

Saturday 1 March 2025 | St Johns Southgate | Admission free 2 to 5:30pm Symposium | Dietrich B. Journeying with Dietrich Bonhoeffer Sessions on Bonhoeffer's life, writings and theology Background to the new musical compositions

Registration: www.trybooking.com/CYHQW

7:30pm Concert | Dietrich B. Mass and Motets A newly-composed Mass (Paul Heller) with five Motets on Bonhoeffer's writings for two a capella choirs Ensemble Nobiles and Ensemble Gombert directed by John O'Donnell Registration: www.trybooking.com/CYHQV



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Pastor: James Winderlich Director of Music: Graham Lieschke The **St Johns Bach Cantata Program** is an ongoing program presenting the cantatas and choral music of JS Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. Services include organ music on the splendid Smenge pipe organ and congregational singing of chorales and liturgy. The St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra are directed by Graham Lieschke. This is the program's 27th year. In over 220 events, 140 different Bach cantatas and most of the oratorios, motets, passion and Latin liturgical music have been presented.

The **St Johns Bach Orchestra** plays on original instruments. St John's baroque instrument collection includes a chamber organ, concert harpsichord, recorder (in d), oboes da caccia, timpani and cornetti. The program has developed substantial local and international collaborations. **St Johns Visiting Music Directors** have been Thomas Schmidt (2004, St Peter's Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Georg Christoph Biller (2006, Thomaskirche, Leipzig, Germany), Albrecht Koch (2010, 2018, Dom St Marien, Freiberg, Germany), Rick Erickson (2013, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, USA), Daniel Beilschmidt (2019, Leipzig University, Germany).

2025 Events for the 80th anniversary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's death

Visit of Ensemble Nobiles, male quintet from Leipzig www.ensemblenobiles.de/dietrichb

9am Sunday 16 February 2025 – Eucharist (Septuagesima) at St Johns Southgate includes JS Bach's cantata **Ich hab in Gottes Herz und Sinn** BWV92 St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke

4pm Sunday 23 February 2025 – Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral **Bonhoeffer Canticles** (Michael Leighton Jones / Katherine Firth after Bonhoeffer) St Paul's Cathedral Choir, directed by Philip Nicholls

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Symposium – Dietrich B. Journeying with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sessions on Bonhoeffer's life, writings and theology

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Presenters include M Schild, A Loewe, K Firth, Ensemble Nobiles, G Lieschke, M Leighton Jones, J O'Donnell, M Pietsch

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Concert - Dietrich B. Mass and Motets

A newly-composed Mass (Paul Heller) with five Motets by David Hamilton (NZ), Matthew Harris (USA), Sandra Milliken (Australia), Alec Roth (UK), Manfred Schlenker (Germany) Ensemble Nobiles and Ensemble Gombert, directed by John O'Donnell

9am Sunday 2 March 2025 – **Eucharist** (Transfiguration) at St Johns Southgate Service music provided by Ensemble Nobiles

5:30pm Sunday 2 March 2025 – **Concert** at Zion Lutheran Church, Walla Walla, NSW Ensemble Nobiles

The program is an activity of the St Johns Southgate congregation. The **St Johns Southgate Bach Foundation Inc** was formed in 2011 to encourage donations and other activities supporting the program, such as instrument procurement and special project funding.

