

BACH SOCIETY *of* SAINT LOUIS

AUDITION INFORMATION FORM

Principal Singers and Young Artists

Name _____
Print name as it should appear in the concert program _____ prefer to be called _____

Auditioning for: ___ Principal Singer ___ Young Artist Award (requires birthdate: _____)

Audition Selections: Title _____ Composer _____

Career Objective _____ Present Voice Teacher _____

Vocal Awards _____

Solo Performances _____

References _____ Phone _____
_____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: home _____ work _____ e-mail _____

Height _____ Voice part _____

Music degree(s) _____ University _____

INSTRUMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Private piano lessons ___ years Instrumental lessons ___ years

Instruments on which you are proficient _____

CHORAL EXPERIENCE: College ___ years Church ___ years
High School ___ years Community ___ years

Most recent choruses _____

VOCAL EXPERIENCE: ___ Years of private vocal study Currently studying? ___ Yes ___ No

Private voice teachers _____

Have you heard the Bach Society Chorus in concert? _____ Visited the Bach Society website? _____

How did you learn about the Bach Society Chorus? _____

Why are you interested in being a member of the Bach Society Chorus? _____

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The Bach Society Chorus is an auditioned ensemble of experienced singers committed to artistic excellence in the performance of choral and choral-orchestral masterpieces, notably the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. This mission is fulfilled by a volunteer chorus supplemented by a paid core of professional singers.

The Principal Singers Awards are available by audition to outstanding choral singers with professional training and choral experience. While some Principal Singers may be soloists, all must excel in ensemble singing and be able to blend with a choir.

Eligibility: A Principal Singer is expected to have

- A four-year degree in music, preferably in voice
- Exceptional sight-reading skills
- A knowledge of historical musical styles
- There is no age limitation for Principal Singers

Principal Singers, as the paid professional core, are expected to come to each rehearsal fully prepared to lead the volunteer singers by example. They also advise the conductor of musical passages—especially in their own section—that require more attention. They sing in all performances of the Bach Society Chorus, including extra run-out concerts.

The Young Artists Awards are established to enhance professional training for career-oriented singers. Recipients receive an annual stipend and are provided with experiences to strengthen their development as soloists and professional choral singers.

The Young Artists gain experience as under-studies in the major works and perform as soloists as appropriate. They attend dress rehearsals with visiting guest artists and the orchestra to observe and interact with professional soloists. The Young Artists are featured at the Annual Meeting each June, the annual fundraiser dinner/auction, and other events as required. The Young Artists are also responsible for providing musical leadership in the Bach Society Chorus through exceptional preparation of their parts.

Eligibility: A Young Artist recipient is expected to

- Have completed a minimum of three years of undergraduate study in music
- Be currently in private vocal study
- Be pursuing a professional vocal career
- Be under the age of thirty

All Chorus members, including Principal Singers and Young Artists, accept a commitment to:

- Come prepared for each rehearsal
- Attend all rehearsals and performances
- Participate for the entire season
- Read and respond to weekly email communications

COMMITMENT:

I have read the requirements for membership in the Bach Society Chorus and, if accepted for membership, agree to the terms stated therein. Furthermore, I grant permission for use of my name and photograph in association with the Bach Society of Saint Louis for its promotional and marketing activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

If not selected for a paid position, do you wish consideration as a volunteer member? _____