



**A Change of Seasons:
Christopher Simpson's The Seasons and William Lawes' Harp Consorts**

New Comma Baroque, joined by guest artists Alison Attar, Peter Lekx, Joel Spears and Russell Wagner, explore a very different look at the seasons with Simpson's bold virtuoso improvisatory divisions in the Seasons and Lawes' Harp Consorts. William Lawes' harp consorts were composed for his colleagues in the 'lutes and voices' of the 'King's Musick' at the Court of Charles I, a rare work featuring harp, theorbo, violin and viol. The Seasons are among Christopher Simpson's most technically challenging compositions, having a lasting influence on English music for generations while owing a great deal to the viola bastarda tradition of the previous century. Please join New Comma Baroque for a tour du force program looking at A Change of Seasons.

Matthew C. Cataldi & Peter Lekx, Baroque violins
Phillip W. Serna & Russell Wagner, violas da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo
Emily Jane Katayama, harpsichord

The Seasons: Spring

Fancy
Ayre
Galliard

Christopher Simpson
(1602/1606-1669)

Matthew C. Cataldi, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna & Russell Wagner, bass viols
Emily Jane Katayama, harpsichord

Harpe Consort No.3 in G

Alman
Corant
Corant
Saraband

William Lawes
(1602-1645)

Harpe Consort No.1 in g

Alman
Corant
Corant
Saraband

William Lawes

Matthew C. Cataldi, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo

The Seasons: Summer

Fancy
Ayre
Galliard

Christopher Simpson

Peter Lekx, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna & Russell Wagner, bass viols
Emily Jane Katayama, harpsichord

Harpe Consort No.11 in d
Fantazy

William Lawes

Peter Lekx, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo

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The Seasons: Autume
Fancy
Ayre
Galliard

Christopher Simpson

Matthew C. Cataldi, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna & Russell Wagner, bass viols
Emily Jane Katayama, harpsichord

Harpe Consort No.7 in G
Aire

William Lawes

Harpe Consort No.8 in G
Paven & Divisions

William Lawes

Matthew C. Cataldi, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo

The Seasons: Winter
Fancy
Ayre
Galliard

Christopher Simpson

Peter Lekx, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna & Russell Wagner, bass viols
Emily Jane Katayama, harpsichord

Harpe Consort No.4 in d
Aire
Aire
Corant
Saraband

William Lawes

Peter Lekx, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo

Harpe Consort No.8 in D
Aire
Aire
Corant
Saraband

William Lawes

Peter Lekx, Baroque violin
Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba
Alison Attar, Baroque harp
Joel Spears, theorbo

Total Playing Time
100-109 minutes