

# BACH SOCIETY *of* SAINT LOUIS

## AUDITION INFORMATION FORM

Principal Singers and Young Artists

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name as it should appear in the concert program \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to be called \_\_\_\_\_

Auditioning for: \_\_\_ Principal Singer \_\_\_ Young Artist Award (requires birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Audition Selections: Title \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

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Career Objective \_\_\_\_\_ Present Voice Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Vocal Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Solo Performances \_\_\_\_\_

References \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Voice part \_\_\_\_\_

Music degree \_\_\_\_\_ University \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Private piano lessons \_\_\_ years Instrumental lessons \_\_\_ years

Instruments on which you are proficient \_\_\_\_\_

CHORAL EXPERIENCE: College \_\_\_ years Church \_\_\_ years

High School \_\_\_ years Community \_\_\_ years

Most recent choruses \_\_\_\_\_

VOCAL EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_ Years of private vocal study Currently studying? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Private voice teachers \_\_\_\_\_

Have you heard the Bach Society Chorus in concert? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Bach Society Chorus? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in being a member of the Bach Society Chorus? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Bach Society Chorus is an auditioned ensemble of experienced singers committed to artistic excellence in the performance of choral and choral-orchestral masterpieces, notably the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. This mission is fulfilled by a volunteer chorus supplemented by a paid core of professional singers.

**The Principal Singers Awards** are available by audition to outstanding choral singers with professional training and choral experience. While some Principal Singers may be soloists, all must excel in ensemble singing and be able to blend with a choir.

**Eligibility:** A Principal Singer is expected to have  
A four-year degree in music, preferably in voice  
Exceptional sight-reading skills  
A broad knowledge of historical styles  
There is no age limitation for Principal Singers

As the paid professional core, Principal Singers are expected to come to each rehearsal fully prepared to lead the volunteer singers by example. They also advise the conductor of musical passages—especially in their own section—that require more attention. They sing in all performances of the Bach Society Chorus, including extra run-out concerts.

**The Young Artists Awards** are established to enhance professional training for career-oriented singers. Recipients receive an annual stipend and are provided with experiences to strengthen their development as soloists and professional choral singers.

The Young Artists gain experience as under-studies in the major works and perform as soloists as appropriate. They attend dress rehearsals with visiting guest artists and the orchestra to observe and interact with professional soloists. The Young Artists are featured at the Annual Meeting each June, the MagnifEvent fundraiser dinner/auction each fall, and other events as required. The Young Artists are also responsible for providing musical leadership in the Bach Society Chorus through exceptional preparation of their parts.

**Eligibility:** A Young Artist recipient is expected to  
Have completed a minimum of three years of undergraduate study in music  
Be currently in private vocal study  
Be pursuing a professional vocal career  
Be under the age of thirty

All Chorus members, including Principal Singers and Young Artists, accept a commitment to:  
come prepared for each rehearsal  
attend rehearsals and sing at performances  
participate for the entire season.

## COMMITMENT:

I have read the above requirements for membership in the Chorus and, if accepted for membership, agree to the terms stated therein. Furthermore, I grant permission for use of my name and photograph in association with the Bach Society of Saint Louis for its promotional and marketing activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature

\_\_\_\_\_ date

If not selected for a paid position, do you wish consideration as a volunteer member? \_\_\_\_\_