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The Bach Society of Saint Louis Premieres Bach Talk Podcast this Fall

Bach Talk, a monthly podcast, takes listeners behind the scenes with exclusive interviews and insights

ST. LOUIS, (October 30, 2023) - **The Bach Society of Saint Louis** (BSSL) recently launched the newest addition to their in-person and digital offerings, a podcast called **Bach Talk**. Classical music radio veteran Ron Klemm hosts the podcast and The Bach Society Music Director and Conductor A. Dennis Sparger makes frequent appearances. The podcast invites listeners on an enlightening journey into the timeless world of Johann Sebastian Bach. The monthly podcast delves into a vibrant community that keeps Bach's music alive, uncovering fascinating stories, offering musical insights and presenting profiles of the people that breathe life into Bach's compositions.

"Through pre-concert talks, lectures, social events, and even casual conversations, we've known for some time that there is a hunger to know more about the people behind The Bach Society as well as the music," said Sparger, "Our new podcast Bach Talk offers the perfect vehicle to fill that void with engaging interviews with the many personalities who combine to make the Bach Society the outstanding musical organization we all love."

Klemm's radio career has spanned six decades. Past President of the Classical Music Broadcasters Association, a national organization of classical music broadcasters, he continues to be a champion for the arts in St. Louis. In addition to hosting, Klemm also produces Bach Talk.

"Over the years I've loved sharing great music with listeners—especially quality choral music. But my greatest joy has been talking to the people behind the music: what makes them tick, how did they get involved in this business of making music, what are their passions—musically and otherwise," said Klemm.

From its beginning in 1941, The Bach Society of Saint Louis has been committed to sharing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, especially his choral music, with the St. Louis region. That commitment has expanded, through the years, to other classical and contemporary composers. Through Bach Talk, BSSL can reach out to listeners across the world who want to know more

about this music and the people who perform it. This podcast brings the work of St. Louis' oldest continuous choral society to audiences in a new medium, removing barriers to accessing their work.

Bach Talk can be enjoyed by seasoned Bach enthusiasts or those new to his music. Bach Talk is available wherever you listen to podcasts. For new podcast listeners, The Bach Society of Saint Louis has created a how-to guide to access Bach Talk at bachsociety.org/bach-talk. The first three Bach Talk podcast episodes are available for download now.

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ABOUT THE BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS.

The Bach Society of Saint Louis (BSSL) was founded in 1941 and is now in its 83rd season as St. Louis' oldest continuous choral society. BSSL is dedicated to performing choral works by Johann Sebastian Bach and other classical and contemporary composers. Under the direction of Dr. A. Dennis Sparger, BSSL delivers a varied and exciting season to an ever more diverse public. The organization's mission is to provide stimulating and enriching musical and educational experiences for audiences and performers in the tradition of Johann Sebastian Bach. Each season, BSSL provides free concert tickets, education concerts, and masterclasses to area high school and college students. BSSL has a robust education program that offers free events and support to local teachers and students including the Young Artist Scholarship Program, Bach & Jazz, Finding Your Voice Program and more. Learn more at bachsociety.org.