

THE BRONX CONCERT SINGERS

April 29, 2022

My Dear Friends,

Celebrate Life and Spring with Bronx Concert Singers' 2022 SPRING CONCERT – ‘Pieces of the World’! Be captivated by songs from across the globe!

Join The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS) and Music Director Robert René Galván on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 2:30 pm, for our **41st Annual Spring Concert**, performed with guest professional soloists and instrumental ensemble, in St. Helena's RC Church sanctuary, 1315 Olmstead Avenue, Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462.

Percussion instruments accompany South Africa's familiar *Siyahamba*; Kenyan (Luo) *Hombe* thrums with a hunting hyena, and French/Swahili *Amani* demands we "sing strongly for peace for the world." Yiddish folksong *Tumbalalaika* celebrates courting, while Hebrew *Ose Shalom* contemplates The One Who Makes Peace. Jamaica's Harry Belafonte invites us to "*Turn the World Around.*"

Celtic harp warms the duet *My Gentle Harp*, and solos in the Welsh "*Dafydd y Garren Wen*". African-American Spirituals *Deep River* and *I've Been in the Storm So Long* recall the pain of losses now and over 400 years. Chilean Violetta Parra's "*Gracias a la Vida*" joyfully bursts with Thanksgiving for all her life experiences. Ariel Ramirez's *Gloria* from "*Missa Criolla*" celebrates the LORD's greatness.

Most notable is "*A Ukrainian Prayer*," John Rutter's 2022 tribute to Ukrainians. Composer Brian Muni's "*Pieces of the World*" caps the concert: he is expected to perform with us.

COVID RULES FOR IN PERSON ATTENDANCE. Masks Required

ORDER YOUR 2022 SPRING CONCERT TICKETS TODAY

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 (ID); and \$5 for Children through HS. Take advantage of our group rates of \$15 per ticket for groups of 5 or more, call 917-743-4641.

Tickets are available:

- from BCS members, or by calling us at 917-743-4641 for local Parkchester delivery. After 11 am Sunday service at St. Paul ELCA. At St. Helena's rectory, and after Sunday Masses: 5:30pm vigil, between 10 am and 12 pm Masses.
- Charge your will-call tickets using Visa – MasterCard – Discover Card through **Brown Paper Tickets: Online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5418962>**, 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 your check to Bronx Concert Singers, P.O. Box 1226, Bronx, NY 10462-0580 (a Ticket order form –on the reverse of the Donation form - and BCS-addressed envelope are enclosed). Tickets for checks received after May 7th will be held at the BOX OFFICE. Include a self-addressed return envelope and your telephone number for confirmation of receipt and shipment.
- At the concert Box Office – only CASH and CHECKS are accepted.

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DON'T STOP THE MUSIC! KEEP IT GOING! ... IS THAT AN OUD?

This is BCS's 4th live, in-person concert since the Covid pandemic began in early 2020. We invite you to DONATE.

As audience members and donors, you've made it possible to continue performing in the middle of the Covid pandemic. BCS survives and thrives today because of your generous support, even when you cannot attend a concert. For 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.

Please donate now to help us close the funding gap. As a volunteer-run, community-based non-profit, your tax deductible gift of \$10, \$50, \$100 or more is vital to BCS bringing great music into our neighborhoods. It shows potential funders 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 Donation/Ad form (on the reverse of the Ticket order form) and BCS-reply envelope for your convenience.

If you would like to use your Visa, MasterCard or Discover 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*. Since these grants cover only a small part of concert expenses, we ask you to help close the gap. All BCS administrative work is performed by volunteers, so 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 thankful moments of your own when you attend 'Pieces of the World' concert together.

"I CAN'T ATTEND THIS CONCERT IN-PERSON!" (WAILS!) FREE ONLINE VIEWING!"

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

We look forward to sharing this exciting music with you here in Parkchester's St. Helena's RC Church on Saturday, May 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 Holiday 2022 season.

May you and your family enjoy peace and health.



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.

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