



Artistic Director Endowment Established to Honor John V. Sinclair's 30th Anniversary

(Orlando, FL – May 20, 2020) For three decades, John V. Sinclair has presided over the Bach Festival Society's artistic programming, growing the organization's Choir, Orchestra, artistic reputation, and audience. To honor this important anniversary, the Board of Trustees has established The John V. Sinclair Endowed Fund for Artistic Direction.

"John's tenure has established a standard of excellence and professionalism recognized by his peers and patrons alike. As it grows, the fund will provide income to support the highest quality of the next and subsequent directors," said Chairman of the Board Eric Ravndal.

The first phase of fundraising generated over \$183,000 in gifts from the Board, Choir, Orchestra, Staff, and a few close friends of the Society. This fund provides an essential step toward securing the Society's future by permanently supporting a portion of the conductor's annual compensation. A subsequent fundraising effort will engage the broader community.

John Sinclair was immensely honored when the fund was revealed, "This endowment, in recognition of my work, is truly humbling, and I am grateful to those who have made it possible and also grateful for the Society's vision of musical excellence."

Those wishing to contribute to the JVS Endowed Fund for Artistic Direction may do so by visiting BachFestivalFlorida.org.

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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