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## Dear Friends of Bach With Verse,



This is a year for celebration. I have successfully completed 75 years on this planet. It's a diamond jubilee year.

To celebrate, I am having my birthday party at New York City's famed The Town Hall at 123 W. 43rd Street on Bach's birthday March 21, 2019. Please come and celebrate with me. I'll be performing all six of Bach's beloved Solo Suites for Cello that I play all over the world in war-torn regions and prisons. Now it is time to share with you, of course playing them on the bass as always in the right key with all the notes just as Bach wrote them. In addition, we will be honoring the life of the great Irish poet Macdara Woods by interspersing his recording (made shortly before his death) of the poems he wrote that accompany my playing.

If you can't come, please help us celebrate by donating to Bach With Verse, now in our 15th season with over 1100 performances presented worldwide in schools, prisons and conflict areas. This season, I've already been to Palestine refugee camps and Michigan prisons. After the party this spring, I am planning to return to Afghanistan and I'm in negotiations with the Higher Institute of Music in Syria to return to Damascus.

Of course, all this requires funding and I know that there are many, many worthy causes in the world, but please consider this: when you support Bach With Verse your dollar goes farther and will reach more people with more concerts than any other way you could possibly spend it. The numbers don't lie. Please consider a generous donation so that we can bring hope and laughter to even more people worldwide who so desperately need it.

\$50 to cover communication fees  
for one month of arranging concerts

\$75 to cover a one-way airline bass baggage fee

\$100 to support one concert in a refugee camp or prison

\$500 - \$1000 to cover domestic or international flight

or

Just help celebrate 75 years and send diamonds.

Love and Peace to all of you from,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dobbs".

Dobbs  
(Richard Hartshorne)  
for Bach With Verse

