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## **DARK HORSE CONSORT CLOSES HOUSTON EARLY MUSIC GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SEASON**

**HOUSTON** – March 4, 2019 – Houston Early Music will present Dark Horse Consort’s “Tower Music of The Stadtpfeifer” on May 31, as the final concert of its 2018-2019 50th anniversary season.

Taking its name from the Roman bronze horse statues in St. Mark’s Basilica, Dark Horse Consort will pay homage to German Municipal Bands, or Stadtpfeifer, with cornetti, period trombones, recorders, harpsichord and organ. With their roots in the early 17th century, Stadtpfeifers, town pipers, performed music with brass instruments in the tower for major civic events.

“Not only does the concert feature brilliant and uplifting works for Renaissance and early Baroque brass instruments – including the gorgeous cornetto,” said Deborah Dunham, executive director of Houston Early Music, “it showcases the expertise and charm of well-known musical colleagues whom we’re all looking forward to seeing and hearing again so soon.”

Co-presented with Bach Society of Houston, “Tower Music of The Stadtpfeifer” will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd., 77005, with a pre-concert talk by ensemble artists at 6:45 p.m.

Individual tickets are available for \$45 general admission, \$35 senior admission and \$15 for students with a valid student ID card. Children under the age of 15 receive free admission. [HoustonEarlyMusic.org](http://HoustonEarlyMusic.org).

For more information, e-mail [info@houstonearlymusic.org](mailto:info@houstonearlymusic.org) or call 713-325-5377, Ext. 1077.

### **ABOUT HOUSTON EARLY MUSIC**

#### *Presenting a Millennium of Masterworks*

Houston Early Music is the city’s only nonprofit presenting organization that offers an annual concert series of performances by major, international early music ensembles and emerging artists. In addition, its successful outreach programs invite listeners of all ages to discover the origins of classical and modern music. Houston Early Music is funded in part by grants from the Houston Arts Alliance, the Texas Commission on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts. [HoustonEarlyMusic.org](http://HoustonEarlyMusic.org)



Dark Horse Consort will close out Houston Early Music’s 50th anniversary season on May 31 with its performance of Tower Music of The Stadtpfeifer.

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