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CONCERT SINGERS

ROBERT RENÉ GALVÁN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

36th Annual Spring Concert

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 AT 4:30 PM

Verdi – *Ave Maria* and *Stabat Mater* from “*Quattro Pezzi Sacri*”
La Vergine degli Angeli from “*La Forza del Destino*”

Mahler – *Adagietto* from *Symphony No. 5*

Boito – *Prologue in Heaven* from “*Mefistofele*”

Gounod – Arias from “*Faust*”

Performed with Guest Professional Vocal Soloists and Chamber Orchestra
Tamara Cashour, keyboard

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1891 McGraw Avenue, in **Parkchester**, Bronx, NY 10462

Between White Plains Road and Metropolitan Avenue

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Seniors (62+) and College Students \$15

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The Bronx Concert Singers' 36th Annual Spring Concert

Bronx, NY – April 7, 2017 – On Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2017 at 4:30 pm, The Bronx Concert Singers, under the direction of Music Director Robert René Galván, will present our **36th Annual Spring Concert** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1891 McGraw Avenue, in Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462.

Join the BCS Chorus, professional soloists and chamber orchestra for a performance of deeply moving works by 19th C. European master composers Verdi, Mahler, Boito and Gounod.

In *Stabat Mater*, Verdi's genius in word painting joins us viscerally to the heart of this monumental 13th C prayer: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in anguish as she watches her son's death on the cross, and our own resonant sympathy while we also hope for salvation. Verdi wrote *Ave Maria* as an answer to a musical puzzle, creating a work that is both ethereal and timeless. His *La Vergine degli Angeli* from "**La Forza del Destino**" is a delicate farewell benediction that will warm your heart.

As a wedding gift for his bride, Mahler infused the *Adagietto* from **Symphony No. 5** with the depth, warmth, wonder, and vastness of his love for her. Close your eyes to sink into this lush work!

Goethe's Faust, the story of a scholar who sells his soul to the devil, has inspired countless offshoots. BCS's tribute to Faust features the *Prologue in Heaven* from Boito's *Mefistofele*, and two arias from Gounod's **Faust**: lovelorn young Siebel's *Faites lui mes aveux (Flower Song)* and Faust's *Salut, demeure chaste et pure*.

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 \$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. For groups of 5 or more, call 917-743-4641 for group rates.

- Call BCS at 917-743-4641 for local Parkchester delivery.
- Charge tickets using Visa – MasterCard – Discover Card through **Brown Paper Tickets. Online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2899055>, 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 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 the door on day of concert – only CASH and CHECKS are accepted.

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The Bronx Concert Singers is a nonprofit volunteer 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. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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