

**D**ecember 1723. Bach has just taken up his position as newly appointed Cantor of St. Thomas' church and celebrates his first winter in Leipzig. He composes, for the 25th of December, one of his most famous works : the Magnificat.

That Christmas evening will be revived today as it was lived in the presence of the Cantor : Vincent Dumestre conducts the Magnificat, performed here in its original version, intertwined with lauds sung in German from the gallery, telling the Christmas story in miniature. On December 25th, Bach also played the cantata BWV 63 "Christen, ätzt diesen Tag", and, mirroring these two great works the Sanctus BWV 238 (premiered on December 25th), and a chorale, sung here on the famous melody of "Jesu, meine Freude". A Christmas in 1723 in company of the most eminent of Baroque composers.

# BACH MAGNIFICAT

"A WINTER IN LEIPZIG"

Erhard Bodenschatz, Alleluia

JS Bach, Christen, Ätzt diesen Tag, BWV 63

Gottfried Vopelius, Ein Kindelein so löblich

JS Bach, Magnificat BWV 243a

JoS Bach, Gott sein uns gnädig BWV 323

chœur et orchestre du Poème Harmonique

ON TOUR IN  
2025- 2026

TEAM : 42 PEOPLE

5 soloists - 15 choristers - 21 instrumentalists - 1 conductor

1 production - 1 technician - 1 admin

Harpsichord, organ, double bass and timpany to be provided +  
tuning

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LE POÈME HARMONIQUE  
Vincent Dumestre