

THE BACH SOCIETY  
OF SAINT LOUIS

# VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

7:00 PM CT

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REIMAGINED AS A VIRTUAL EVENT, YOU NOW HAVE A UNIQUE AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE MAGIC OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT RIGHT INTO YOUR OWN HOME. THIS FESTIVE, MEMORABLE EVENT WILL FEATURE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CAROLS AND IS SURE TO LEAVE YOU FILLED WITH JOY AND HOLIDAY CHEER.

PRESENTED BY



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A. DENNIS SPARGER, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

# PROGRAM

SUSSEX CAROL  
ARR. BARLOW BRADFORD

WHAT CHILD  
PAUL W. LOHMAN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN  
ARR. STEVE BARNETT

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING  
J.S. BACH

CAROL OF THE BELLS  
MYKOLA LEONTOVICH

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
ARR. BARLOW BRADFORD

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
ARTHUR WARRELL

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION  
ARR. A. DENNIS SPARGER

AVE MARIA  
FRANZ BIEBL

I WONDER AS I WANDER  
ARR. BARLOW BRADFORD

SIR CHRISTÈMAS  
WILLIAM MATHIAS

A MUSICOLOGICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS  
CRAIG COURTNEY

6TH CENTURY ROME  
15TH CENTURY FRANCE  
16TH CENTURY ITALY  
17TH CENTURY ITALY  
18TH CENTURY GERMANY  
18TH CENTURY AUSTRIA  
19TH CENTURY FRANCE  
19TH CENTURY GERMANY  
19TH CENTURY AUSTRIA  
19TH CENTURY ITALY  
19TH CENTURY RUSSIA  
19TH CENTURY USA

A PARTRIDGE  
TWO TURTLE DOVES  
THREE FRENCH HENS  
FOUR CALLING BIRDS  
FIVE GOLD RINGS  
SIX GEESE A-LAYING  
SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING  
EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING  
NINE LADIES DANCING  
TEN LORDS A-LEAPING  
ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING  
TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING

SILENT NIGHT  
ARR. A. DENNIS SPARGER

# BIOGRAPHIES

## **A. DENNIS SPARGER, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR**

DENNIS SPARGER WAS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED ALREADY IN HIS SECOND SEASON AS "A CONDUCTOR EQUIPPED WITH INSIGHT AS WELL AS CRAFTSMANSHIP." IN THE PAST THREE AND A HALF DECADES HE HAS RECEIVED EVEN MORE PRAISE FOR HIS PERFORMANCES WITH THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTING THEM IN WELL OVER 175 PERFORMANCES OF MAJOR WORKS BY BACH AND OTHER COMPOSERS.

UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE BACH SOCIETY WAS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD BY THE ARTS & EDUCATION COUNCIL OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, THE FIRST CHORUS TO BE SO HONORED. HIS LEADERSHIP WAS ALSO A DRIVING FORCE IN THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS BEING SELECTED AS "ONE OF THE TOP 20 LIVE CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN NORTH AMERICA" BY BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE.

HE INTRODUCED A YOUNG ARTISTS AWARD PROGRAM FOR SINGERS UNDER THE AGE OF THIRTY, ESTABLISHED A PROFESSIONAL CORE OF PAID PRINCIPAL SINGERS, AND DESIGNATED A POSITION FOR COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF NEW WORKS. HE WAS AWARDED A DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS DEGREE IN CHORAL CONDUCTING BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, AND EARNED BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

DR. SPARGER IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BACH SOCIETY, ACDA, CHORUS AMERICA, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTS & LETTERS, AND IS A PAST BOARD MEMBER OF ARTIST PRESENTATION SOCIETY.

## **SANDRA GEARY, PIANIST**

SANDRA GEARY WAS BORN IN IRELAND AND RECEIVED DIPLOMAS FROM THE CORK SCHOOL OF MUSIC, ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, AND TRINITY COLLEGE (LONDON). SHE IS ON THE FACULTY OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND WEBSTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL AND SERVES AS ACCOMPANIST FOR THE CHAMBER CHORUS OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WEBSTER UNIVERSITY OPERA SCENES, OPERA THEATRE OF SAINT LOUIS, AND THE BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS.

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COMMUNITY WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR VIRTUAL CHOIR.

# THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS

SANDRA GEARY, PIANIST

## THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS, 2020-2021

### **SOPRANO I**

SAMANTHA ARTEN  
DANIELLE FEINSTEIN\*+  
RACHEL L.S. JONES  
DEBBIE MANN  
CHARISSA PASCHKE MARCINIAK  
AMY MAZZEO

### **SOPRANO II**

GWEN ADAMS  
KELLY GILBERT  
DARCIE JOHNSON\*  
MOLLY MAGRATH  
STEPHANIE MCSWAIN  
MADALYN MENTOR\*  
SUSAN NIEDERER\*  
MELISSA PAYTON\*  
BRITTANY ROACH

### **ALTO I**

BONNIE BRAYSHAW  
PEGGY CANTRELL  
MARY KATE FILE  
CARIN GADO RECKS  
CHRISTA HELLERT-MUSICK  
MAGGIE LOWE

### **ALTO I (CONTINUED)**

ALISON NEACE\*  
ROSALIND STEVENS\*  
SHEPHALI WULFF

### **ALTO II**

NICHOLE BLACK  
CHRISTY CLEMENS\*  
INÉS DE ERAUSQUIN  
DENISE FIELD  
COURTNEY MARIE GRAVES  
NANCY GREENE\*  
JULIE OOMS  
OLIVIA ROLAND\*+

### **COUNTERTENOR**

AIDEN SMITH  
DEAN STROUSE

### **TENOR I**

SETH CARRUTHERS\*  
KEITH FREDLUND\*  
ALPHONSUS KIU\*  
SCOTT MEIDROTH  
FREDDIE RICE\*  
DARRELL STEINBACH

### **TENOR II**

DAVID L. GILL  
PETER HENSEL\*  
CARLOS FLORES RAMIREZ  
ZACHARY SINGER  
ROBERT L. VOELKER  
WILLIAM TODD WEEDMAN

### **BASS I**

RICHARD BELL\*  
DAN DENNER  
STEPHEN A. EROS\*  
GREG FINCH  
RONALD KLEMM  
MICHEAL LOWE\*+  
ADRIAN K. MASON  
MATTHEW S. MCEUEN

### **BASS II**

AARON ALLISON\*  
NICK BASHAW  
DAVID T. COX  
ANDREW LARSON  
KENT MACPEEK  
SHAWN NEACE\*

\*SMALLER ENSEMBLE USED FOR 2020 VIRTUAL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

+YOUNG ARTIST

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## THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS, 2013-2014

### **SOPRANO I**

DEBORAH ALBERT  
ELEANORA BENEDICT  
MARIAN FLOWERS  
CYNTHIA JOHNSON  
MELYNDA LAMB  
ERICA ROSEBROCK  
JENNY UBL

### **SOPRANO II**

MARY ELIZABETH FREITAG  
DARCIE JOHNSON  
MICHELLE JOKERST  
STEPHANIE MCSWAIN  
SUSAN NIEDERER  
MELISSA PAYTON

### **SOPRANO II (CONTINUED)**

ROSALIND STEVENS  
ADRIENNE STOCKLEY

### **ALTO I**

MAGGIE BIESIADA-LOWE  
CYNTHIA C. BLOOMER  
PEGGY CANTRELL  
MARY KATE FILE  
CARIN GADO-RECKS  
CHRISTA HELLERT-MUSICK  
ALISON NEACE

### **ALTO II**

CATHERINE BURGE  
CHRISTY CLEMENS

### **ALTO II (CONTINUED)**

LAURA BETH CODISPOTI  
DENISE FIELD  
NANCY GREENE  
RACHEL STEINBRUECK  
MIHO J. TANAKA  
NICOLE WEISS

### **TENOR I**

JEFFREY BALLARD  
ANDREW J. MARTIN  
RONALD T. SCHIELD  
JAMES STEVENS  
TERRINCE J. TACKETT  
DARRELL STEINBACH

# THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS CONT.

THE BACH SOCIETY CHORUS, 2013-2014 (CONTINUED)

## TENOR II

TRACY BAKER  
JAY BROWN  
SETH CARRUTHERS  
JOE CODISPOTI  
DAMEN LEMONDA MARTIN  
JOHN MISSEL  
DEWAYNE TRAINER

## BASS I

STEPHEN A. EROS  
GREG FINCH  
KENNETH MACPEEK  
MATTHEW MCEUEN  
MATT PENTECOST  
RAVI RAGHURAM

## BASS II

STEPHEN J. BLOOMER  
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## SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR

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DR. JAMES HENRY, DIRECTOR

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# THE BACH SOCIETY ORCHESTRA

## VIOLIN I

LENORA-MARYA ANOP,  
CONCERTMASTER  
ANN HIRSCHL  
ADRIAN WALKER  
ROCHELLE SKOLNICK  
SUSIE THIERBACH  
CYNTHIA BOWERMASTER

## VIOLIN II

JAMES RICHARDS  
JOSEPH KAMINSKY  
ELIZABETH RAMOS  
TWINDA MURRY  
ALICIA BONT  
EMILY ROCKERS

## VIOLA

CHRIS TANTILLO  
ANNA LACKSCHEWITZ  
LAURA REYCRAFT  
JOSEPH GUTOWSKI

## CELLO

ELIZABETH MACDONALD  
ALVIN MCCALL  
MARIAN DRAKE  
KENNETH KULOSA

## BASS

DONALD MARTIN  
ANN MUEHLMANN

## FLUTE

JENNIFER NITCHMAN  
CATHERINE EDWARDS

## OBOE

CARRIE SMITH  
MICHELLE DUSKEY  
JAN PARKES

## CLARINET

PAUL GARRITSON  
JEANINE GARESCHÉ

## BASSOON

DONITA BAUER  
PEG BUMB

## HORN

TOD BOWERMASTER  
SCOTT HAMMANN  
MARY SWARTZWELDER  
ALLISON FELTER

## TRUMPET

THOMAS DRAKE  
CARRIE SCHAFER  
MICHAEL WALK

## TROMBONE

TIMOTHY MYERS  
JONATHAN REYCRAFT  
GERARD PAGANO

## TUBA

MICHAEL SANDERS

## TIMPANI

CHRISTOPHER TRELOAR

## PERCUSSION

ALAN SCHILLING  
ERIN ELSTNER

## HARP

MEGAN STOUT

## GUITAR

WILLIAM LENIHAN

## ORCHESTRA MANAGER

JAN PARKES

*Orchestral musicians are members of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 2-197*

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