

The Bach Ensemble

BACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 14, 2009

at First Academy of Music

(First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, Florida)

Purpose

The Bach Festival supports the educational mission of The Bach Ensemble by promoting the study and performance of Johann Sebastian Bach compositions by Lee and Collier County students in grades K-12.

Classical music provides the fundamental grammar of all musical styles – the melody, the harmony, the notation. People who have been taught the basics of classical music can succeed in any genre, and enjoy all the benefits which music-making has to offer throughout their lifetimes. Over the last decade, scientific studies have demonstrated a link between music-making and several positive phenomena, including academic achievement, brainpower, physical wellness and emotional health.

General Rules

The Bach Festival is open to all K-12 students who reside in Lee or Collier Counties. Entrants may perform solos on piano, classical guitar, voice, or on other instruments for which J.S. Bach wrote original compositions.

Registration Procedures

All registration materials are due on or before Friday, October 23, and should be mailed to:

*The Bach Ensemble
ATTN: Bach Festival Chairman
6017 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 96
Naples, FL 34119-3956*

An Entrant Registration/Rating Form and a Registration Fee of \$17 must be submitted for each Entrant. If an Entrant will be performing on more than one instrument, then a separate Entrant Registration Form and Registration Fee must be attached for each instrument. Registration Fees are non-refundable.

Teachers will receive an audition schedule from the Festival Staff approximately ten days prior to the Bach Festival, and are responsible for distributing both the General Rules and the audition schedule information to their participating students.

Festival Day Procedures

Each Entrant must provide a legitimate copy of his/her music selections to the staff on Festival day for the judge's review. Photocopying is prohibited, unless accompanied by written permission from the publisher. Please number the measures on the musical score so that the judge's comments can be specific.

Entrants for instruments other than piano must provide their own accompanist if needed.

Entrants should plan to arrive at the Bach Festival at least 10 minutes prior to their appointed audition time.

Auditions will be private and closed to teachers, family members and other students. Two adults (the judge and a room monitor) will be present with the Entrant during the audition.

Entrants' performances will be rated as follows: Superior, Excellent, Satisfactory, or Needs Improvement. Each Entrant will receive a rating sheet and certificate at the conclusion of his/her individual audition. After all auditions are heard, Judges will convene to select up to 10% of the Entrants as "Outstanding Performers".

The teacher of each Outstanding Performer will be notified by telephone after the conclusion of the Festival. Outstanding Performers will be mailed an invitation to perform at an upcoming fundraiser or concert of The Bach Ensemble, where they will receive a gift.

Failure to comply with any of the General Rules may result in disqualification of the Entrant.