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THE BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT AT POWELL HALL BEFORE HISTORIC RENOVATION

Ahead of the \$100 million Powell Hall renovation, The Bach Society of Saint Louis will present annual Christmas Concert with world-renowned soprano, Sherezade Panthaki

ST. LOUIS (November 2, 2022) – **The Bach Society of Saint Louis** (BSSL) continues its 82nd season with the ***Christmas Candlelight Concert*** on **Friday, December 9, 2022**. This festive event is an opportunity for the whole family to create new holiday memories while experiencing the magic of the Candlelight Processional in the awe-inspiring setting of **Powell Hall**.

The joyous evening will embody the holiday spirit as The Bach Society Chorus and Orchestra perform traditional carols including *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and *Joy to the World*. The concert will also feature performances of Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate* and *O Holy Night* by world-renowned soprano, Sherezade Panthaki. Panthaki has performed with numerous orchestras worldwide, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Bach Collegium Japan and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Recognized as one of the ***Top 20 LIVE Christmas Events in North America*** by **BBC Music Magazine**, this event is a staple of the St. Louis region's holiday traditions. "The familiar carols in stunning new arrangements, the memorable candlelight procession, the resounding audience sing-along, the beautifully decorated Powell Hall, and, to top it off, a world-class soloist," says Conductor and Music Director Dr. A. Dennis Sparger about the concert.

Tickets (\$30-85) are available for purchase through the Bach Society website, bachsociety.org/christmas. To purchase tickets via phone, call the Powell Hall Box Office: 314-534-1700.

This concert is presented by Dr. Richard & Gaylene LaBore with support from Welsch Heating & Cooling and CBIZ.



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Christmas Candlelight Concert

The Bach Society of Saint Louis Chorus and Orchestra

Powell Hall, Saint Louis

Friday, December 9, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

ABOUT BACH SOCIETY OF SAINT LOUIS.

The Bach Society of Saint Louis (BSSL) was founded in 1941 and is now in its 82nd 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.

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