

# THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS

A. Dennis Sparger, Music Director and Conductor

*Excellence in the Arts*, awarded by Arts & Education Council  
*Ranked one of the "Top 20 Christmas Concerts in North America,"* BBC MUSIC Magazine

## 2018–2019 Concert Season Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

*Information as of . . . April 2, 2018*

Monday night rehearsals, 7:30-10:00, are at The Great Hall of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, Clayton

### **Oct 21. Echoes from the Baltic Coast to the Northern Lights** (7 rehearsals)

Aug 27; Sep 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 8

Oct 15, 7:30-10:00, with strings

St. Stanislaus Polish Church

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sat, Oct 20, 9:30am-12:00pm

St. Stan's

**Performance:** Sun, Oct 21, 3:00-5:00 (2:30 call)

St. Stan's

### **Dec 11. Christmas Candlelight Concert**, (7 rehearsals)

With guests: The St. Louis Children's Choirs

Oct 22, 29; Nov 5, 12, 19, 26;

Dec 3, with strings

CSMSG Great Hall

**Dress Rehearsal:** Mon, Dec 10, 10:00am-1:00pm, Orch & soloists ONLY

Powell Hall

**Dress Rehearsal:** Mon, Dec 10, 7:00-10:00

Powell Hall

**Performance:** Tue, Dec 11, 7:30-10:00 (7:00 call in Green Room)

Powell Hall

### **Mar 3. Duruflé Requiem** (8 rehearsals) collaboration with Cathedral Concerts

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18;

Feb 25, 7:30-10:00, with strings

Basilica

Soloists' Rehearsal: Fri, Mar 1, 2:00-4:00, Soloists & Orchestra ONLY

Basilica

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sat, Mar 2, 10:00am-1:00pm

Basilica

**Performance:** Sun, Mar 3, 7:30-9:30 (7:00 call, choir room downstairs)

Basilica

### **May 19. Bach: Mass in B minor** (8 rehearsals)

Mar 18, 25; Apr 1, 8, 15, (22: off), 29; May 6

May 13, 7:30-10:00, with strings

1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, Kirkwood

**Dress Rehearsal:** Fri, May 17, 2:00-4:30 Soloists & Orch ONLY

1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, Kirkwood

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sat, May 18, 10:00am-1:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, Kirkwood

**Performance:** Sun, May 19, 3:00-5:15pm (2:30 call in choir room)

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### **STL BACH FESTIVAL 2019**

To be announced

"NO REHEARSAL" DATES: Sep 3, Dec. 17, 24, 31; Mar 4, 11; Apr 22;

2019 REFERENCE DATES: *Feb 3 Superbowl; Feb 24 Oscars; April 21 Easter*

## BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS

**Attendance Policy:** Chorus members accept a commitment to attend all rehearsals, sectionals, dress rehearsals and performances. Members sign in at each rehearsal.

**Rehearsal Absence:** When an absence is unavoidable please notify the conductor (not the office) at dsparger@charter.net, or call cell 314-578-BACH (2224), or home 618-398-1624.

A member will not be allowed to perform in a concert if he/she misses:

- three rehearsals during a preparation period,
- two consecutive rehearsals immediately prior to a concert, or
- the dress rehearsal.

Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the conductor.

**Concert Absence:** A member unable to perform in a concert will notify the conductor in writing, including the reason for the absence, at the earliest opportunity. A member who fails to notify the conductor will be dropped from the roster. For a last-minute illness or emergency, call the conductor.

**Snow/Ice Policy:** Because our membership comes from a broad region with differing weather conditions, each member must make a personal decision in inclement weather. When conditions warrant a cancelled rehearsal, an email will be sent to the chorus list.

**Music:** Music is generally provided on loan from the Bach Society library; mark loaned music in pencil only! Music is available from the librarian before rehearsal only. Singers are financially responsible for all music that is not returned.

### CHORUS ATTIRE

**For all Concerts:** No cell phones, alarm watches, or pagers. **No cologne or perfume.**

#### FORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE

**Men:** Black tuxedo with white tux shirt and black bow tie; black shoes and socks. Coat buttoned when standing. Men will add a red pocket square for the Christmas concert.

**Women:** A floor-length (covering the ankles) all-black dress; elbow-length or long sleeve; black hose (or trouser socks); black flats or low heels; small earrings and necklace permitted. Palazzo pants (not slacks) and dressy black blouse acceptable. When in doubt, remember that you are standing next to a man in a tuxedo! No short sleeve, sleeveless or bare shoulders. No velvet or sequins. No jewelry that jingles!

#### INFORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE

**Men:** A long-sleeved black shirt, open collar; if wearing a T-shirt it must be black or not visible. Black pants, shoes and socks.

**Women:** A full-length black dress, or a black skirt and blouse, or dress slacks and blouse. Sleeves may be any length, but no halter top, strapless or spaghetti straps. Black flats or low heels.

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“Dress rehearsals” are always casual attire. Whenever the Chorus performs in anything other than formal attire, advance notice will be given.