



## Sing with the Best! Bach Festival Society announces Choir Auditions

**WHAT:** Bach Festival Choir Auditions

**WHO:** Singers (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone/Bass) interested in performing classical repertoire

**WHEN:** Monday, June 13; auditions begin at 7:00 p.m.- advance registration required

**INFO:** Register at [BachFestivalFlorida.org/choir-auditions](http://BachFestivalFlorida.org/choir-auditions) or call 407-646-2182

**WHERE:** Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL (1000 Holt Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789)

**(Winter Park, FL— June 3, 2022)**— Sing with the best! The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park is holding auditions for its internationally lauded choir on Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. All auditions must be scheduled by appointment at [BachFestivalFlorida.org/choir-auditions](http://BachFestivalFlorida.org/choir-auditions).

Since 1935, the Bach Festival Choir continues to be recognized by audiences and critics alike for its exceptional musicianship, national and international collaborations, and musical versatility within the classical genre. A cornerstone of the classical music tradition in the United States, the Choir is the longest continuously performing chorus in Central Florida and third longest running Bach Festival Choir in the country. These accomplished and skilled singers have been hailed as “the South’s great oratorio choir” for their elevated performances of masterworks such as Bach’s *St. Matthew* and *St. John Passions* and *Mass in b minor*, Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*, Mozart’s *Requiem*, and Dett’s *The Ordering of Moses*. Under the baton of Artistic Director and Conductor John V. Sinclair, the Choir is accompanied by the Bach Festival Orchestra and has participated in international tours and collaborated with the Orlando Ballet and Bethune-Cookman University Concert Chorale. The Choir annually participates in community events such as the Olde Fashioned 4th of July and Christmas in the Park in Winter Park, Florida.

*“The Choir, prepared masterfully by John Sinclair, sang at a level that was truly world-class. We were all inspired by this wonderful group: sound, words, musicality, flexibility, and enthusiasm were all present in equal measure. This is not only the finest all-volunteer choir I have encountered in the United States, but also one of the finest by any measure. It was a delight to work with them and I hope to again in the near future.”*

*Edwin Outwater, guest conductor of the Royal Philharmonic for the opening of Steinmetz Hall.*

Bach Festival Society’s award-winning Artistic Director and Conductor John V. Sinclair is a career educator serving as Chair of the Music Department at Rollins College, as well as conductor of the International Moravian Music Festivals and Orlando’s Messiah Choral Society. Dr. Sinclair has conducted nearly 900 performances of the beloved Candlelight Processional at Walt Disney World’s EPCOT leading singers from across the country. In his 33 years as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Society, Dr. Sinclair has elevated the quality of musicianship and strengthened the artistic capabilities of the choir by introducing challenging and diverse programming through powerful choral performances while sustaining the legacy of J.S. Bach and other great composers he influenced.

An invitation to sing with the Bach Festival Choir is a coveted opportunity that will challenge and elevate a musician’s vocal talents while becoming part of an unparalleled oratorio tradition.

*“By any possible standard one of the finest organizations of its kind in America.” – the late Terry Teachout, WSJ critic*

### **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](http://BachFestivalFlorida.org).

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