigenous peoples), scrapers (quiros), castanets (from southern Spain), conga drums (drawn from Afro-Caribbean culture), and in South America, the bomba azuüero or side drum from the coastal islands of Chile.

As mentioned, villancicos depict the lives of regular, everyday people—not prophets, saints, or martyrs. In Araujo's Hola, hala we will hear a band of rowdy Gypsies celebrating the birth "blessed, brown-haired baby girl" (i.e., Mary). In Araujo's Ay andar, we see the shepherds going to see the Christ child, and they make as much of a ruckus as they can as they rattle their tambourines. We have a Christmas villancico with Dime, amor (Tell me, my love) but unlike the rowdy Gypsies of Hola, hala or boisterous shepherds in Ay andar, here we have the singer asking a beloved companion to explain the mystery of the manger. The Christ child seems to burn or glow, nestled in the straw of the manger, even though the ice of December is frozen between the blades of straw. Our narrator asks, "Tell me, love, how can fire freeze into coldness, and how can coldness burn with such brilliance? Tell me, my love, for I don't understand how it can be so."



ABOUT THE PROGRAM (cont'd)

All three of these *villancicos* by Araujo grow from native soil (not European). Melded together with the infectious hemiolas of African-American culture in the region, was a ubiquitous and defining rhythm of Native-American origin, consisting of two strong downbeats followed by a "lift" that became the basis for the *sarabanda* and *chacona*:

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That rhythm permeated the New World, presumably first heard by the Spanish conquistadores in Xacona, sung by the Purépecha peoples of Tarasco in central México. The Spaniards tried their hand at creating similar pieces, calling them chaconas (after the Tarascan village). The chacona and sarabanda were then exported back to Europe, in exactly the same way that coffee, tomatoes, corn, and chocolate are from the Americas but now are staples in European cuisine. Even to this day, if one asks Native-American musicians about this rhythm, a good number will recognize it as their own, explaining that the two strong pulses together embody the heartbeat of Mother Earth. Tonight's program exudes this "heartbeat" rhythm in its villancicos Ay andar and Hola hala; this latter piece proclaims, "Gypsies are chirping away! They're shaking their tambourines! They're clattering their castanets so hard that they splinter!—and they're dancing the chacona!" Interestingly, when the chacona and sarabanda spread to Europe, their roots extended into the music of Bach, Corelli, and Lully; in a sense, we can hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth in their music, owing to Native American culture, and a shared musical chromosome of which they were completely unaware.

Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla proved himself to be one of the most imaginative and able composers of his time, composing at least four ambitious polychoral masses, a moving setting of the St. Matthew Passion, dozens of Latin motets, and around a hundred exhilarating Spanish villancicos. He ran an instrument-making shop in the 1640s that employed skilled African American craftsmen. His extended villancico cycles—he composed one for each Christmas celebration from 1648 through 1659—paint a broad portrait of the peoples and cultures that populated 17th-century Mexico. One of Gutiérrez de Padilla's most acclaimed works is his Misa Ego flos campi, a parody mass based on a now-lost Christmas motet for two choirs. In each movement, Padilla explores a diverse assortment of sonorities and textures, all made possible by his polychoral resources. Padilla's Credo is particularly passionate. The opening declaration of the Creed affirms, "Credo" (I believe), a phrase that he chooses to repeat before each key theological declaration.

These fervent reaffirmations of faith accurately reflect the profoundly religious experience of life in Colonial Mexico. The "credo" repetitions also encapsulate hidden religious symbolism, particularly with respect to the number three and its association with the Holy Trinity. If we count the number of choral exclamations of "credo" we arrive at the number twenty-seven, and that number is 33 (in other words, 3 x 3 x 3). It is the perfect symbol of the Trinity's "three-ness."

Like Mozart, Juan de Araujo was well traveled and incorporated his broad knowledge of differing musical styles into his compositional craft. Born in Spain in 1646, Araujo moved to Peru as a youngster where he was trained at the University of San Marcos. Araujo was a bit of a rabble-rouser, and his participation in student protests got him expelled from the country by the Count of Lemos. Evidence suggests that he fled to Panama, where he stayed until Captain Morgan invaded the poorly defended region; Araujo would have been with the other refugees who barely escaped by crowding into small boats and setting out to sea, watching the flames rise as Panama City burned to the ground. Once safely back to Peru in 1672, he spent most of his remaining years as Chapel Master at Lima Cathedral, with one brief stint in Cuzco between 1676 and 1680, before his final move to La Plata Cathedral in Bolivia, where he died in 1712.

Francisco López Capillas—born around 1608 in Mexico—is the first American-born composer to master his art on a par with his European competitors and rise to fame and fortune within his lifetime. He was appointed chapel master at the Mexico City Cathedral in 1654, the first American to hold this prestigious position. The Puebla Cathedral engaged the young musician as organist and bassoonist in 1641, thus placing together two of the greatest musicians of the century: Chapel Master Gutiérrez de Padilla and the aspiring López Capillas. Capillas moved from Puebla in 1654, when the Mexico City Cathedral hired him as both chapel master and principal organist. The two gorgeous works by López Capillas in this evening's concert are intended for Mother Mary and her feast days: Cui luna proclaims that Mary's "womb is bearing a child, by an outpouring of Heaven's grace"; and the Magnificat ("My soul magnifies the Lord" from the Gospel of Luke), which celebrates Mary's virtues in one of the most beloved texts in Christian liturgy.

Of all the Mexican composers of the latter half of the 17th century, few had a greater impact on style and his contemporaries than Antonio de Salazar. In his job application as a possible bassoon player to the Puebla



Cathedral in Mexico, Salazar identifies himself as a native of that city. His career skyrocketed; he was appointed the Chapel Master of Puebla Cathedral in 1679, and while there, he collaborated on five juegos or "sets" of villancicos with the incomparable poetess and writer Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (who many consider to be the "Mexican Shakespeare"). Even though Sor Juana's texts are preserved, the whereabouts of Salazar's musical settings for them are unknown. Although Salazar was highly respected and successful in Puebla, when the position of chapel master in Mexico City opened up in 1688, he submitted his name as one of the applicants for the job. After a demanding set of examinations and contests, Salazar won the competition and the post in convincing fashion. He served there until his death in 1715, teaching various pupils, including Manuel de Sumaya.

Throughout his career, Salazar authored gorgeous, sonically lush Latin choral pieces, two of which we hear tonight: the *Responsory: Conceptio Gloriosae* (for the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and *O sacrum convivium* (a Marian antiphon intended to bookend the singing of the *Magnificat*).

Tonight, we will embark on a journey through the Americas, exploring all-star American composers from the late 1600s, relishing the luxuriant polyphony of a Mass and Latin motets and the rambunctious, folkloric energy of a half dozen *villancicos*. So, friends, lean back and prepare for a magical journey to an undiscovered world—a trip to our own back yard.

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Text and Translations

Missa Ego flos campi: Gloria Mass "I am the lily of the field"

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you, we thank you, We adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy; you alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, Glory to God the Father. Amen.

Ut queant laxis

Ut queant laxis resonare fibris Mira gestorum famuli tuorum, Solve pollute labiis reatum, Sancte Ioannes.

Nuntius celso veniens Olympo, Te patri magnum fore nasciturum, Nomen, et vitae seriem gerendae, Ordine promit.

Ille promissi dubius superni Perdidit promptae modulos loquelae; Sed reformasti genitus peremptae Organa vocis.

Ventris obstruso recubans cubili, Senseras Regem thalamo manentem: Hinc parens, nati, meritis, uterque, Abdita pandit.

Sit decus Patri, genitaeque Proli Et tibi, compare utriusque virtus, Spiritus semper, Deus unus, omni Temporis aevo. Amen. O for your spirit, Saint John [the Baptist], to chasten Lips sin-polluted, fettered tongues to loosen; So by your children might your deeds of wonder Meetly be chanted.

Lo, a swift herald, from the skies descending, Bears to your father promise of your greatness; How he shall name you, what your future story, Duly revealing.

Scarcely believing message so transcendent, Him for a season power of speech forsakes, Till, at your wondrous birth, again returns, Voice to the voiceless.

You, in your mother's womb all darkly cradled, Knew your great Monarch, biding in His chamber, Whence the two parents, through their offspring's merits, Mysteries uttered.

Praise to the Father, to the Son begotten, And to the Spirit, equal power possessing, One God whose glory, through the lapse of ages, Ever resounding. Amen.

Dime amor

Dime amor que prodigio es aquestre, Que el fuego y la escarcha se abrasan los dos. Y de asombro la nieve se hiela, Y helada entre pajas se enciende en ardor.

Dime amor que el incendio se hiela de frio, Y el frio se abrasa con su resplandor. Dime amor pues lo sabes que yo no lo entiendo no.

En los rigores helados de invierno el niño se vio, Calentar la nieve fría y encender su propio ardor. Con generosa osadía entre pajas se arroja, Donde escondido descubre la causa que le escondió.

Derretido entre la escarcha al fuego de su esplendor, Derrama perlas a risas del alba que en el lloró.

La nieve y el fuego canten sus gloriosa emulación, Que arder en la nieve el fuego de amor los efectos. Tell me, [my] love, what a marvel this is [ours] to gain, That the fire and the frost burn each other. And in astonishment, the snow freezes, And frozen between the straw, it gleams with ardor.

Tell me, [my] love, that the fire freezes in the cold, And the cold burns with its radiance. Tell me, [my] love—you know that I do not understand it, no.

In the frozen rigors of winter, there is the child, Warming the cold snow and igniting his own ardor. With great courage, he casts himself into the straw, Where hidden, he reveals the reason for hiding.

Melted amid the frost, in the fire of his splendor, Laughing, he scatters the pearls that the dawn had wept upon him.

The snow and the fire together sing his glory, That to burn in snow, the fire of love has its purpose.

Magnificat a 8

Luke 1:46-55

Magnificat anima mea Dominum, Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo, Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes, Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

Et misericordia eius in progenies et progenies timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui;

Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles;

Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel, puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae,

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant

From now on all generations will surely call me blessed, For the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away emptyhanded.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham, and to his descendants forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Cui Luna, Sol et omnia

Cui Luna, Sol et omnia deserviunt per tempora, Perfusa coeli gratia gestant puellae viscera. He that the Moon, the Sun, and all things serve at all times, by the outpouring of heavenly grace was born of a virgin.

Missa Ego flos campi: Credo

Credo in unum Deum.

Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum,

Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt.

Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis.

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine: et homo factus est.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus et sepultus est.

Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum scripturas.

Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris.

Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos:

Cujus regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem: Qui ex Patre, Filioque procedit.

Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur:

Qui locutus est per Prophetas.

Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. I believe in one God,

The Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son of God,

Begotten of his Father before all worlds.

God of God, light of light, very God of very God.

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father: by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man.

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures.

And ascended into heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead:

His kingdom shall have no end.

And [I believe] in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life: Who proceeds from the Father and Son.

Who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified:

Who spoke by the Prophets.

And in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Conceptio gloriosae

Conceptio gloriosae Virginis Mariae, Ex semine Abrahae, orta de tribu Juda,

Clara ex stirpe David, Cuius vita inclita cunctas illustrat Ecclesias. The conception of the glorious Virgin Mary, From the seed of Abraham, proceeding from tribe of Judah,

Distinctly from the lineage of David, Whose renowned life gives glory to the whole Church. Hodie concepta est Beata Virgo Maria, ex progenie David.

Cuius vita inclita cunctas illustrat Ecclesias.

Today the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived from the progeny of David.

Whose renowned life gives glory to the whole Church.

Hola, hala, que vienen gitanas

Hola, hala, que vienen gitanas, Que vienen de gorja, Que suenan sonajas, Oue bailan chacona.

Vayan, vengan a la niña con gracia, Niña con fiesta,

Hola, hala, repicando las sonajas, Castañetas se hagan rajas, Porque la niña benedita, Que ha nacido trigueñita, Nos regocija las almas.

Vayan, vengan, repicando las sonajas, Castañetas se hagan rajas.

Hola, hala, que con el bamboleo de las mudanzas, Y con el airecillo de las gitanas Hace sus pucheritos, Gorgeando mil gracias.

Su divina mano besad gitanillas Aunque está en mantillas es don soberano.

El cristal ufano copia su blancura Y con su hermosura se lleva la palma.

Hola, hala, que con el bamboleo de las mudanzas, Y con el airecillo de las gitanas Hace sus pucheritos, Gorgeando mil gracias. Hello, hey, Gypsies are coming, Coming from Georgia, Sounding rattles, Dancing the chaconne.

Come on, go to the girl with grace, [To the] girl in celebration.

Hello, hey, ringing the rattles, Castanets crackle, Because the blessed baby girl, Who was born brown-haired, Delights our souls.

Come on, go, ringing the rattles, Castanets crackle.

Hello, hey, that with the wobbling motion, And with the little gypsy air, [She] sneers, Flush with a thousand jokes.

Her divine hand kissed the little gypsy girls;
Although she is but in her swaddling shawl, she is a sovereign gift.
Crystal vainly imitates her whiteness,
And by her beauty, palms raise [in adoration].

Hello, hey, that with the wobbling motion, And with the little gypsy air, [She] sneers, Flush with a thousand laughs.

Missa Ego flos campi: Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.

Missa Ego flos campi: Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

O sacrum convivium

O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur; Recolitur memoria passionis eius; Mens impletur gratia; Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. O sacred banquet, in which Christ is taken; We remember his passion; The mind is filled with grace; And future glory is pledged to us.

Ay andar, a tocar, a cantar, a baylar

Ay andar, andar, andar, A tocar, a cantar, a baylar, A cantar todo gargüero Que sino quiere cantar Por la ley de los folijones La garganta perdera

Ay andar, andar, andar, A tocar todo pandero, Nadie se podra escusar, Que donde ay mucho con curso, Muchos panderos abra.

Ay andar, andar, andar, A baylar todo Juanete Que no podra disculpar, Condenase a sabañones Por huir la agilidad.

Ay andar, andar, andar Que toca y retoca y repica Pascual Que oy a nacido una rara veldad, Que todos y todas y muchos y mas Astillas se hagan a puro baylar.

Repite Pascual— qual, qual, Repite Pascual— qual, qual, Qual serâ en creciendo aquesta Deydad, Si resien nasida no tiene otra ygual, Que toca y retoca y repica Pascual Pues oi a nacido quien vida nos da. Oh go, go, go! Play, sing, dance, Sing with full voice, That he who does not want to sing By the law of the folijon dance, He will lose his voice

Oh go, go, go! Playing every tambourine, No one shall be excused, That where there are crowds, Many tambourines shall appear.

Oh go, go, go!
Dance all people,
Let no one be excused,
Let all be condemned to footsores,
Those who quickly flee [from dancing].

Oh go, go, go! Play, replay, and ring out, Pascual, For today a rare beauty was born, Let all men and women and many and more, Dance themselves to splinters.

Pascual repeats: "What, what?"
Pascual repeats: "What, what?"
What shall be of this deity when grown,
If newly born, He has no equal?
Let Pascual play, and replay, and ring out,
For today He is born who gives us life.

Repica bien las sonajas Por q'oy hasiendome rajas E de bailar con bentajas Al ayroso vendabal,

Que toca y retoca y repica Pascual Pues oi a nacido quien vida nos da.

Folijon en español Quiere la Madre del sol No tiene en su fasistol Ôtro mejor Portugal, Que toca...

Un monasillo atrebido En cara manda el chillido, Dis un grito tan desmedido, Que le quito aun sordo el mal, Que toca...

Otro dando zapatetas No le balieron las tretas Q'en lugar de sapatetas Dio el colo brillo al umbral. Oue toca...

El sacristan furibundo Dixo a la Niña retumdo, Que nace asombrar el mundo Serâ Muger singular Que toca...

Quien bayla los folijones Sin meterse en opiniones Les quita a los sabañones, La jurisdiccion fatal, Que toca...

Toda sudando manteca, Llego Gila vana y güeca, Y aun que enferma dexo queca, Baylo una hora cabal Que toca...

Pues por vida de quien somos, Que los nobles Mayordomos, Determinen sin âsomos, El vitor se a de cantar. Oue toca... Ring out the rattles well
For today I am splitting myself apart
And dancing with toeholds
On the whipping wind,
Let Pascual play, and replay, and ring out,
For today He is born who gives us life.

A folijon in Spanish,
As the Mother of the Sun loves,
She has nothing better on her music stand,
[Nothing] better [even] in Portugal.
Let Pascual play...

An adveturous choir boy, Whose face blares a shriek, Shouted a scream so shrill, That cured even a deaf man. Let Pascual play...

Another prancing about,
His tricks were not worth the trouble,
Because instead of fancy footwork,
He hit his head on the doorjamb,
Let Pascual play...

The furious sacristan
Said to the girl resoundingly,
That when she grow ups, she shall amaze the world,
She shall be a unique woman.
Let Pascual play...

Whoever dances the folijones, Without argument, Will cure his footsores, Case closed.

Let Pascual play...

Everyone sweating like butter, Along came Gila, vain and dimwitted, And even though sick with a headache, Danced for a whole hour. Let Pascual play...

Well for the life of who we are,
May the nobles of the great houses,
Determine without [giving away] hints,
The cheer that shall be sung.
Let Pascual play...

MEET THE ARTIST



Ruben Valenzuela is the Founder and Artistic Director of Bach Collegium San Diego (BCSD). As a conductor and keyboardist, he has led BCSD in notable performances of music of the Renaissance, early and high Baroque, early Classical period, as well as music of the twentieth century. Valenzuela's performances have been described as "dramatic," "vibrant," and "able to unlock the true power of Baroque music" (San Diego Story). Under Valenzuela's leadership, BCSD has achieved international acclaim through virtuosic performances of iconic repertoire, as well as lesser-known works.

In addition to his work with BCSD, Valenzuela is regularly called upon as a guest director. Notable guest engagements include Bach Vespers at Holy Trinity, New

York City; Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium at Boston University; Bach at Emmanuel Church, Boston; and most recently Juilliard415 at Lincoln Center, New York City.

Valenzuela holds a PhD in Musicology from Claremont Graduate University and is the Director of Music & Organist of All Souls' Episcopal Church, San Diego.







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