Margot Teleki...Making a new home through The Bach Choir
by: Cheryl Dungan

Margot and I met as she and a friend were finding their way to the Bach at Noon concert at Central Moravian Church. I learned that Margot had recently relocated to the Bethlehem area, and that this would be her first Bach Choir experience. She came away with a wonderful sense of spiritual renewal and belonging. “From that first concert, I have been amazed by the musical excellence of The Bach Choir. You can feel the passion for the music in the voices of the choir.”

Margot has a deep appreciation for great classical music. Her mother was a concert pianist who graduated from the Royal Academy of Budapest. Her father, a professor at Case Western Reserve, played several instruments. They often played chamber music on Sundays with members of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. Margot studied flute, piano and musicianship. She continued to study vocal performance at the New England Conservatory of Music. After graduating she performed with the Boston Symphony Choral Group, under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. She married Count Arved Teleki, now deceased. An accomplished writer and editor, Margot went on to establish a successful marketing firm in New York, where she lived for many years. Margot lives by her faith and believes that discovering The Bach Choir was divine intervention. “This opened a Pandora’s box of fond memories of a life which I had left behind years ago. In discovering The Bach Choir, I felt I was at home.”

Through The Bach Choir, Margot has made many new friends who share her love of classical music, fine dining and the arts. As a Guarantor, Margot is spreading her enthusiasm by inviting close friends to join her at concerts. She is especially looking forward to her first Bach Festival experience.

Carol Porter...A second generation Guarantor family
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It is a testament to the impact and lasting legacy of The Bach Choir to see the torch being passed to the next generation. New Guarantor Carol Porter represents the second generation of a family of generous and passionate Bach Choir enthusiasts. The daughter of Chip and the late Linda J. Dangelmajer, Carol’s family has a history of appreciation for the music and mission of The Bach Choir. Linda Dangelmajer, who loved The Choir, is honored by her family through a special educational outreach fund, established in her memory. “It brings me great pleasure to see and read about the impact my Mom’s memorial fund has made on the local community. Her legacy leaves behind the most beautiful gift in the world-music education.”

Carol grew up in Bethlehem and often attended concerts with her family. She studied piano and is described by her father as being an accomplished pianist who plays with great feeling and intensity.
Carol has fond memories of singing with the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem High School Choir, under the direction of Greg Funfgeld, whom she asked to officiate at her wedding. She is a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where she studied corporate event planning. Carol, owner/event planner of Aero Events, and her husband, Jason, currently reside near Denver, Colorado. They share their interest in classical music, with a special fondness for the music of Bach. Describing music as God’s greatest gift to the world, Carol commented that “There is nothing I want to do more than to share this gift with others. This is why I am a Guarantor.” Carol joins other young Guarantors who are committed to honoring the past and ensuring the future of The Bach Choir.