

proclamation

Bach Festival Society of Winter Park Day | March 22, 2025

WHEREAS, in 1935, the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park began as a single organ recital in Knowles Memorial Chapel at Rollins College to celebrate the 250th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach; and

WHEREAS, throughout the ensuing nine decades, the Bach Festival Society has celebrated the legacy of J.S. Bach and those influenced by him with musical performances of the highest quality to delight, inform, and inspire its audiences; and

WHEREAS, the Bach Festival Orchestra is comprised of many of the finest musicians in central Florida and the 180-member Choir was described by the guest conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra as the “finest all-volunteer choir in the country;” and

WHEREAS, the volunteer choir members collectively donate over 12,000 hours in rehearsal and performance time each year, with some traveling from as far away as Jacksonville, Lake Wales, Melbourne and The Villages to bring musical excellence to the residents and guests of Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. John V. Sinclair, who has served as artistic director and conductor for 35 years, the Choir and Orchestra have achieved national and international acclaim through performances at home and abroad, including appearances with both the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, the Bach Festival Society has broadened its repertoire to include the work of impactful composers from multiple eras and genres, and the presentation of internationally acclaimed visiting artists; and

WHEREAS, the Bach Festival Society offers robust educational and outreach activities for all ages in our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park congratulates the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park on its 90th Anniversary, and extends its best wishes for continued success and a lasting, meaningful impact on the citizens of Winter Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the day of **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, as “**Bach Festival Society of Winter Park Day**” in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of March 2025.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor