

Calmus Ensemble

Anja Pöche – Soprano
Maria Kalmbach – Alto
Friedrich Bracks – Tenor
Ludwig Böhme – Baritone
Manuel Helmeke – Bass

HALLELUJAH³

Johann Sebastian Bach - Salomone Rossi – Leonard Cohen

An exciting combination! And yet so obvious, because all three gave us one thing above all: songs! Spiritual songs full of passion, full of love and exultation, full of sadness and doubt. Songs full of spirituality and devotion that we can celebrate three times:

Hallelujah¹

The Psalms: the biblical origin, the songs of Solomon and David, originated over 2000 years ago. We sing them in settings by the Renaissance master Salomone Rossi, from his "Ha shirim asher li Shelomoh" (1623), the first collection of polyphonic synagogue music that has been written down in the ghetto in Mantua/Italy.

Hallelujah²

Songs by Johann Sebastian Bach and Paul Gerhardt: They made faith more humane and are not missing in any hymn book today. Gerhardt's poetry and texts accompanies many people throughout their lives and in this program we're going to sing it in artistic choral movements by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Hallelujah³

Songs by Leonard Cohen: Of course, his famous "Hallelujah" should not be missing. But there is a lot more to discover with this great songwriter and poet. Coming from a Jewish family, faith and love were the great subjects of life for him. His songs are non-denominational, all-encompassing - and touching.

Leonard Cohen
1934-2016

Here it is (*arr. Juan Garcia, *1976*)

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750/
Paul Gerhardt
1607-1676

Die güldne Sonne voll Freud und Wonne
*Movements: Johann Georg Ebeling (1637-1676),
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), from: Schemelli's Song Book*

Paul Gerhardt
Salomone Rossi
1570 – 1630

Psalm 146 (Haleluyah. Haleli, nafshi)
Psalm 100 (Mizmor letoda)
from: *Ha shirim asher li Shelomoh (1623)*

Leonard Cohen

Anthem (*arr. Ludwig Böhme*)

 Johann Sebastian Bach/
 Paul Gerhardt Befiel du deine Wege
 Movements: Johann Sebastian Bach, from: St. Matthew Passion
 BWV 244, St. John Passion BWV 245 and BWV 270

Salomone Rossi Psalm 8 (Lamnatseakh `al haggittit)
 from: *Ha shirim asher li Shelomoh (1623)*

Leonard Cohen The Land of Plenty (*arr. Juan Garcia*)

Johann Sebastian Bach/
 Paul Gerhardt Gib dich zufrieden und sei stille
 Movement: Johann Sebastian Bach BWV 315

Salomone Rossi Psalm 137 (`Al naharot bawel)
 Psalm 126 (Shir hamma`alot. Beshuv `adonai)
 from: *Ha shirim asher li Shelomoh (1623)*

Leonard Cohen Born in chains (*arr. Ludwig Böhme*)

Johann Sebastian Bach/
 Paul Gerhardt Nun ruhen alle Wälder
 Movements: Heinrich Isaak (1450-1517) „Innsbruck, ich muss dich
 lassen“, Bartholomäus Gesius (1605), Johann Sebastian Bach,
 from: St. Matthew Passion and St. John Passion

Salomone Rossi Psalm 128 (Shir hamma`alot. `Ashrei col yere `adonai)
 two settings (á3 und á5) from Ha shirim asher li Shelomoh (1623)

Leonard Cohen Hallelujah (*arr. Juan Garcia*)