

Virtual Bach Festival FAQs

Q: How do I access Virtual Bach Festival videos?

A: From June 14 through June 21, 2020 we will release a YouTube playlist daily at noon. A link will be posted on our website (www.svbachfestival.org), sent to everyone on our email list, and posted on Facebook. The link will take you to YouTube where you just press play. All of the videos for that day will play in order without you having to do anything else.

Q: Do I have to watch the videos right at noon each day?

A: You can watch the videos at any time. We'll leave them up for several months!

Q: Why is YouTube showing me ads and suggesting other videos to watch?

The Bach Festival has no control over the ads shown in some of the more popular videos on YouTube. Likewise, we can't control the suggested videos YouTube shows to the right of your screen. However, most ads can be skipped after a few seconds, and most of our videos won't have ads at all.

Q: How do I stop YouTube from automatically playing more videos at the end of the daily playlist?

YouTube will often just keep playing related videos once you're done watching the playlist we send you. You can turn off this feature by pressing the "Autoplay" toggle on the right side of your screen. This option might not appear until you are watching the final video in our playlist.

Q: Why are you sharing videos from other orchestras?

We wanted our audiences to experience some of the major works that would have been performed by the Bach Festival orchestra this summer. However, we didn't have any video footage of our orchestra playing these particular works, so we're sharing iconic performances by famous orchestras instead. With their permission. We hope you enjoy!

Q: I want to know more about the music I'm hearing. Are there program notes?

A: Yes! Visit our website to download each day's program. We'll include the titles and composers of pieces, a few notes about the composers and performers, and texts and translations for the vocal works.

Q: Is the Virtual Bach Festival free?

A: Yes! Everyone is welcome to view our videos for free. We miss performing for you live, but we hope you'll enjoy hearing some of your favorite composers and musicians online. However, we welcome your donations to help ensure the future of the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival. To donate, visit www.svbachfestival.org/donate. Thank you for your support!