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CONCERT SINGERS

May 4, 2023

My Dear Friends and fellow music explorers,

Melody, drama, lovers, villains, heartbreak and home-coming – it all comes alive in The Bronx Concert Singers' Spring Concert **A Night at the Opera!**

On Saturday afternoon, May 20, 2023 at 2:30 pm, join The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS), and Music Director Robert René Galván, for **A Night at the Opera** at St. Helena's RC Church, 1315 Olmstead Ave., in Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462. The program features choruses and arias from 18th to 20th Century operas performed by the BCS chorus, with professional soloists and chamber orchestra.

Arias include: **Parto, Parto** from Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*, **Eri tu** (Renato's aria) from Verdi's *Un Ballo in Mascara*, **Recondita Armonia** from Puccini's *Tosca*, and **Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix** from Saint-Saëns' *Samson et Dalila*.

In **Les Sauvages** from Rameau's *Les Indes Galantes* Native American rhythms illuminate the tribe's independence and defense of their peaceful forest. The finale of Mozart's *Abduction from the Seraglio* celebrates Pasha Selim's liberation of kidnapped Constanza. Mourn a lost homeland in Verdi's **Va Pensiero** from *Nabucco*. Dvořák's **Song to the Moon** from *Rusalka* and **Il est bon, L'enfant** from Ravel's children's opera *L'enfant et les Sortilèges* enchant. Joplin's rag-time melodies animate **Aunt Dinah has Blown de Horn** from *Treemonisha*. A Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess* medley caps the concert.

ORDER YOUR 'A NIGHT AT THE OPERA' 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/6006803>, 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 10th 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.

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This is BCS's 6th live, in-person concert since the Covid pandemic began. We invite you to view videos of recent concerts by following links on our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org, then DONATE.

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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 several 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.

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, Twitter and text. Invite them to the concert. Learn more about group rates. Create memorable moments of your own at ‘**A Night at the Opera!**’

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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, May 20th, 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 2023 season.

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



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.