

BACH 2 BACH
Music City Community Chorus
Announces February 5 Concert

January 14, 2008 (NASHVILLE) - The **Music City Community Chorus** presents **BACH 2 BACH** a free concert of chorus music by **Johann Sebastian Bach** and **Carl Philippe Emanuel Bach**, on **Tuesday evening, February 5 at 7:30 pm** at **Belmont United Methodist Church**, 2007 Acklen Avenue in Nashville Tennessee.

For this current season's Music City Community Chorus outing, conductor **Renee Grant-Williams** has chosen to present the **Magnificat**, one of the most important vocal works composed by J.S.Bach. During the latter half of the program they will perform the rarely heard **Magnificat** written by his son C.P.E. Bach. The chorus will be accompanied throughout by the **Excelsior Chamber Orchestra**.

"It is absolutely fascinating to hear these two works performed together, back to back. C.P.E. Bach clearly pays obvious homage to his father's composition by utilizing themes found in the original work. Yet the styles are clearly different. The J.S. Bach is firmly rooted in the Baroque style, whereas you can hear that his son's composition begins to bridge the gap between the Baroque music of Handel and Bach and the Classic Period of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven," says Grant-Williams.

Former Mayor Bill Purcell announced the formation of the non-profit Music City Community Chorus back in August of 2006, placing the sixty-voice chorus under the umbrella of the Metro Nashville Community Education program.

"Our diverse group of singers is rapidly developing into an ensemble that has its own identity and sound," says director Renee Grant-Williams. "This chorus provides an opportunity for a wide range of singers to experience classical music, to learn new skills, and to grow vocally."

Widely known as a vocal coach, Grant-Williams' conducting credits include positions as founder and director of the San Francisco Community Chorus; director, Student Division of Vocal Music at the University of California, Berkeley; chorus master, Opera Division, Banff School of Fine Arts; and choir director Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

BACH 2 BACH is free to the public. The concert begins promptly at **7:30 pm** on **Tuesday, February 5, 2008**. Call **615/244-3280** for interviews or additional information. Auditions for the Spring season will begin February 11.
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