

Bach Festival Society OF WINTER PARK

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Billboard-topping Group, Anonymous 4, to Perform in 73rd Annual Bach Festival

Winter Park, FL The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is pleased to present internationally renowned vocal ensemble Anonymous 4 for two performances this year, the first at our **73rd Annual Winter Park Bach Festival** and the second for our **Fred Rogers Family Series**. *The Wall Street Journal* has said of this all-female *a cappella* vocal group, "Anonymous 4 has become a powerhouse, popular beyond imagining for an early-music ensemble."

Anonymous 4 will present a program featuring their well-known early music and selections from their recent venture into American music featured on their chart-topping CD, *American Angels*. For the first half of the performance, the ensemble will be singing 13th-century French music written in honor of the Virgin Mary. The second half of the performance will feature 18th- and 19th-century American music that comes from an interweaving of oral and written traditions in which favorite older tunes have survived and flourished from one generation to the next and are still sung today in many different settings. This type of folk music was made popular in the movie, *O, Brother, Where Are Thou?* This half of the program will also include some gospel songs arranged by members of Anonymous 4 from their hit recording, *Gloryland*.

Selections from the Friday-night program will be performed Saturday morning as part of the Fred Rogers Family Series. The **Fred Rogers Family Series**, now in its third season, presents wonderful, hour-long programs that are both entertaining and interactive. These concerts

introduce children and their families to various musical styles and instruments through direct interaction with professional musicians. Artists share information with audience members about the music, the composers, and their instruments in a very informal and enlightening program. This series pays tribute to Fred Rogers, a graduate of Rollins College and creator and star of public television's *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*.

The Bach Festival Society is deeply grateful for the generous help provided by Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Hume Foundation, and the McFeely-Rogers Foundation for their support of these outstanding programs.

Performance Information

What: Anonymous 4 performing in the 73rd Annual Bach Festival

Where: John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall, Rollins College

When: Friday, February 15, 2008, at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$40 and \$30, depending on seat location

Performance Information

What: Anonymous 4 performing in the Fred Rogers Family Series.

Where: John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall, Rollins College

When: Saturday, February 16, 2008, at 11:00am

Tickets: \$15 adults; \$10 under 18.

About the Bach Festival Society

The Bach Festival Society, located in Winter Park, Florida, is one of the longest continuously operating Bach Festivals in the country and among America's great oratorio societies. The Bach Festival Society brings the highest caliber of classical music to Central Florida. Performances are held in the intimate settings of Tiedtke Concert Hall and Knowles Memorial Chapel on the beautiful campus of Rollins College.

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.