Beall Concert Hall Sunday afternoon 4:00 p.m. January 18, 2004

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My Dearie an ye Die
James Oswald  (1711-1769)

Willie was a wanton Wag
Charles McLean  (c.1712-c.1765)

Lochaber
William McGibbon  (c. 1690-1756)

Sonata seconda (1629)
Dario Castello  (fl early 17th c.)

Toccata Quarta
Michelangelo Rossi  (1601-1656)

Sonata Op. V/IX in A major
Arcangelo Corelli  (1653-1713)
    Preludio (Largo)
    Giga (Allegro)
    Adagio
    Tempo di Gavotta (Allegro)

Sonata on Bonny Christy (1732)
Alexander Munro  (fl. 1732)
    Allegro
    Vivace
    Allegro

Sonata in D
William McGibbon  (c.1690-1756)
    for violin and basso continuo
        Andante
        Allegro
        Andante

Sonata IX from Sonata accademiche Op. 2
Francesco Maria Veracini  (1690-1768)
    Allegro Moderatamente
    Adagio
    Scozzese (Un poco Andante e affetuoso–Largo–
        Un poco Andante e Affetuoso)

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violinist/composer who spent time in England, where he apparently became familiar with the practice of using Scots folk tunes in his own music. The sonata in this programme is the ninth in his Sonata academiche, Op. 2, which were first published “Per l’Autore, a Londra, e a Firenze” in 1744. It is essentially a two-movement sonata with a short Adagio introduction to the second movement, which is entitled Scozzese. This movement is based on the Scots tune Tweed Side, and has a Scottish ‘feel’ to it!

Michelangelo Rossi, 17th century Italian keyboard composer, earned the nickname of Michel Angelo del Violino for his virtuoso violin playing. Like his teacher, Frescobaldi, Rossi, in Toccate e correnti (c.1640), writes in the tradition of the quasi-improvised toccata with slow opening chords, unusual harmonies, imitative sections, and brilliant passagework. Toccata Quarta is from Rossi’s Toccate e correnti.

Johann Sebastian Bach colorfully imitated various instrumental styles such as concerto, trio sonata, or violin sonata in his solo harpsichord works. In the transcription by Bach from Vivaldi’s Concerto Op.3 No.3 in F major (BWV978), we see how Bach adapted the idea of soloist and orchestra to the harpsichord, with two manuals. The influence of Vivaldi’s concerto style can be seen in Bach’s solo keyboard works such as the English Suites (BWV806-11), each of which begins with a large, introductory prelude, usually in the concerto style, and the three-movement Concerto in the Italian Style (BWV971).

Johann Sebastian Bach’s six sonatas for violin and obbligato harpsichord stand among the crowning glories of baroque instrumental music. Heavily indebted to the Italian style (particularly this, the last of the set), the sonatas are among the most ‘rococco’ of Bach’s music, while retaining that contrapuntal complexity which is a hallmark of Bach’s style. J. N. Forkel, in his biography of Bach, says of these six sonatas: “They were completed in Coten, and can thus be counted among the earliest of Bach’s masterpieces... The violin part demands a master; Bach knew the instrument’s potentialities and spared it just as little as he spared his harpsichord.” From this, the sonatas can be dated to somewhere between 1718 and 1722. However, Bach subsequently altered them, particularly the sixth, which was almost completely re-written at some (unknown) later date. It is this last version which we are playing today.

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ABOUT TONIGHT’S ARTISTS

Richard Gwilt is one of Europe’s foremost baroque violinists, and is in demand as a teacher, conductor, and music director. Born and educated in Edinburgh, he has degrees in music from the University of Birmingham and the University of Michigan. He started playing the baroque violin in 1980 while at the University of Michigan, and on returning to England in 1983 joined the mainstream of the English early music scene. He has played and recorded with many period instrument orchestras, including the English Concert with Trevor Pinnock, the Academy of Ancient Music with Christo-

**PROGRAM NOTES**

The musical links between Scotland and Italy were strong in the mid-18th century, a period that saw the flowering of a Scottish classical (as opposed to folk) music culture. Not only were the works of Italian composers, such as Corelli and Vivaldi, in high demand, but much native Scottish music was composed in the Italian style.

The instrumental variations on Scots songs in this program all appear in mid-18th century collections. The composition of such variations was a typical response of Scottish composers such as Oswald and Munro to the importation of the Italian style. The variation sets by Oswald, McLean and McGibbon are all continuous pieces, presenting the traditional folk tune more or less ‘unadulterated,’ followed by increasingly animated variations. Alexander Munro’s Sonata on Bonny Cristy, on the other hand, is a real sonata, owing much to the compositional style of Corelli, while losing nothing of the Scots idioms.

Corelli’s published output consists only of six sets—four of trio sonatas (Op. 1-4), the violin sonatas Op. 5 and the concerti grossi Op 6. Yet he was one of the most influential composers of his time. His Op. 5 set of twelve violin sonatas was perhaps the most popular single work in the period, being reprinted no less than 43 times up to 1815 throughout Europe. Roger North, the important music chronicler and commentator wrote the following about Corelli in 1710: “It [is] wonderfull to observe what a skratching of Corelli there is every where—nothing will relish but Corelli.” And as in England, so in Scotland. The Sonata in A Major (Op. V/IX) is one of the six sonata da camera in this set.

The exchange of Italian and Scots music was not only one way—the charm and character of traditional Scots music made it irresistible to many a more “mainstream” composer. Composers from Barsanti to Beethoven and Bruch all set Scots tunes in some context Francesco Maria Veracini was an Italian...