

J.S. Bach and 18th-Century Germany
51ST ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

January 30 - February 6, 2022

Friday, February 4 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Early Music Concert

Instrumental Ensemble *Chatham Baroque* from Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
with soprano Pascale Beaudin

Sunday, February 6 • 4:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Music of J.S. Bach on organ and harpsichord

Wolfgang Rubsam, German organist and harpsichordist
trained in the music traditions of J.S. Bach



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2022 Religious Arts Festival Banquet



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Oktoberfest!

A Program Presented by

Cory Pesaturo (“C Pez”)

Acoustic, Digital, and Jazz Accordionist

February 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. Kevin J. Long
Pastor

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland
Director of Music and Fine Arts

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Welcome

Blessing

Dinner

Pear Salad
Jaeger Schnitzel
Red Cabbage
German Potato Salad
Apfelkuchen (Apple Cake)

Program

Cory Pesaturo (“C Pez”)

Catered by Kim Martin

Ambiance and Table Decorations by Sonny Williams

CORY PESATURO (“C PEZ”) is revolutionizing the Accordion. He is the only person to ever win the trio of World Championships on Acoustic, Digital, and Jazz Accordion as well as the only Accordion graduate of the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. In 2017, Pesaturo became a Guinness World Record Holder as RedBull® flew him to Austria to break the Marathon Accordion Record in



which Cory played for 32 hours and 14 minutes. His performances at all 3 of his World Championships were played on accordions which were not his and were generally 90% improvised; both aspects are unheard of in the accordion world. C Pez has given 2 TED Talks, 2 Google Talks, and an EG Talk, and he

has spoken at various other conferences.

Pesaturo’s extensive resumé includes appearances at the White House for President and Mrs. Clinton on 4 different occasions starting at age 12, and 8 other appearances for the Clintons. On one of those occasions, he became the youngest person to ever perform at a state dinner. Some TV appearances include the Late Show with David Letterman; a performance with Johnny Depp; and nationally televised programs in New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Tunisia, France, and Finland. On an NYC broadcast, CNBC/FOX host Maria Bartiromo once said, “No one is currently doing more for the accordion than Cory.” He has judged accordion competitions in the U.S., Canada, and Europe in addition to other music competitions, and he currently gives masterclasses at various universities throughout the U.S. and Europe on Accordion and Improvisation.



For his classical side, which is less well-known, a win in a concerto competition at age 16 gave Pesaturo the rare opportunity to perform with the Brockton Symphony Orchestra as a featured soloist where he became the youngest accordionist to ever solo with a symphony orchestra in the U.S. Pesaturo is also involved and respected in the weather and motorsports worlds. He composed the official list of records set by the record-breaking 2005 Atlantic Hurricane season, and he has done reports on winter seasons which have been featured on Accuweather and other sites. In sports, he has written sports blogs for sites such as Bleacher Report and articles in MESH Magazine, and he has collaborated with members of the Red Sox on the Fenway 100 Album. His music has been played on Formula 1 broadcasts and additionally has an ongoing musical relationship with 98.5 The Sports Hub in Boston.