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Bach Choir is back

Bach at Noon concert in Bethlehem

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The Bach Choir of Bethlehem will open its 2021/2022 season with an in-person concert at Central Moravian Church, 73 West Church St., Bethlehem.

The 115th Bach at Noon will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Sept. 14 and will be presented both in-person and online, featuring members of the choir, the Bach Festival Orchestra and soloists led by Greg Funfgeld, artistic director and conductor.

The program will include Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major and Cantata BWV 137, Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren.

Soloists are Sherezade Panthaki, soprano; Brian Giebler, tenor and David Newman, bass-baritone.

Funfgeld will offer remarks and insights into each piece, to further enhance the listening experience for the audience.

Members of the Bach Festival Orchestra include Elizabeth Field, Stephani Bell, Rebecca Brown, Inna Ezyerovich, Linda Kistler and Mary Ogletree, violins; Uri Wassertzug and Akhmed Mamedov, violas; Loretta O'Sullivan and Noelle Casella Grand, cello; Stephen Groat, string bass; Mary Watt and Nobuo Kitagawa, oboe; Charles Holdeman, bassoon; Robert Skoniczin, Lawrence Wright and Steven Heitzer, trumpets; Christopher Hanning, timpani and Thomas Goeman, continuo organ.

The audience members are required to wear a mask while inside Central Moravian Church.

Those who discovered the choir virtually over the past 18 months are invited to watch the livestream on the Bach Choir's YouTube channel.