Bethlehem Bach Choir to welcome back Yo-Yo Ma for Gala Concert in spring

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The Bethlehem Bach Choir has announced two extremely special guests dropping in next spring: Yo-Yo Ma and his long-time collaborator Kathryn Stott.

Ma and Stott will perform at the choir's Gala Concert and Fundraiser on April 30, 2022, which will be preceded by a dinner-and-cocktail event. Ma returns to the choir after nearly a quarter-century, when he played Johann Sebastian Bach's complete cello suites back in 1998.

The pair will undoubtedly play more of Bach's work during the choir's gala, but according to a release from the choir, the concert's repertoire is yet to be announced. It'll take place in Central Moravian Church.

Ma and Stott have been collaborators since 1978, with her accompanying his cello with piano. The two have released three albums together, two of which — "Soul of the Tango" and "Obrigado Brazil" — won Grammy awards. Ma, a New York City-raised son of Chinese immigrants, has won 18 Grammy awards in total.

He's also been a fixture in popular culture over the years, with appearances on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and "Sesame Street" back in the day, or newer fare like a performance of Bach on NPR's "Tiny Desk" series and Showtime talk show Desus & "Mero." Tickets go on sale in November and are expected to sell out fast.

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