



# Akademie Versailles

International Masterclasses of French Baroque Music

20–24 March 2019

Academy of Performing Arts, Music and Dance Faculty  
Lichtenstein Palace, Praha 1

## LECTURERS:

**Chantal Santon-Jeffery** – solo vocal performance, interpretation, ornamentation, chamber music

**Stéphanie Pfister** – violin, chamber music

**Jana Semerádová** – flauto traverso, chamber music

**Bruno Cocset** – cello, chamber music

**Béatrice Martin** – harpsichord, basso continuo, chamber music

**Deda Cristina Colonna** – gesture, scenic aspects of performance, dance

**Benoît Dratwicky** – rhetoric, declamation and pronunciation of the French language

## MASTERCLASS SYLLABUS AND OBJECTIVES:

French vocal and instrumental music of the 18<sup>th</sup> century (e.g Rameau, Campra, Montéclair, Clérambault, Royer)

## VOCALISTS:

- individual lessons of solo performance
- individual lessons of gesture and scenic performance
- individual lessons of declamation, rhetoric and pronunciation of old French
- performance with accompaniment by an instrumental ensemble
- Baroque dance basics
- lectures by leading specialists in the field
- performance by the lecturers
- final performance by the participants
- possibility of attendance as an auditor for the duration of the masterclass



#### **INSTRUMENTALISTS:**

- individual lessons
- chamber music
- Baroque dance basics and principles of Baroque dance interpretation
- lectures by leading specialists in the field
- performance by the lecturers
- final performance by the participants
- possibility of attendance as an auditor for the duration of the masterclasses

The masterclasses are aimed at students of music conservatories and universities, professionals and pedagogues.

The classes are taught through English. The pitch for all classes is 415 Hz (A').

Sheet music for the study material will be provided by the Centre de musique baroque de Versailles (free of charge).

#### **ATTENDANCE FEE:**

Instrumentalists: **3600 CZK / 140 EUR** (including VAT)

Vocalists: **5000 CZK / 200 EUR** (including VAT)

Attendance fee for auditors will be determined individually; the number of passive participants is limited and registration is necessary at [festival@collegiummarinum.cz](mailto:festival@collegiummarinum.cz). The students of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague can obtain information about conditions of participation from MgA. Pavel Svoboda; e-mail: [svobodapa@seznam.cz](mailto:svobodapa@seznam.cz)

#### **REGISTRATION** (free of charge):

Information on electronic registration and the online application form can be obtained [here](#)

Contact: [festival@collegiummarinum.cz](mailto:festival@collegiummarinum.cz)

Web: [www.akademie-versailles.cz](http://www.akademie-versailles.cz)

#### **Each applicant must supply the following with their application form:**

(Professional-quality recording is not requisite for the purpose of the application. Please upload recordings in one of the following formats with the on-line application form: wav, mp3, mp4, mov, or avi.)

#### **VOCALISTS:**

An audio or video recording:

- One French Baroque aria
- One piece of one's own choice

#### **INSTRUMENTALISTS:**

An audio or video recording of two **Baroque** compositions (movements) in contrasting tempos:

- One piece (movement) by a French composer
- One piece of one's own choice (not necessarily by a French author)

**Deadline for application: 9 November 2018**

**The results of the application procedure will be announced to the applicants by 21 December 2019.**



*Akademie Versailles is an international educational project aimed at the interpretation of French Baroque music and its period performance practice. The project is organized by Collegium Marianum and the Centre de musique baroque de Versailles (CMBV) in collaboration with the French Institute and the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. It is part of a long-term partnership between the Summer Festivities of Early Music in Prague and the CMBV, whose task it is to preserve and promote French Baroque music.*

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*and*

**Centre de musique baroque de Versailles**



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Department of Historically Informed Performance Practice and the Harpsichord Department

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**Institut français**





## Chantal Santon-Jeffery



Often acclaimed as one of the most accomplished French sopranos of the moment, **Chantal Santon-Jeffery** has created numerous operatic roles from Mozart to the contemporary repertoire. Apart from receiving unanimous praise from the press for her performance of the title character of the opera *Lolo Ferrari* by Michel Fourgon, she has starred as Senta in Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, as Governess in Britten's *The turn of the screw*, as Tancredi in the opera of the same name by Campra, or in Purcell's *King Arthur* and *Dido and Aeneas*).

She has collaborated with a number of leading orchestras, including Le Concert Spirituel, Les Talens Lyriques, Le Cercle de l'Harmonie, Les Siècles, Opera Fuoco, the Brussels Philharmonic, and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. She has recently been involved in productions at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées and Salle Pleyel in Paris, at the Royal Opera in Versailles, Avignon Opera, and Liège Opera, and appeared at the BOZAR centre in Brussels, in Konzerthaus in Vienna, and others. Fascinated by the revival of the classic and Romantic French repertoire, she has participated in numerous concerts and recordings supported by the Bru Zane Foundation.

Among her many recordings count *King Arthur* by Purcell (Concert Spirituel; DVD), *Frédégonde* by d'Ollone and *La Messe Pontificale* by Dubois (with the Brussel Philharmonic), *Renaud* by Sacchini (Les Talens Lyriques), *Les Mystères d'Isis* by Mozart/Lachnitz, *Les fêtes de l'Hymen* by Rameau (Le Concert Spirituel), and *Le Temple de la Gloire* by Rameau (Les Agrémens).

## Stéphanie Pfister



Stéphanie Pfister studied the violin at the Conservatoire à rayonnement régional in Strasbourg. She then developed her interest in the interpretation of early music at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis where she studied at the class of Chiara Banchini and received a solo diploma in 1997. At the same time, she pursued studies of early music at the Regional Conservatory in Toulouse under the guidance of Hélène Schmitt, receiving a first-class diploma in solo performance and chamber music.

Her concert activities have included regular collaboration with ensembles such as La Fenice (Jean Tubéry), Ensemble 415 (Chiara Banchini), Le Parlement de Musique (Martin Gester), Akademia (Françoise Lasserre), Le concert d'Astrée (Emmanuelle



Haim) and *Le Poème Harmonique* (Vincent Dumestre). The discography of Stéphanie Pfister comprises a number of recordings for prestigious labels such as Harmonia Mundi, K617, Zig-zag territoires and Alpha.

She is a sought-after pedagogue and has been invited to teach seminars and masterclasses organized by the Studio du parlement de musique, the National Orchestra of Nancy and the Regional Conservatory in Poitiers. She has repeatedly led the string and orchestra class at the Académie internationale de Sablé. Since 1997 she has taught Baroque violin at the Regional Conservatory in Strasbourg. She plays a Sébastien Klotz violin from 1750.

## Jana Semerádová



The transverse flute player Jana Semerádová is a graduate of the Prague Conservatory, the Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University (Theory and Practice of Early Music), and the Royal Conservatory in the Hague, the Netherlands (class of Wilbert Hazelzet). She is a laureate of the Magdeburg and Munich international competitions.

Jana Semerádová is the artistic director of the Collegium Marianum ensemble and programming director of the concert cycle *Baroque Soirées* and the international music festival *Summer Festivities of Early Music*. Under her direction, Collegium Marianum stages several modern premieres each year. Jana Semerádová has made a number of

recordings; her CDs with Collegium Marianum have appeared as part of the successful series *Music from Eighteenth-Century Prague* on the Supraphon label. On Supraphon she has also recorded her feature CD *Solo for the King*.

Jana Semerádová has performed on prominent European concert platforms (eg. Bachfest Leipzig, Mitte Europa, Musikfestspiele Potsdam, Centre de musique baroque de Versailles, Festival de Sablé, Innsbrucker Festwochen, Pražské jaro, Tage Alter Musik Regensburg, Vantaa Baroque, Konzerthaus in Vienna and Berlin, and Palau de Música Barcelona). As a soloist she has collaborated with eminent artists such as Magdalena Kožená, Sergio Azzolini, and Enrico Onofri, and she regularly appears with the Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin, Wrocławska Orkiestra Barokowa, Batzdorfer Hofkapelle, Ars Antiqua Austria, and moderntimes\_1800.

In 2015 she received her habilitation degree as an associate professor of flute from the Faculty of Music and Dance at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.

## Bruno Cocset

An insatiable musician-researcher, atypical cellist, renowned teacher and founder of Les Basses Réunies, Bruno Cocset gives the Baroque cello its own individual voice, nourished by a constant quest for the perfect synergy of the instrumental and musical gesture. This work on sonority and organology carried



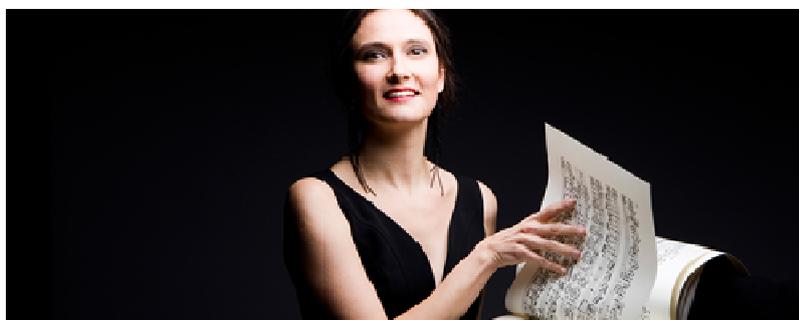
out in tandem with the luthier and instrument maker Charles Riché has given birth to nine instruments, imagined, conceived and played for different concert and recording programs. It was after his studies in Tours and a period at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Lyon that Bruno Cocset began to play the Baroque cello with its gut strings, first of all teaching himself, then working with Christophe Coin (he was the first graduate from Coin's class at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et Danse de Paris in 1986). He also attended masterclasses under the cellist Anner Bijlsma and the violinist Jaap Schröder.



He spent twenty years as a 'nomadic cellist', a period rich in musical encounters and experiences with the most ardent champions of the Baroque scene. His most frequent home bases in those days were Gérard Lesne's Il Seminario Musicale and Jordi Savall's Le Concert des Nations and Hespèrion XX-XXI. In 1996 he founded Les Basses Réunies and recorded the cello sonatas of Vivaldi (winner of the Premio Vivaldi of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini), the first release in an abundant discography on the Alpha label.

Bruno Cocset is regularly invited to play in France and the rest of Europe, in Québec and in Russia, and also devotes much of his time to transmission: he has taught at the CNS MD in Paris since 2001 and the Haute École de Musique in Geneva since September 2005, and from 2002 to 2013 he also taught at the Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya in Barcelona, where he created the historical cello class. In 2011 he founded the Vannes Early Music Institute (Brittany), which comprises notably a European academy of early music, an instrument-making workshop and a resource centre devoted to repertoires from the Renaissance to the nineteenth century.

## Béatrice Martin



Béatrice Martin started studying the harpsichord at the age of six. Her teachers have included some of the greatest harpsichordists of our time, Christiane Jaccottet at the Geneva Conservatory, Kenneth Gilbert and Christophe Rousset at the Paris Conservatory, and Huguette Dreyfus, Ton Koopman, and Lars-Ulrik Mortensen at a

number of master-classes. Following her triumph at the 1998 International Harpsichord Competition of Bruges (in addition to the First Prize she also took the Audience Prize and the special Bärenreiter prize) and the MIDEM competition in Cannes the following year where she was declared the *Revelation of the ADAMI*, Béatrice Martin has been invited to perform at festivals such as Festival d'Ambronay, Festival d'Aix en Provence, Bach in Combrailles, Festival of Lanvellec, Printemps Baroque du Sablon, Festival Oude Muziek Utrecht, MAfestival of Bruges, Cycle harpsichordistes Français in Mexico, London Festival of



Baroque Music, Les Folles Journées de Nantes, and the Lisbon Festival. In Paris she has appeared at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Opéra Comique, the Cité de la Musique, introducing in recital the complete works of Couperin, Rameau, and Bach.

A sought-after continuo player, she has collaborated with numerous ensembles, including the illustrious Les Talens Lyriques, Le Concert Spirituel, Ricercar, and Il Seminario Musicale. For more than twenty years she has worked with Les Arts Florissants as William Christie's musical assistant, participating in projects from Opéra Garnier to Teatro Colon, from the Lincoln Center to Tokyo Opera etc. She has recorded some twenty CDs and DVDs. Acknowledged for her dedicated and experienced approach to teaching, Béatrice Martin has established and directed harpsichord studies at the Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya in Barcelona (from 2001 to 2013) and is currently guest teacher at the Juilliard School, New York. In 2011 and 2015 she was invited to be on the jury of the International Harpsichord Competition in Bruges.

In 2000 Béatrice Martin cofounded, with Patrick Cohën-Akenine, the ensemble Les Folies Françaises with which she has performed more than 400 concerts both in France and abroad. With Les Folies Françaises she has recorded, among others, four CDs dedicated to Bach's dialogue cantatas (Cypres), the complete sonatas for violin and harpsichord (Fontmornigny; awarded with a *Choc* by *Le Monde de la Musique*), and Bach's harpsichord concertos (Cypres; awarded with a *Diapason d'Or*). Her latest solo recording, *Les Sauvages* (Cypres), explores the taste for exoticism that prevailed at the French Court in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It received four stars from *Mad* (Le Soir) and five *Diapasons* from the same magazine.

## Deda Cristina Colonna



Director and choreographer **Deda Cristina Colonna** works especially in the field of Baroque and Classical opera. Her style is deeply influenced by her own stage experience, with a special expertise in Baroque dance, rhetorical gesture and period acting. Although it is based on historically informed practice, her work reaches out to today's audiences through the use of a modern-stage style, influenced also by drama and other forms of contemporary theatre.

Deda Cristina Colonna graduated in classical ballet from Civico Istituto Musicale Brera (Novara) at Ecole Supérieure d'Études Chorégraphiques (Paris). She graduated from the Sorbonne, specialising in Renaissance and Baroque Dance. She has worked with the company Theater der Klänge (Düsseldorf) and was a soloist and guest choreographer with the New York Baroque Dance Company. As a director she has created original projects, including *Voluptas Dolendi - I Gesti del Caravaggio* (Teatro Verdi, Trieste), and has choreographed a great number of works such as, for example, *Ottone in Villa* by A. Vivaldi (Copenhagen Opera Festival; nomination for the Reumert Award for best opera 2014), *Il Giasone* by F. Cavalli and *Il Matrimonio Segreto* by D. Cimarosa (Drottningholm Palace Theatre), *Armide* by J.-B. Lully (Innsbruck Festival of Early



Music and Music Festival Potsdam Sanssouci), and *Didone Abbandonata* by L. Vinci (Opera Florence / Maggio Musicale Fiorentino).

## Benoît Dratwicky



The music historian and theoretician specializing in French opera of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, **Benoît Dratwicky** has been the artistic director of the Centre de Musique baroque de Versailles since 2006. The state-funded institution focuses on the rediscovery of French Baroque music and its reintroduction on French and international stages. Benoît Dratwicky, who originally studied the cello and bassoon at the Metz Conservatory and later musicology at the Sorbonne in Paris, has authored a number of critically acclaimed monographs. These include the first-ever biography of the director of Parisian opera Antoine Dauvergne or a monograph on François Colin de Blamont. He has also prepared the modern editions of various Baroque scores and contributed to the implementation of modern premieres, recordings and performances of dramatic works of French Baroque music.

He is a sought-after author of sleeve notes for prestigious labels, including, for example a collection of French operas recorded by Concert Spirituel for Glossa. For CMBV he has prepared transcriptions and modern editions of vocal music preserved in the local archives (e.g. Campra, Lully, and Rameau). Between 1996 and 2008 he maintained a collaboration with the L'Astrée ensemble which he co-founded and for whom he arranged a great number of period compositions. He has further produced arrangements and transcriptions on the basis of commissions from other ensembles, including *Messe pontificale* by Théodore Dubois for the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra and Piccini's *Atys* for Le Cercle de l'Harmonie. Since 2006 he has been active at the Centre of French Romantic Music, Palazzetto Bru-Zane in Venice. His special responsibility as a cultural counsellor at the institution is to supervise the productions of operatic repertoire. He is regularly invited as guest at colloquia, conferences and as member of jury at international competitions. For many years he has dedicated himself to the production and performances of significant works of music history and musical theatre. He has contributed to some of the most important international co-productions whose aim has been to introduce the international public to some of the lesser known regions of the French period repertoire by the means of concert performance, operatic productions, as well CD and DVD recordings.