

*Early Music at the Byron Colby Barn presents*

## *Baroque Band*

February 24, 2008, 4pm

Pieces by Vivaldi, Bach, Purcell, Biber, Corelli, and Telemann

Baroque Band is a group of musicians who share a passion for performing music of decomposed composers on instruments that have never been near an electricity socket or an amplifier and in a manner that composers and musicians of the baroque era would have understood.

Our goal is to bring you the most exciting and vibrant performances of 17th- and 18th-century music that we hope you will ever hear. Our vision is to create America's leading period-instrument orchestra and to give the world another reason to take notice of our great city (and to support Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid). We also want to be ambassadors for Chicago, and to make the city a national hub for the performance, study, and research of historical performance practice.

In the summer of 2006, British baroque violinist Garry Clarke put together a small ensemble of period-instrument musicians for a concert in the Washington, D.C. Early Music Festival. He named the group Baroque Band and The Washington Post described the event as "a cut-to-the-bone performance, every note crackling with purpose and electricity." Later that summer, Clarke moved to Chicago and learned that the city did not have a regular period-instrument orchestra. With the help of Chicago-based period instrumentalists, he immediately began to work to put matters right.

Baroque Band was incorporated in the City of Chicago in January 2007 and debuted with three concerts in May. John von Rhein, music critic for the Chicago Tribune, described the performance as, "...a tremendous debut" and said, "This group has all the right stuff...an abundance of style, a crisp esprit de corps, and a palpable affection for its repertoire."

All concerts are on Sundays and cost \$15 per ticket. Children under 16 are free. A subscription to the whole series of seven concerts is \$84, a savings of \$21. As always at the Barn, you may BYOB. To order tickets or for more information, call **847.543.1202**.

The Byron Colby Barn is located at 1561 Jones Point Road in Grayslake.

Directions: From I94, exit Route 120 west. Drive about 4.5 miles. At the intersection with Route 45, turn left (south).

Turn right at the next light, which is Jones Point Road. The Barn and parking will be on your left.



Garry Clarke - Director and violin