

Bach Festival Society OF WINTER PARK

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73rd Annual Bach Festival Schedule

Winter Park, FL The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is pleased to announce its schedule of events for the **73rd Annual Bach Festival**. The power and skill of the Bach Festival Choir has been hailed by the *Orlando Sentinel* as "equal to the London Symphony." This annual tradition brings world-class artists and stirring music to the intimate settings of Knowles Memorial Chapel and Tiedtke Concert Hall, both on the Rollins College Campus. This year the Bach Festival Society has added two interactive pre-festival events that are free and open to the public, as well as a full plate of educational offerings.

Subscriptions for the 2008 Annual Winter Park Bach Festival are currently on sale. Single tickets go on sale December 10.

Featured Performances

Anonymous 4

Friday, February 15 at 8 pm
Tiedtke Concert Hall

Presenting Anonymous 4, one of the world's most unique vocal ensembles, this concert will feature selections from the early-music repertoire that made them famous, as well as selections from their recent American music projects. "Anonymous 4 has become a powerhouse, popular beyond imagining for an early-music ensemble."—*The Wall Street Journal*

Masters of the Baroque

Sunday, February 17 at 3 pm
Tiedtke Concert Hall

Join the Bach Festival Chamber Singers and Orchestra to hear music of Bach and his contemporaries. Featuring harpsichordist Joanne Kong and the music of Vivaldi and Telemann, this will be an afternoon of music to remember.

Leon Fleisher in a program of Mozart and Beethoven

Saturday February 23 at 8 pm and Sunday, February 24 at 3 pm
Knowles Memorial Chapel

When it comes to composers, Mozart and Beethoven are two of classical music's giants. Join Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award winner Leon Fleisher, his wife Kathy Jacobson Fleisher, and the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra for Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 12* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*.

Haydn's *The Creation*

Saturday, March 1 at 8 pm
Knowles Memorial Chapel

One of Haydn's most beloved works, *The Creation* has delighted audiences for centuries. Dramatically portraying the Creation of Earth, this work will excite your senses with its use of textual painting. The text comes from both the Biblical account of creation and Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*

Sunday, March 2 at 3 pm
Knowles Memorial Chapel

Each year the Bach Festival Society presents one of J.S. Bach's great masterworks, among them the *Mass in B Minor*, the *St. John Passion*, and the *St. Matthew Passion*. The *St. Matthew Passion* shows Bach as a great dramatist. Based on the last days of Christ's life as told in the Gospel of St. Matthew, this powerful musical drama comes to life through the artistry of the choir, soloists, and orchestra.

Paul Jacobs, Organ Recital

Sunday, March 9 at 3pm
Knowles Memorial Chapel

Paul Jacobs is once again the Bach Festival's featured organist after delighting audiences in 2007 with a performance of impressive precision and musicality. *The Wall Street Journal* has said that Jacobs should be "hailed for his insightful interpretations and masterful artistry."

Free Pre-Festival Events

Classical Music 101

Saturday, February 9 at 8pm
Tiedtke Concert Hall

Have you ever wondered what a cantata is? How about an aria? Classical Music 101 will feature the Bach Festival Orchestra and guest artists in a program designed to be a "performing dictionary" with music and discussion led by Dr. John V. Sinclair. Dr. Sinclair is a music educator with an extraordinary ability to share his enthusiasm for classical music in a way that all audiences can appreciate. His knowledge, humor, and wonderful music making will surely engage everyone.

Community Sing

Sunday, February 10 at 2pm
Tiedtke Concert Hall

Community Sing is a new program designed to let community members taste what it's like to be a part of the renowned Bach Festival Choir. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of singing led by the Bach Festival's own Dr. John V. Sinclair. Participants will have the support of members of the Bach Festival Choir and will gain an appreciation for the choir's dedication as it brings the finest choral works to our community. All who love to sing are welcome to attend.

Educational Programs

Dr. Gloria Cook

Saturday, February 23 at 7pm and Sunday, February 24 at 2pm
Pre-concert Talk: Leon Fleisher in a Program of Mozart and Beethoven
Tiedtke Concert Hall

Join Dr. Gloria Cook, head of the piano program at Rollins College, to learn more about Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 12* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* from a pianist's perspective.

Open Rehearsal

Haydn's *The Creation*

Thursday, February 28 at 7pm

Knowles Memorial Chapel

This open rehearsal, led by Dr. John V. Sinclair, gives the public a “behind the scenes” look at what it takes to bring together an extraordinary group of musicians in preparation for a major concert. This “working rehearsal” will incorporate a brief introduction about the makeup of the Choir and Orchestra and background information on the work being prepared.

Dr. Christoph Wolff

Saturday, March 1 at 10am

Festival Lecture: “The Bach Expedition: Recent Biographical and Musical Discoveries”

Tiedtke Concert Hall

Join Dr. Christoph Wolff, Professor of Music at Harvard University, Director of the Bach Institute in Leipzig, Germany, and the world's most eminent Bach scholar, as he leads us through the most recent discoveries surrounding Johann Sebastian Bach and his music.

Curtis Rayam

Saturday, March 1 at 2pm

Pre-concert Talk: Haydn's *The Creation*

Tiedtke Concert Hall

The Creation is a work full of intricacies and nuances. Join internationally renowned tenor Curtis Rayam to learn more about this work from a singer's perspective.

J.S. Bach Chapel Service

Sunday, March 2 at 11am

Knowles Memorial Chapel

Join Dr. Patrick Powers, Dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel, for a Sunday Lutheran Service as J.S. Bach might have planned it. This service will feature a Bach cantata performed by the Rollins College Concert Choir with special guest conductor Dr. Christoph Wolff, Director of the Bach Institute, Leipzig, Germany.

Dr. Christoph Wolff

Sunday, March 2 at 2pm

Pre-concert Talk: J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*

Tiedtke Concert Hall

Join leading Bach scholar, Dr. Wolff, to learn more about one of J.S. Bach's greatest pieces of choral music.

For more information regarding the upcoming season or to order tickets, please call the Bach Festival Society at 407.646.2182 or visit us online at www.bachfestivalflorida.org.

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