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Bach Festival Society, Winter Park Organizations Celebrate Philanthropist John M. Tiedtke during 84th Annual Bach Festival Feb 10 - Mar 3, 2019



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WHO: Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Winter Park Public Library, Winter Park Historical Association, and Rollins College Archives

WHAT: Community events to honor the legacy of Winter Park Philanthropist John M. Tiedtke

WHEN: Coinciding with the 84th Annual Bach Festival (Feb 3–Mar 10), and continuing throughout 2019

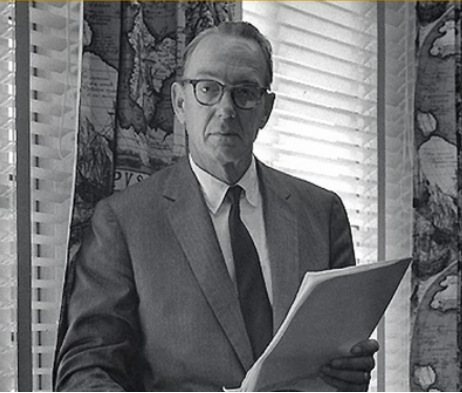
WHERE: Various locations throughout Winter Park

WHY: 2019 marks the 15th anniversary of Mr. Tiedtke's passing, and these organizations want to ensure his legacy lives on for future generations

INFO: <http://bachfestivalflorida.org/about/festival2019/>

(Orlando, FL) - The year 2019 marks the 15th anniversary of the passing of Winter Park philanthropist and businessman **John M. Tiedtke**. To ensure his legacy lives on, the **Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Winter Park Public Library, Winter Park Historical Association, and Rollins College Archives** will present events to honor his legacy during the Annual Bach Festival (February 10–March 3) and continuing throughout 2019. A complete schedule of events is available at BachFestivalFlorida.org/festival2019. Events include:

Honoring John M. Tiedtke



SHARE | YOUR MEMORIES OF MR. TIEDTKE

Various dates in February-March

Winter Park Public Library | FREE*

All who knew Mr. Tiedtke are invited to share their stories in conversation with the library staff. All audio- and video-recorded interviews will be archived by the library. *For appointments, call 407-623-3300 ext.106 or email rsimmons@wppl.org.

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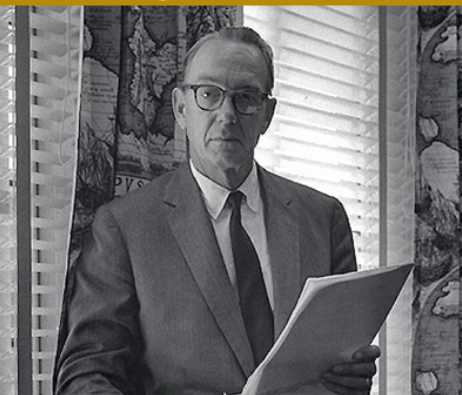
TALK | MEMORIES OF MR. TIEDTKE

Sat, Feb 9, 2019 • 3:00pm

Winter Park Public Library | FREE

Dr. John V. Sinclair will share his stories of John M. Tiedtke's inspiring leadership of the Bach Festival Society and his passion for great music. *No reservation required.*

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TALK | VOICES OF HISTORY

Sat, Feb 16 • 1:30pm

Sun, Feb 17 • 1:30pm

Sun, Mar 10 • 1:30pm

Sat, Mar 16 • 1:30pm

Winter Park Public Library | FREE

Hear Mr. Tiedtke's own words as he talks about his involvement with the Bach Festival Society, Rollins College, and the Winter Park community. This one-hour presentation is supplemented with photos from Mr. Tiedtke's life. *No reservation required.*

“Mr. Tiedtke believed in a better world,” said Bach Festival Society Executive Director Betsy Gwinn. “His legacy is a marriage of his capacity and vision. Winter Park exists because people like Tiedtke, Morse, the McKeens, and others had a vision and created it, but not everyone knows that. We don't all have the capacity to be a Mr. Tiedtke, but we can all take a lesson that one person with a vision can make a difference.”

Tiedtke served for 53 years on the Board of Trustees of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, 51 of those years as President and Treasurer. He was a longtime philanthropist and leader in the Central Florida arts community: a founding board member of the Florida Orchestra (predecessor of the Orlando Philharmonic), a founding Trustee of United Arts of Central Florida, and he also helped establish the Enzian Theatre.

These events are some of many community events that will be part of the 84th Annual Bach Festival. Other events include a book display at the Winter Park Public Library and a book talk with Bach Festival Society Artistic Director John V. Sinclair, featuring his new book: *Falling Off the Podium and Other Life Lessons*.

Scheduled for February 10-March 3, 2019, the 84th Annual Bach Festival includes 23 concerts and community events presented on and around the campus of Rollins College (1000 Holt Ave, Winter Park). Reservations, tickets, subscription packages and information are available at BachFestivalFlorida.org or 407-646-2182.

About the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park

Founded in 1935 in Winter Park, Florida, the Bach Festival Society is one of the longest continuously operating Bach Festivals in the country and is well ranked among America's great oratorio societies. The Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra bring the highest caliber of classical music to Central Florida in the intimate settings of Tiedtke Concert Hall and Knowles Memorial Chapel on the Rollins College campus for the Society's Annual Bach Festival, Choral Masterworks, and Visiting Artists performances. It presents a variety of educational and community outreach programs year round. More information is available at BachFestivalFlorida.org.

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