

HUNTERDON MUSICAL ARTS, INC.  
presents

*A Holiday Concert  
Radio Broadcast*

**Hunterdon Symphony  
Strings**

Patty Gonsky, Conductor

*Christian Bench, Violin*

*Rachel Puelle, Violin*

*Richard Hotchkiss, Cello*

**Broadcast**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**6:30 PM**

**on WDVR 89.7 FM**

**Sergeantsville, New Jersey**

(Recorded Live at the ESC in Califon on Monday, December 14, 2020)



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## PROGRAM

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major

- I. Allegro
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Hunterdon Symphony Strings

#### **Violin I**

Christian Bench,  
Concertmaster  
Rachel Puelle  
Assistant  
Concertmaster  
Nancy Roth

#### **Violin II**

Grace Davitt, Principal  
Leah Davitt  
Liam Doherty  
Jonathan Chin

#### **Violin III**

Ana Constantin,  
Principal  
Aimee Jimenez  
Priyanka Chaturvedi

#### **Viola**

Lisa Baugh, Principal  
Reed Perrino  
Jennifer Meckler

#### **Cello**

Patty Gonsky, Principal  
Richard Hotchkiss  
Josephine Reyes  
Evelyn Chuo

#### **Bass**

John Volz, Principal  
Arturo Baguer

Christmas Concerto, in G minor,

- I. Vivace
- II. Allegro
- III. Adagio - Allegro - Adagio
- IV. Vivace
- V. Allegro
- VI. Largo

Arcangelo Corelli  
(1653-1713)

Patty Gonsky, Conductor  
Christian Bench and Rachel Puelle, Violins  
Richard Hotchkiss, Cello

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## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**CHRISTIAN BENCH** is an agricultural specialist with the USDA. Christian and his wife raise beef cattle, sheep and hay on 300 acres in Stockton NJ. He studied violin with Nancy Roth, Carmit Zori and Taki Horiuchi. A member of the Hunterdon Symphony for 16 years, he has also played with the Central Jersey and Bucks County Symphonies. Christian enjoys bass fishing and spending time with his family during his free time.

**RACHEL PUELLE** has been playing violin with Hunterdon Musical Arts for most of her life, beginning violin lessons with Nancy Roth at the age of six. She also participated in Saturday Strings and Hunterdon Youth Orchestra Camp while in elementary through high school. Although not a music major, while a student at the University of Connecticut she played in the university's symphony orchestra and several chamber groups, as well as playing mellophone in the UConn Pep band at basketball games. After college, she spent a year in West Virginia before returning to New Jersey. She loves being a part of the Hunterdon Symphony and is looking forward to the time when they can perform in front of a live audience once again.

**RICHARD HOTCHKISS** began studying music at age eight in Philadelphia, and his teachers have included cellists from Temple University, the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic and the Baltimore Symphony, as well as a jazz violinist.

Throughout his career in both the classical and pop music fields, he has performed in the showrooms of Atlantic City casinos, many East coast concert halls, including Carnegie Hall, and toured internationally with Smokey Robinson and on the US East coast with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Currently, Mr Hotchkiss performs with the Hunterdon Symphony and NJ Capital Philharmonic as well as teaching for the Saturday Strings program, The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and private students.

**PATTY GONSKY** is a freelance cellist who is the principal cellist of several orchestras, including the Hunterdon Symphony. She also performs with several chamber groups. She has been a member of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea for over 30 years, and this experience has given her the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall, Paper Mill Playhouse, Trenton War Memorial, and State Theatre.

Mrs. Gonsky taught in the Piscataway School district for 25 years and was selected to conduct the All-Region Orchestra in 2004, 2007, 2012 and the All State Orchestra in 2015 for the New Jersey Music Educators Association. She was a performance major at the University of North Texas, where she studied with Adolpho Odnoposoff and toured the United State and Mexico with his cello choir while there.

**HUNTERDON MUSICAL ARTS** is a non-profit organization that has developed from the desire to provide Hunterdon area residents with the opportunity to participate in musical activities locally. Hunterdon Musical Arts is the sponsoring organization of the Hunterdon Symphony, the Hunterdon Choral Union, Hunterdon Chamber Series, and the Saturday Strings program and Hunterdon Youth Orchestra Camp.

The **SATURDAY STRINGS** program, which in normal times has met on Saturday mornings for two 12-week semesters each year at the Flemington Baptist Church in Flemington, has been offered by Hunterdon Musical Arts for many years as part of their Music for Youth program.

The program is available to students in middle school through adult. Involvement in the program enhances performance in school orchestras and prepares students to participate in more advanced groups, such as the New Jersey Region orchestras and/or the Hunterdon Symphony. Class offerings have included Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras, Beginning and Intermediate instruction in Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Chamber Ensemble and Fiddling Coaching.

For more information about the program, and for a list of ensemble classes currently being offered, please check the website at [hunterdonmusicalarts.org](http://hunterdonmusicalarts.org) or email Barbara Volkov, Coordinator, at [bkrvolkov@lakefamilies.com](mailto:bkrvolkov@lakefamilies.com) or call 908-995-7977 (landline) or 908-391-3001 (mobile). Look for **Hunterdon Musical Arts** on facebook.

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