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The Bronx Concert Singers' 45th Annual Spring Concert – 'THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY'

Bronx, NY – April 18, 2026 – On Saturday afternoon, May 16, 2026 at 2:30 pm, join The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS), and Music Director Robert René Galván, for their 45th Annual Spring Concert “**There’s Something About Mary**” at St. Helena’s RC Church, 1315 Olmstead Ave., Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462.

Choruses and arias from across 250 years celebrate Mary’s role in Jesus’ life and Christianity.

- Pergolesi’s **Magnificat** captures Mary’s exultant wonder of being pregnant with Jesus as she shares the news with her cousin Elizabeth.
- In 1531, Mary appeared in the form of an Indigenous woman, speaking in Nahuatl, and identifying herself as "The Mother of the true God who gives life." Join BCS in singing **La Guadalupana**, the beloved Mexican folk hymn honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of Christ's love for mankind.
- Mary’s intense anguish as she watched Jesus’ torture, crucifixion, and death has resonated for millennia. Verdi’s 1898 setting of the **Stabat Mater** prayer reflects his dramatic genius and restraint.
- Mozart’s **Regina Coeli** jubilantly celebrates Mary’s coronation as Queen of Heaven, with angels gloriously declaiming “Queen of Heaven, rejoice! For He Whom you were worthy to bear has risen as He said! Alleluia!”

Other choral selections include Franz Biebl’s **Ave Maria** and Karl Jenkins’ **Ave Verum**.

For additional information please call (917) 743-4641, or visit our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org.

Tickets are available in advance from BCS and at the door: Tickets are \$25 for General Admission and 2 for \$45; \$20 for Seniors (62+) and College Students with valid id; and \$5 for Children through High School. For groups of 5 or more Adults, tickets are \$20 each.

- Mail a check to Bronx Concert Singers, P.O. Box 1226, Bronx, NY 10462-0580. Tickets for Checks received after May 6th 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.
- Charge tickets using Visa – AMEX – MasterCard – Discover Card through **Eventbrite**. **Online at:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bronx-concert-singers-45th-annual-spring-concert-tickets-1987652333636>. Visit the Tickets page on our website, www.bronxconcertsingers.org, for a direct link. A service charge applies.

BCS’s 45th Annual Spring Concert – ‘There’s Something About Mary...’ is supported this year by local businesses, organizations and individuals who appreciate the arts. Special thanks to St. Helena’s Church. Special thanks to Katherine Felton for videography, and for time, expertise, and technical support. Special thanks, as well, to many other volunteers.

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 professional vocal soloists and either orchestra or chamber ensemble, and has been a source of cultural enrichment in the community since 1981. BCS is the community chorus-in-residence at St. Helena’s RC Church.