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CONCERT SINGERS

April 2, 2018

Dear Friend and fellow music explorer,

Experience music bold enough to be nicknamed for Admiral Lord Nelson!

Join The Bronx Concert Singers (BCS) and Music Director Robert René Galván on Sunday afternoon, May 6, 2018 at 4:30 pm, for our **37th Annual Spring Concert** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1891 McGraw Avenue, in Parkchester, Bronx, NY 10462. Performed by the BCS chorus, with keyboardist Tamara Cashour, professional soloists, and chamber orchestra, the program pays tribute to 18th C. composer Franz Joseph Haydn whose 60 year career helped define and shape music of the Classical period.

The program's capstone is '**Lord Nelson' Mass in D minor** (Hob. XXII:11). Haydn had named the mass "Missa in angustiiis" – Mass in troubled times; but it acquired the nickname after English Admiral Lord Nelson's squadron defeated Napoleon's larger French fleet in the Battle of the Nile a few weeks before the mass premiered.

Additional works include favorite selections from **The Creation**: chorus "*Awake the Harp*", tenor recitative "*In Splendor Bright*", and chorus "*The Heavens are Telling*". The '**Lord Nelson' Mass** and **The Creation** are considered Haydn's greatest masterworks: bursting with melodic vigor, joyous reverence, and optimism in the face of turmoil, they've remained audience favorites over 200 years. **Salve Regina in G minor** (Hob. XXIIIb2) is a graceful, lyrical 3 part setting of the prayer "Hail, Holy Queen" to St. Mary as Queen of Heaven.

Haydn's personal and professional friendship with Mozart inspired Maestro Galván to program the *Adagio* from Mozart's **Clarinet Concerto in A major KV622**. Perhaps you recognize the lush, lyric passages from the movie **Out of Africa**.

ORDER YOUR SPRING CONCERT TICKETS TODAY

Take advantage of great music, affordable prices and easy walking and transit. Over 150 of our neighbors attended our Holiday concert. 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. For groups of 5 or more, call 917-743-4641 for group rates.

Tickets are available:

- from BCS members, or after Sunday services at St. Paul, or by calling us at 917-743-4641 for local Parkchester delivery.
- Charge your will-call tickets using Visa – MasterCard – Discover Card through **Brown Paper Tickets: Online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3380174>, 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 Contribution form - and BCS-addressed envelope are enclosed). Tickets for checks received after December 1st 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 or Checks are accepted.

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Our concerts draw enthusiastic fans who savor the musical variety, and novice listeners who have never been to a live concert. Recent programs included: Holiday 2017: Bach's **Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland**, Nigerian

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carol *Betelehemu*, Russian folksong *Kolyada*, world premiere of Anderson's carol *Dies Sanctificatus*, and spirituals *Yonder Come Day* and *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*; Spring 2017: Verdi's *Ave Maria* and *Stabat Mater*, and selections from Boito's "*Mefistofele*" and Gounod's "*Faust*"; Holiday 2016: Vaughan William's *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*, Finzi's *In Terra Pax* and Walton's *Jubilate Deo*.

Young Teen-Ager after Holiday 2017 concert:

I never saw a live concert before! What are all those instruments!?! Can I learn to play one!

From an email:

"Listening to a live performance of wonderful choral music took 20 years off my age. Best part: closing my eyes to listen better and resting my hands on the oak pew to feel the vibration. A whole body experience!"

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This concert is made possible, in part, with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts awarded in a competitive process. These grants covers only a small part of concert expenses, so we ask you to help 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. Invite them to the concert. Find out about group rates. Create fresh memories when you attend this Spring concert together.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful music with you here in Parkchester, at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 6th, at 4:30 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 2018 season.

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



Frances Ciurcina, President

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