

THE BRONX CONCERT SINGERS

May 13, 2025

My Dear Friends and fellow music explorers,

On Saturday afternoon, May 31, 2025 at 2:30 pm, join The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS), and Music Director Robert René Galván, for their 44th Annual Spring Concert “**An Afternoon of FAURÉ**” at St. Helena’s RC Church, 1315 Olmstead Ave., in Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462.

This **all Fauré** program is headlined by the beautiful and serene **REQUIEM**, performed by the BCS chorus, with professional soloists and chamber orchestra.

Step away from daily headlines and stressors, as Fauré’s elegant melodies and harmonies invite us to remember and celebrate those close to us.

“**Cantique de Jean Racine**” is an expansive hymn of praise that pleads “Banish the slumber of a weary soul.” In “**Pavane**”, the strut of a peacock’s courtship dance teases young men and women dancing at a ballroom soiree. Other selections include “**Élégie for Cello**” [orchestral], “**Ave Verum**” [duet], and “**Tantum Ergo**.”

ORDER YOUR ‘AN AFTERNOON OF FAURÉ’ 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/6646966>**, 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 May 22nd 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.
- At the door on day of concert – only CASH and CHECKS are accepted.

BCS HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY GOV’T FUNDING FOR 2025. ONLY YOU CAN HELP US BRING GREAT MUSIC HOME TO THE BRONX!

We invite you to view videos of several recent concerts by following links on our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org, then **DONATE**.

As audience members and donors, 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 innovative 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.

We have revived outreach to a couple of elementary schools, offering some free tickets. With BCS, children can get their first taste of live classical and world music, and learn it's ok to like just *some* songs.

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.

If you would like to use your credit/debit card to make your donation you may do so online by visiting our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org. Look for the "Donate Now" button and learn more about helping BCS by making a secure donation through NETWORKFORGOOD.

Bronx Concert Singers has NOT received any government funding in 2025. We depend on YOUR DONATIONS and TICKET PURCHASES to fund this concert. 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, X(Twitter) and text. Invite them to the concert. Learn more about group rates. Create memorable moments of your own at 'An Afternoon of Fauré'!

CAN'T ATTEND CONCERT IN-PERSON? FREE LIVE-STREAM ON:
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, May 31st, 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 Holiday 2025 season.

Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and exciting Spring.



Frances Ciurcina, President

BCS's 44th Annual Spring Concert – 'An Afternoon of Fauré' is supported, in part, by local businesses, organizations and individuals who appreciate the arts.

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.