

JUNE

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, June 3, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I saw an interesting drawing the other day... two drawings, really. One showed Johann Sebastian Bach wearing a conical birthday cap tilted to one side of his head. This year, 1985, is the 300th anniversary of J. S. Bach's birth. The second drawing was the same, except it showed the back of Mr. Bach's head. Lettering on the drawing said, "Bach's back at the Bach Aria Festival, Stony Brook." Today, we'll be talking about Bach, his birthday and his music, and the Festival on Long Island. No one is more qualified to join Conversations Unlimited for such a discussion than Samuel Baron.

Sam Baron is professor of music at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, which prides itself on being home of the annual Bach Aria Festival and Institute. And Mr. Baron is musical director of the Bach Aria Group, which has dedicated its activities to the music of the great 17th century composer.

Mr. Baron, let's talk about Bach. He was a fascinating guy, wasn't he.

INTERVIEW SAM BARON:

- Bit of bio on Bach
- His life and times: musician, composer, father
- "Discovery" of his music
 - Relationship to math (get Sam to demonstrate)
 - "Authentic" instruments
- Bach Aria Group
- Festival and Institute since 1981

DISSONANCE +
CONSONANCE
Melody

14:00

We'll be back in a moment for more on J.S. Bach and the Bach Aria Festival with Samuel Baron.

BRIDGE UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Samuel Baron. Mr. Baron is professor of music at Stony Brook and musical director of the Bach Aria Group, which each summer sponsors at Stony Brook the Bach Aria Festival and Institute. Mr. Baron, you're a television star these days!

INTERVIEW SAM BARON:

- TV film, "In Search of Bach" - give dates on TV
- Festival schedule - Roslyn, PJ, ^{East} Hampton, SUSB
- Institute activities: fellows from 17 states
- Choral program with Margaret Hillis, Barbara Pearson
- Stony Brook facilities
- For more information

29:00

OUTRO