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CONCORA's mission, "to perpetuate and perform with excellence choral music of the highest quality for the broadest possible audience," represents a commitment to artistic excellence, masterful performances, and educational enrichment, enhancing the lives of generations.

Bach Festival 2016



BACH FESTIVAL MARCH 2016

Exploring
J.S. Bach's
*St John
Passion*

BACH Festival Events at:

South Church
90 Main Street
New Britain, CT

March 12 & March 19

BACH Concert:

Immanuel Church Hartford
10 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT

Sunday, March 20 • 4 pm



CONCORA

Explore J.S. Bach's *St John Passion* with CONCORA and Artistic Director Chris Shepard

CONCORA is thrilled to announce to all our choral music friends and lovers of the music of J.S. Bach our

BACH FESTIVAL 2016

On two Saturdays in March, CONCORA invites the public to join us in an exploration of Bach's *St John Passion*. The lectures, discussions, demonstrations, sing-in, and recital will all inform and enlighten CONCORA's **March 20 performance (4 PM)** of this choral masterpiece, performed with members of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

Chris Shepard's interpretation and design for this performance capitalizes upon the natural dramatic elements in Bach's powerful passion setting. He will use two choirs for this performance; one choir (the "Crowd" or "Turba" chorus), will be composed solely of CONCORA singers, and who, along with the Evangelist and the named characters (Jesus, Pontius Pilate, Peter and the Maid), will relate the story itself. A second choir will sing the monumental opening chorus, as well as the closing chorus and all of the chorales. Dramatically, it will operate as a "Greek Chorus," interrupting the action to provide commentary, but not a part of the story itself. The eight CONCORA aria soloists will sing in this choir with an ensemble of avocational singers.

CONCORA and Chris have prepared two afternoons of lectures and demonstrations that will inform your understanding of the March 20 performance. Please join us for these **Bach Festival 2016** events by returning the registration form to the CONCORA office. Please email contact@concora.org for more information.

Bach Festival 2016

St John Passion

Performance: Sunday, March 20 • 4 PM

Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford

FESTIVAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 • South Church, New Britain

12 – 1 PM: Crowd Scenes in the *St John Passion*: Discussion and demonstration (Chris Shepard with CONCORA)

1 PM: **LUNCH**

1:30 PM: Setting the Scene: Discussion of first and last movements (Chris Shepard)

2 – 3 PM: Behind the Scenes: Open rehearsal of first movement, last movement and chorales (Chris Shepard, CONCORA, and festival participants)

3 – 5 PM: Observe orchestra/chorus rehearsal (optional)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 • South Church, New Britain

1 – 2:15 PM: Chorales: Sing-In with discussion (Chris Shepard and festival participants)

2:30 – 4 PM: Illuminating the Scene: Discussion of the visual art accompanying the performance

4:15 PM: Recital: Emlyn Ngai, Baroque violinist

4:45 PM: Closing Reception

Sign me up for these Bach Festival events:

_____ **March 12** Events • \$25 (or two days for \$20 each)

_____ **March 19** Events • \$25 (or two days for \$20 each)

_____ **Concert** General Admission • \$20 per Ticket (A great discount!)

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