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THE WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT

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WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT PERFORMS *MASS IN B MINOR*

RETURNS TO THE CRYSTALLINE ACOUSTICS OF NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Washington, D.C.—The **Washington Bach Consort**, the nation's premier Baroque chorus and orchestra, conducted by founder and music director J. Reilly Lewis, opens its 32nd season at the **National Presbyterian Church**, 4010 Nebraska Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016 on **Sunday, October 4** at **3:00 p.m.** with the *Mass In B Minor* – Bach's crowning masterpiece, on which he continued to work for the last 17 years of his life. The concert will feature local artists including: sopranos Kate Vetter Cain and Rebecca Kellerman Petretta, mezzo soprano Barbara Hollinshead, tenor, Jason Rylander and Steven Combs, bass. As always, the Washington Bach Consort performs on period instruments and in the authentic style of the Baroque era, so Consort audiences can enjoy this magnificent music just as Bach's audiences did.

The *Mass in B Minor* will be preceded by an hour-long lecture presented by world-recognized Bach scholar, Michael Marissen, Professor of Music at Swarthmore College. The lecture will begin at 2pm, immediately preceding the concert. There will be a brief, informal reception with refreshments following the performance.

The popular **Noontime Cantata Series** returns in October. This free-of-charge concert will be given at the **Church of the Epiphany**, located at **13th & G Streets, NW, Washington, DC**, ½ block from the **Metro Center** metro station on **Tuesday, October 6**. The performance includes J.S. Bach's *Gleichweie der Regen und Schnee, BWV 18* and *Prelude & Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546* performed by organist J. Reilly Lewis.

Subscriptions and Single Tickets

Subscriptions to the Washington Bach Consort's 2009-2010 season are currently available and single tickets to Bach Consort performances are currently on sale. For more information, contact the Consort at 202.429.2121. Information is available on the Consort website at www.bachconsort.org.

Mass In B Minor
Sunday, October 4, 3:00 p.m.
National Presbyterian Church

4101 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016
FREE PARKING
Tickets: \$23, \$38, \$48, \$58
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Noontime Cantata Series
Gleichwie der Regen und Schnee, BWV 18
Prelude & Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548
Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 12:10 p.m.
Church of the Epiphany
13th & G Streets NW, Washington, DC
Free Admission

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