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**CONCERT SINGERS**

April 21, 2026

My Dear Friends and fellow music explorers,

One of the exciting parts of a Bronx Concert Singers (BCS) sacred music concert is the opportunity to hear unfamiliar settings of prayers and scripture by different composers. This is, absolutely, one of your musical adventures!

On Saturday afternoon, May 16, 2026 at 2:30 pm, join BCS and Music Director Robert René Galván, professional vocalists and chamber orchestra, for our 45<sup>th</sup> 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 Christianity and the life of Jesus:

- Pergolesi’s **Magnificat** captures Mary’s exultant wonder of being pregnant with Jesus as she shares the earthshattering 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." Everyone can join BCS in singing **La Guadalupe**, the beloved Mexican folk hymn honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of Christ’s love.
- Mary’s intense anguish as she watched Jesus’ torture, crucifixion, and death still resonates with us today. Verdi’s 1898 setting of the **Stabat Mater** prayer reflects his dramatic genius and reverent 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 20<sup>th</sup> C works: Franz Biebl’s **Ave Maria** and Karl Jenkins’ **Ave Verum**.

**ORDER YOUR ‘THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY...’ 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 \$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. To take advantage of our group rates of \$20 per ticket for groups of 5 or more adults, call 917-743-4641.

Tickets are available:

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

**Mailing Address: Bronx Concert Singers, P.O. Box 1226, Bronx, New York 10462-0580**

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**BCS HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY GOV'T FUNDING FOR 2026. ONLY YOU CAN HELP US BRING GREAT MUSIC HOME TO THE BRONX!**

We invite you to follow this link to our website, [www.bronxconcertsingers.org](http://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 45 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 maintain 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 so we can acknowledge your donation in our Program Journal and your tax receipt. **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](http://www.bronxconcertsingers.org). Look for the "Donate Now" button and learn more about helping BCS by making a secure donation through [DONATE.FORGOOD.ORG](http://DONATE.FORGOOD.ORG). at: <https://donate.forgood.org/donation/13-3840382>**

**Bronx Concert Singers has NOT received any government funding in 2026. We depend on YOUR DONATIONS and TICKET PURCHASES to fund this concert.** 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, email, your social media, and text. Invite them to the concert. Learn more about group rates. Create memorable moments of your own at **'There's Something About Mary...'**!

We look forward to sharing this great music with you here in Parkchester, at St. Helena's on Saturday, May 16th, 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 2026 season.

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



Frances Ciurcina, President

**BCS's 45th Annual Spring Concert – 'There's Something About Mary...'** 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 professional orchestra or chamber ensemble and has been a source of cultural enrichment in the community since 1981.