

THE BRONX CONCERT SINGERS

November 10, 2024

My Dear Friends and fellow music explorers,

One of the most treasured parts of the Holiday season for many of us is sharing great music in a live concert with friends and family.

On Saturday afternoon, December 14, 2024 at 2:30 pm, rev up your Holiday celebrations with The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS), guest professional vocalists and chamber orchestra, under the baton of Music Director Robert René Galván, as we perform our **43rd Annual Holiday Concert** at St. Helena's RC Church, 1315 Olmstead Ave., in Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462.

Two works by Vivaldi will cap a warm palette of songs from four continents: His **Oboe Concerto in A minor, Mov 1** [Allegro Non Troppo] dances with exuberance. **"MAGNIFICAT"** [RV610] brims with drama and vigor, brilliantly capturing Mary's exultant song of praise to God as she shares her earthshattering news with her cousin Elizabeth (St. Luke 1:46-55).

Savor the warmth, tenderness, and joy of this holiday season with shorter works. Gustav Holst's commanding processional *Personent Hodie* (16th C) and his expansive *Concertato on "Oh God, Beyond All Praising"* (1917), bookend our first half. Familiar favorites include Ukrainian *Carol of the Bells*, *O Holy Night*, and Spanish carol *A la Nanita Nana*. International selections include: Ariel Ramirez's *El Nacimiento* from **"Navidad Nuestra"** (Argentinian), Nigerian carol *Betelehemu*, and Finkelstein's Hebrew prayer *L'Dor Vador* (From Generation to Generation).

ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY CONCERT TICKETS TODAY

Take advantage of great music, affordable prices, and easy walking and transit. Purchase your tickets now to avoid Box Office lines.

Tickets are \$20 for General Admission and 2 for \$35; \$15 for Seniors (62+) and College Students with valid id; and \$5 for Children through High School. Take advantage of our group rates of \$15 per ticket for groups of 5 or more adults, call 917-743-4641.

Tickets are available:

- Charge tickets using Visa – MasterCard – Discover Card through **Brown Paper Tickets. Online at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6474668>**, or by phone: **1-800-838-3006**. Visit the Tickets page on our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org, for a direct link. A service charge applies.
- Mail a check to Bronx Concert Singers, P.O. Box 1226, Bronx, NY 10462-0580. Tickets for checks received after December 9th will be held at the BOX OFFICE. Include a self-addressed return envelope and your telephone number for confirmation of receipt and shipment.
- **AT ST. HELENA RECTORY**-(718) 892-3232 [1315 Olmstead Ave., Parkchester, Bronx NY 10462]
- Call BCS at 917-743-4641 for local Parkchester delivery, and from all BCS members.
- At the door on day of concert – only CASH and CHECKS are accepted.

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Your generous support powers BCS's longevity, even when you cannot attend a concert. For over 40 years, BCS has presented affordable, high quality classical and very diverse music programs with volunteer community members, and professional singers and instrumentalists to communities in the Bronx. With your help, we will continue to delight both novices and seasoned, critical listeners, to cultivate the art of choral singing, and to develop the next generation of enthusiastic music explorers.

Our outreach to several elementary schools continues to offer students some free concert tickets. With BCS, children can get their first taste of live classical and world music, and learn it's ok to like all sorts of music.

Please donate now to help us close the funding gap. As a volunteer-run, community-based non-profit, your tax-deductible gift is vital to helping BCS bring great music into our neighborhoods. It lets potential funders know you cherish the arts in our daily lives. Add memorials and honor gifts at any level, or purchase a business ad (enclose B&W copy). You may donate by cash, check or money order. We enclose a Contribution/Ad form (on the reverse of the Ticket order form) and BCS-return envelope for your convenience.

To use your credit/debit card to make your donation, visit our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org. Look for the "Donate Now" button and learn more about helping BCS by making a secure donation through NETWORKFORGOOD.

This concert is made possible, in part, with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts awarded in a competitive process. These grants cover only a small part of concert expenses, please help us close the gap. Since all BCS administrative work is performed by volunteers, your contributions are used to cover the expenses directly related to producing our concerts, such as salaries for our music staff, rehearsal and performance space rental, hiring professional singers and musicians for our concerts and letting you know about concerts.

Spread the word. Share your enthusiasm with your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances by telephone, Facebook, email, TwitterX, TikTok, and text. Invite them to the concert. Learn more about group rates. Create memorable moments of your own at our **43rd Annual Holiday Concert!**

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ST.HELENABRONX and click on 'VIDEO' tab.

We look forward to sharing this great music with you here in Parkchester, at St. Helena's on Saturday, December 14th, at 2:30 pm. Please call me at (917) 743-4641 if you need additional information about tickets sales, group rates, our organization, or about singing with us for the SPRING 2025 season.

Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous and healthy Holiday season.



Frances Ciurcina, President

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The Bronx Concert Singers is a nonprofit volunteer concert chorus founded in the Parkchester section of the Bronx by people from all walks of life who love singing great choral music. The chorus presents primarily classical music concerts with either professional orchestra or chamber ensemble and has been a source of cultural enrichment in the community since 1981.