

The Mathematical Genius of Bach: Goldberg Variations with the City of London Sinfonia

Thursday 30th June 2022

Christ Church Spitalfields

The Spitalfields Mathematical Society was a club for working men which met in taverns around Christ Church from 1717 to give “the public at large an opportunity of increasing their knowledge, on terms so easy, as to be within the reach of every individual, who has a taste to cultivate, or curiosity to gratify.” It thrived for over a century before merging into the Royal Astronomical Society in the 1840s, educating “many weavers, and the rest were typically brewers, braziers, bakers, bricklayers”.

Programme

James Sparks Talk – (c. 30 minutes)

J.S. Bach arr. Sitkovetsky *Goldberg Variations* – (55 minutes)

Performers

Presenter & Mathematician James Sparks

Director Alexandra Wood

Violin 1 Alex Wood, Fran Barritt, Ruth Funnell, Fiona McCapra

Violin 2 Jane Carwardine, Charlotte Reid, Ann Lovatt

Viola Fiona Bonds, Matt Maguire

Cello Joely Koos, Rebecca Knight

Bass Markus van Horn