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73rd Annual Bach Festival: Masters of the Baroque

Winter Park, FL The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is excited to include a special program, *Masters of the Baroque*, on its 73rd Annual Bach Festival. This performance is an intimate concert featuring the Bach Festival Chamber Singers and Orchestra performing in the beautiful and acoustically rich John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall. The program features gems from the Baroque era's most popular composers with music by J.S. Bach and some of his contemporaries, including Vivaldi, Telemann, and Pachelbel.

Joining the Bach Festival Society on this program is guest harpsichordist Joanne Kong, performing Bach's first and most popular concerto for the harpsichord, the primary continuo instrument during this period. A specialist in the music of J.S. Bach, Dr. Kong has been invited to perform all over the world. "Joanne Kong is one of the premiere harpsichordists in the United States. The Bach Festival Society is pleased to bring her here to herald the recent acquisition of a John Dowd harpsichord," said Artistic Director Dr. John V. Sinclair.

The Bach Festival Chamber Singers will perform a Bach cantata, a choral piece by Johann Pachelbel, who is most widely known for his *Canon in D*, and movements from Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The Bach Festival Orchestra will perform upbeat musical masterpieces by Telemann and

Vivaldi: Telemann's trumpet concerto and his *Don Quixote Suite* along with a Vivaldi Double Violin Concerto.

The composers on this program all had more substantial reputations in their time than did J.S. Bach, and Bach greatly admired them all. Telemann and Bach have a particularly special connection: Bach's position as Kapellmeister at the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, where he produced the majority of his work, including the *St. Matthew Passion*, was offered to him only after first Telemann and then Christoph Graupner declined the position. Bach deeply respected Vivaldi as a composer as well and frequently imitated him in his compositions.

Performance Information

What: Masters of the Baroque, featuring the Bach Festival Society Chamber Singers, Orchestra, and Guests

Where: John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall, Rollins College

When: Sunday, February 17 at 3pm

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

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.

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