

Bach Festival Society OF WINTER PARK

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Bach Festival Society Announces Auditions for its Outstanding Youth Choir

Winter Park, FL The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is excited to announce the re-creation of the Bach Festival Youth Choir. With many school music programs being cut back or completely eliminated in the midst of current State budget cuts, the Bach Festival Youth Choir is dedicated to continue offering a hands-on music education to Central Florida students.

Students will also have the chance to perform with the internationally recognized Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra during its season of concerts, and selected Youth Choir students will be invited to perform *Carmina Burana* with the Bach Choir and the London Symphony Orchestra during the orchestra's residency with the Daytona International Festival in Daytona Beach.

Devon Kincaid, Director of Choral Activities for Lake Highland Preparatory's Lower School, will take on the responsibility of leading the Bach Festival Youth Choir. John V. Sinclair, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Bach Festival Society, trusts that Kincaid will maintain the high artistic standard set by the Bach Festival Society, saying, "Devon Kincaid has been an award-winning youth choir director for over 20 years, and I am delighted that she will work with the Bach Festival Society in this capacity." The Bach Festival Society is pleased to partner with Lake Highland Preparatory School, which will provide rehearsal space for the students. "Lake Highland has a strong commitment for the arts, and the school is an ideal location for rehearsals," says Betsy Gwinn, Executive Director of the Bach Festival Society.

Auditions for students ages 9 – 15 to join the Bach Festival Youth Choir will take place on **Friday, August 22 at Lake Highland Preparatory School from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, August 23 in the Keene Hall Music Building at Rollins College from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The audition will consist of singing a prepared song of the student's choice and a major scale. Those students without a prepared song may sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Students interested in auditioning should contact Youth Choir Director, Devon Kincaid, by emailing youthchoir@bachfestivalflorida.org or calling 407.206.1900 x3312 to schedule an audition.

Audition Information

What: Bach Festival Youth Choir Auditions

Who: Students aged 9 - 15 with a passion for singing.

When & Where: Friday, August 22 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Lake Highland Preparatory School, Red Building Room 108

Saturday, August 23 from 10:00am-12:00 p.m. at Rollins College, Keene Music Building

More Info: Email youthchoir@bachfestivalflorida.org or call Devon Kincaid at 407.206.1900x3312.

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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