



BACH
COLLEGIUM
FORT WAYNE

KOJI OTSUKI
Artistic Director



2025–2026 Season



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Dear Friends of Bach Collegium Fort Wayne,

As we approach the dawn of another concert season, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for the journey we have been undertaking together as a community that surrounds the Bach Collegium Fort Wayne (BCFW). Your unwavering support, passion for the arts, and commitment to music have played an indispensable role in our journey. It is with great pleasure that I announce our upcoming 2025–2026 season, which promises to be a continued vibrant celebration of the musical heritage of J.S. Bach.

As we unveil our 2025–2026 season, I am thrilled to share Bach’s diverse vocal repertoire that will engage, inspire, and uplift all who resonate with the profound power of his music. This season, our repertoire includes some of the most beloved Bach cantatas, such as *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 140 (“Sleepers Awake” cantata), alongside a few a cappella choral works by composers before and after Bach, spanning from the 16th to the 20th century. Expect to be enchanted by the ageless elaboration of harmony!

We are particularly excited to welcome you to our new venue for our second concert on February 15: the Multi-Flex Theater at Indiana Tech. This modern space is designed to foster a sense of community and connection, making it a new backdrop for our concert. With its exceptional flexibility, the Multi-Flex Theater is poised to create an intimate atmosphere that invites both long-time BCFW fans and newcomers from nonreligious and academic communities to experience the joy of live performance of truly timeless music.

In addition to our concert series, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new merchandise webstore! This is an exciting opportunity for you to support the BCFW while taking home a piece of our artistic vision, designed by yours truly (except the logo). From stylish apparel to unique Bach-themed items, our webstore will feature a variety of products that reflect our commitment to Bach. Every purchase you make will not only enhance your experience but also directly contribute to our programming, helping us continue to bring exceptional performances to our community.

As we embark on this new season, we are deeply thankful for your continued support. Your enthusiasm for our mission inspires us to reach new heights and share our love for music with a broader audience. We encourage you to stay connected with us through our website and social media channels, where you can find updates on our season, merchandise offerings, and about joining our chorus.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Bach Collegium Fort Wayne family.

Warmest regards,

Koji Otsuki
Artistic Director
Bach Collegium Fort Wayne



2025-2026 Season

Concert I: A Shepherd's Care

Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*

Daniel McGrew, *tenor*

Keith Brautigam, *baritone*

J.S. Bach: *Siehe zu, daß deine Gottesfurcht nicht Heuchelei sei*, BWV 179

J.S. Bach: *Ich bin ein guter Hirt*, BWV 85

F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy: *Herr, sei gnädig*, WoO 12

W. Byrd: *Agnus Dei*, from *Missa a quattro voci*

J.S. Bach: *Wer Dank opfert, der preiset mich*, BWV 17



Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 2:00 pm

Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.



Concert II: He Puts Down the Mighty and Exalts the Humble

Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Multi-Flex Theater, Indiana Tech, 1600 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*

Mark Vogel, *tenor*

Edward Vogel, *baritone*

J.S. Bach: *Herr, gehe nicht ins Gericht mit deinem Knecht*, BWV 105

J.S. Bach: *Wer sich selbst erhöht, der soll erniedriget werden*, BWV 47

I. Stravinsky: *Bogoroditse Dyevo*

S. Rachmaninoff: *Bogoroditse Dyevo*, from *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37

J.S. Bach: *Meine Seel erhebt den Herren*, BWV 10



Concert III: We Follow to the Nuptial Hall

Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*

Daniel McGrew, *tenor*

Stephen Lancaster, *baritone*

J.S. Bach: *Höchsterwünschtes Freudenfest*, BWV 194

J.S. Bach: *Overture IV*, BWV 1069 [early version]

C. Monteverdi: *Gloria*, from *Missa a quattro voci a cappella*, SV 257

J.S. Bach: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 140



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The Bach Collegium Fort Wayne is a community organization and the region's only vocal and instrumental ensemble specialized in performing J.S. Bach's vocal works. What makes us different from other early music ensembles is our passion for Bach and our unyielding efforts to understand the composer's underlying designs in his works. The BCFW strives to present concerts in a historically informed manner using period instruments, but not to reenact; we believe that being fluent in Bach's musical language is the most effective way to allow his music to work as he intended. And we simply choose the suitable instruments to speak the language.

Our choir, composed of local singers, is integral to our mission.

And the choir's commitment to our goal matches that of our professional vocal soloists and instrumentalists—we are one, and we grow together!

Our Mission:

The Bach Collegium Fort Wayne is a community of singers and instrumentalists who offer insightful performances of the vocal music of J. S. Bach to our listeners and supporters.

Your support sustains us!

What makes our performances possible is the financial support from people like you. Ticket sales cover only part of our expenses. Because we are a 501(c)(3) corporation, all donations to the BCFW are tax-deductible. Donations may also be given in memory of departed loved ones, and as sponsorships for singers and instrumentalists.

Your support will help the Bach Collegium fulfill its mission.

Tickets for concerts are \$30, with student tickets at \$10 and children 12 & under free with an adult. For groups of 5 or more adults, ticket prices are \$20 each when purchased at least 24 hours before a concert through our website: www.bachcollegium.org.

Yes, I want to support the Fort Wayne Bach Collegium!

☐ Tickets @ \$30 each \$ _____
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☐ Messiah Sing-Along tickets @ \$5 each \$ _____

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