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### MUSICA SACRA CELEBRATES BACH WITH GREAT MUSIC IN A GREAT SPACE CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE



*“Basically Bach” brings choral music ensemble back to the world’s largest Gothic cathedral*

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Musica Sacra, the longest continuously performing professional chorus in New York City, celebrates the return of live music performances and the extended Bach family with a concert on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 pm **at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street).**

Part of the Cathedral’s 2021-2022 season of its Great Music in a Great Space concert series, “Basically Bach” will feature works by J.S. Bach and two of his family members. As some of the most beloved compositions in the choral repertoire, these works will resound within the unique acoustic space of the Cathedral, welcoming back audience members and lovers of great music.

Tickets to the performance are available via Musica Sacra’s website. For the Cathedral’s COVID-19 policy and more information, visit the Cathedral’s website.

#### **Program**

Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra  
Kent Tritle & Michael Sheetz, conductors  
Nola Richardson, soprano  
Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano

James Reese, tenor  
Peter Stewart, baritone  
Sato Moughalian, flute

J. S. BACH Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B minor  
J. S. BACH Cantata 78, *Jesu, der du meine Seele*  
JOHANN MICHAEL BACH *Halt, was du hast*  
JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH *Fürchte dich nicht*

### **About Great Music in a Great Space**

Revived in 2011, Great Music in a Great Space reprises the legendary concert series first held at the Cathedral in the 1980s. Great Music in a Great Space presents choral, orchestral, and instrumental music, in the magnificent, deeply spiritual setting of the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Concerts take place in many locations: the vast space of the Crossing, the more intimate setting of the Great Choir, and the exquisite Chapels of the Tongues. The beloved holiday traditions of the Christmas Concert and New Year's Eve Concert for Peace are an integral part of our concert series.

### **About Musica Sacra**

Since its founding in 1964 by conductor Richard Westenburg, the mission of Musica Sacra has been to create definitive, professional, choral performances of the highest caliber for the widest possible audience. It supports its mission by presenting concerts, recording, commissioning and performing new choral works, collaborating with other top tier performing arts organizations, and educating audiences, students, and the general public in the appreciation and history of choral music. Learn more online at [musicasacrany.com](http://musicasacrany.com).

### **About The Cathedral**

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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