THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS

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2019–2020 Concert Season

**Rehearsal and Performance Schedule**

*Information as of . . . July 19 REVISED*

Monday night rehearsals, 7:30-10:00, are at The Great Hall of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, Clayton

**Oct 4: Bachtoberfest party** Anheuser Busch Biergarten

 *An admission-free event for Chorus members.*

**Oct 27. Mozart Requiem & Bach Magnificat**  (7 rehearsals)

Sep 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct 7, 14, 21

Oct 21, 7:30-10:00, with stringsFirst Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sat, Oct 26, 10:00am-1:00pm1st Pres

**Performance:** Sun, Oct 27, 3:00-5:00 (2:30 call in choir room)1st Pres

**Dec 10. Christmas Candlelight Concert**, (6 rehearsals)

With guests: The St. Louis Children’s Choirs and the Chamber Singers of Webster University

Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec 2 (venue tba)

Dec 2, with strings & harp

**Dress Rehearsal:** Mon, Dec 9, 7:00-10:00Powell Hall

**Performance:** Tue, Dec 10, 7:30-10:00 (7:00 call in Green Room)Powell Hall

**Mar 22. Bach St. John Passion** (10 rehearsals)

Jan 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 2, 9

Mar 16, 7:30-10:00, with strings Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sat, Mar 21, 10:00am-1:00pm WGPC

**Performance:** Sun, Mar 22, 3:00-5:15 (2:30 call in choir room) WGPC

**May 2. Bach, the Ultimate Influencer** (5 rehearsals)

Mar 23, 30; Apr 6, 13 (venue tba), 20;

Apr 27, 7:30-10:00, with continuo players Salem United Methodist Church

**Dress Rehearsal:** Fri, May 1, 7:30-10:00pmSalem

**Performance:** Sat, May 2, 7:00-9:00pm (6:30 call in choir room)Salem

**STL BACH FESTIVAL 2019**

Fri, April 17th – Bach Festival Gala at St. Louis Woman’s Club

Tue, April 21st – Bach, Blues & Bernstein at Jazz at the Bistro

Sat, April 25th – Bach Spring Sing at Central Presbyterian Church

Sun, April 26th- Young Artist Recital at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church

Sat, May 2nd  - Bach, the Ultimate Influencer at Salem United Methodist Church

Sun, May 3rd – Bach in the Garden Chamber Music Concert at Missouri Botanical Garden

Sat, May 9th -- ***The chorus may be requested to sing at this event with Marlissa Hudson at 1st Baptist, Ferguson***

Fri, May 15th – Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos at First Presbyterian, Kirkwood

“NO REHEARSAL” DATES: Sep 2, Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan 6

2020 REFERENCE DATES: *Feb 2 Superbowl; Feb 23 Oscars; April 12 Easter*

# **BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS**

**Attendance Policy:** Chorus members accept a commitment to attend all rehearsals, sectionals, dress rehearsals and performances. Members sign in at each rehearsal.

**Rehearsal Absence**: **When an absence is unavoidable please notify the conductor** (not the office) at dsparger@charter.net, or call cell 314-578-BACH (2224), or home 618-398-1624.

A member will not be allowed to perform in a concert if he/she misses:

* three rehearsals during a preparation period,
* two consecutive rehearsals immediately prior to a concert, or
* the dress rehearsal.

Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the conductor.

**Concert Absence:** A member unable to perform in a concert will notify the conductor in writing, including the reason for the absence, at the earliest opportunity. A member who fails to notify the conductor will be dropped from the roster. For a last-minute illness or emergency, call the conductor.

**Snow/Ice Policy:** Because our membership comes from a broad region with differing weather conditions, each member must make a personal decision in inclement weather. When conditions warrant a cancelled rehearsal, an email will be sent to the chorus list.

**Music:** Music is generally provided on loan from the Bach Society library; mark loaned music in pencil only! Music is available from the librarian before rehearsal only. Singers are financially responsible for all music that is not returned.

**CHORUS ATTIRE**

**For all Concerts:** No cell phones, alarm watches, or pagers. **No cologne or perfume.**

**FORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE**

**Men:** Black tuxedo with white tux shirt and black bow tie; black shoes and socks. Coat buttoned when standing. Men will add a red pocket square for the Christmas concert.

**Women:** A floor-length (covering the ankles) all-black dress; elbow-length or long sleeve; black hose (or trouser socks); black flats or low heels; small earrings and necklace permitted. Palazzo pants (not slacks) and dressy black blouse acceptable. When in doubt, remember that you are standing next to a man in a tuxedo! No short sleeve, sleeveless or bare shoulders.  No velvet or sequins.  No jewelry that jingles!

**INFORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE**

**Men:** A long-sleeved black shirt, open collar; if wearing a T-shirt it must be black or not visible. Black pants, shoes and socks.

**Women:** A full-length black dress, or a black skirt and blouse, or dress slacks and blouse. Sleeves may be any length, but no halter top, strapless or spaghetti straps. Black flats or low heels.

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 “Dress rehearsals” are always casual attire.  Whenever the Chorus performs in anything other than formal attire, advance notice will be given.