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## Arts Around Town: Bethlehem Bach Festival features indoor, outdoor concerts

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The 111th Bethlehem Bach Festival kicks off Friday and Saturday and again with repeat performances on May 18 and 19. It's a free concert of "Bach Outdoors" on Fridays at noon at Payrow Plaza, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, with festival artist-in-residence, She-e Wu, on marimba. Wu will be playing with Paul Miller, principal violist of the Bach Festival Orchestra, on electric violin, and Dale Henderson, founder of "Bach in the Subways," on cello. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at The Old Chapel, 412 Heckewelder.

Wu also will perform on Saturday and on May 19 at 10:30 a.m., at the Ifor Jones Chamber Music Concert with the Bach Festival Orchestra, with Greg Funfgeld on harpsichord, at Baker Hall at the Zoellner Arts Center at Lehigh University. Featured musicians will include Elizabeth Field, concertmaster, and Robin Kani, on flute.



She-e Wu Wu, born in Taiwan, has performed as a solo artist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and has performed at international conventions and premiere concerts. She teaches master classes and has commissioned and composed many works.

Festival highlights for both Fridays will continue at 2 p.m. with a distinguished scholar lecture by Robin A. Leaver on "120 Years of Bach in Bethlehem," in Room 145 of the Zoellner Arts Center; a Chorale Sing Part I at 3:40 p.m., at Incarnation of Our Lord Church, Thomas and Buchanan streets; Bach at 4, or Chamber Music in the Saal with Charlotte Mattax Moersch, on harpsichord; a buffet dinner with an informal talk by Larry Lipkis at 5:45 p.m. in the Butz Lobby of the Zoellner Arts Center, and Bach at 8 at 8 p.m., at Packer Memorial Church, followed by a champagne and strawberries toast in celebration of the festival's 120th season.

The slate for both Saturdays includes a Chorale Sing Part II at 2 p.m., in the Brass Choir tent near the flag pole at Packer Church; Bach's "Mass in B Minor," Parts I and II, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Packer Memorial Church, and Zimmerman's Coffee House, featuring baroque music by young musicians, at 7 p.m. at Peter Hall at Moravian College.

Finalists of the 10th Biennial Bach Vocal Competition for American Singers, held by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem and the American Bach Society, will perform on May 20 at 1 p.m., at Peter Hall.

For further info: [bach.org](http://bach.org)