



## 2017 Bach Choir Gala & Fundraiser

### *Silent & Live Auction Items*

In addition to what promises to be a lively and fun *Live Auction* on four very special “arts” items, we have an eclectic assortment of *Silent Auction* items, from experiences to gifts to services. Please take a look at the list and come ready to place your bids! The perfect way to get a start on your holiday shopping AND support The Bach Choir of Bethlehem!

Thank you!

#### *Live Auction:*

##### **Musical Salon, featuring Greg Funfgeld and Dashon Burton**

This unique, intimate evening of music will feature one of The Choir’s favorite soloists, DASHON BURTON, with our Artistic Director and Conductor, Greg Funfgeld, accompanying at the piano. Treat yourself and your friends and family to this wonderful musical offering – including operatic arias, Bach arias, and songs from American musical theatre, spirituals, and more. The Salon may be held in the Parlor of Heckewelder House, The Bach Choir’s home in historic Bethlehem; in one of the buildings of Historic Bethlehem; or in your own home. Dashon and Greg are willing to travel for a mutually agreed upon date. A private concert in your home or in one of these intimate spaces is a memorable way to experience glorious music and sublime artistry!



**Opening bid: \$1,500 Value: Priceless**

##### **A rare opportunity to explore The J.P Morgan Library, New York City**

In 1924, J.P. Morgan, Jr. gave his father’s extraordinary library to the public. The most influential financier in this country’s history, Morgan was also a voracious collector. He bought on an astonishing scale, collecting art objects in virtually every medium, including rare books, musical manuscripts, prints, drawings and ancient artifacts that make up the core of this astonishing collection. The Morgan Library has one of the finest collections of musical manuscripts in the world, usually available only to scholars and performers. Step back in time and enjoy a private visit to this treasure trove, accompanied by Artistic Director and Conductor, Greg Funfgeld, hosted by Fran Barulich, Curator of Musical Manuscripts. This singular opportunity will include the rare opportunity to see priceless manuscripts by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Wagner, and many more, including



composers that may be of special interest to the successful bidder. Transportation is provided and a festive lunch will follow this unforgettable adventure!

**Opening bid: \$1,000 Value: Priceless**

**Original Heckewelder House painting by Ben Fortunado Marcune**

Ben Fortunado Marcune is a nationally acclaimed sculptor and painter. A fellow of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Ben is the recipient of the 1997 Arts Ovation Award and Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding achievement in the visual arts, his oil paintings and sculptures have been commissioned by numerous educational institutions, corporations and private collectors. The Bach Choir is honored to offer his magnificent oil painting of our home, Heckewelder House, at this year's Gala. This historic home has been the perfect environment for the Choir to thrive and grow; this stunning painting will commemorate the Choir's roots in Bethlehem for many years to come. You winning bid includes a private tour of the artist's studio and his work. *Special note:* In honor of Greg Funfgeld's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Choir, the proceeds from this auction item will help support this season's work as part of the Artistic Director and Conductor's Fund.



**Opening bid: \$1,500 Value: Priceless**

**MARTIN GUITAR: Custom Model DS2TG**



*"Nothing is more beautiful than a guitar, except, possibly two."* Frederic Chopin  
This one-of-a-kind guitar was customized especially for The Bach Choir, and features the Bach family crest in the pick guard. The guitar is signed by Martin Chairman and CEO Chris Martin IV and carries The Bach Choir logo inside as well. Premium features like forward-shifted braces, ebony fingerboard and bridge, and bone nut and saddle add sonic complexity to this value-priced Made in Nazareth, Pennsylvania Dreadnought. The gloss-finished solid wood sapele has a tortoise colored head plate, binding and heel cap. Designed with the European market in mind, each classic Dreadnought is equipped with Martin Studio Performance (SP) strings for ultimate resonance and tone, and arrives in a case.

**Opening bid: \$1,400 Value: \$3,499**

*Silent Auction:*

**Original Cheese Boards (set), handcrafted for the Choir:**

These beautiful cheese boards would make a fabulous gift or add a unique touch to your holiday – and everyday - entertaining. Handcrafted exclusively for the Bach Choir in the woodshop of Paul Florenz, Board Member.

**Value: Priceless**

**Welcome friends all winter long!**

This hand-crafted, one-of-a kind "Winter Woodlands" Wreath, Created exclusively for the Choir by **Jane Meehan Designs**, offers a warm welcome to everyone visiting you this season.

**Value: \$250**

**Original photography by Jackie Lewis: The Best of Bethlehem!**

Two 18 x 24 frames, featuring original photographs, donated by award-winning photographer Jackie Lewis:

- (1) A colorful and creative abstract photograph of The Bach Choir of Bethlehem performing in Packer Memorial Church.

**Value: \$ 195**

(2) A distinctive and eclectic look at some of the oldest structures in Bethlehem, featuring images of the 18<sup>th</sup> century industrial quarter, all framed in a custom collage.

**Value: \$ 250**

**Let the sun shine – colorfully! Custom Stained Glass Window hanging**, designed by Bob Wolfenden, will bring a unique and beautiful element to any room in your home, adding an artistic touch that captures the light.

**Value: \$595**

**For the little girl you love....and for you, too! Antique Dollhouse and furniture + a very special tour!**

Bid on this gorgeous, one-of-a-kind handmade Tudor Doll House complete with furniture and accessories. Donated by **Maxine Romano of Kreischer Miller**, this beautiful half-timbered Tudor dollhouse shows rare attention to detail and offers two fireplaces. The house stands on a platform, has a removable front, electric lights, hinged roof, 18 pieces of furniture, 4 rugs, 5 figures, and many other accessory pieces. In addition to the dollhouse, the winning bid includes a private tour for eight adults to the Kemerer Museum's dollhouse collection, donated by **Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites**. Visitors will see a selection of the notorious blue roof townhouses, a gilded grocery store, and a whimsical, yet functional, stable.

**Value: \$500+**

**Add dazzling holiday beauty to your home....Joy to the World Collectibles Gift Basket**

A gorgeous collection of jeweled egg and adorable dog ornaments all hand-made in Europe - add elegance and sparkle to your holidays. **Value: \$600**

**Basket from Seasons Olive Oil and Vinegar Tap Room**

Seasons features the largest selections of fresh extra virgin oils and premium balsamic condiment quality vinegars. Shop their collection of the freshest spices, artisan salts, and both local and imported gourmet food gifts.

**Value: \$75**

**Coffee basket and accessories**

*"Coffee, I have to have coffee, and, if someone wants to pamper me, ah, then bring me coffee as a gift!"* J.S. Bach, Coffee Cantata

This selection of coffee and accessories features fresh varieties that will delight you – or the coffee lover - on your gift list. Courtesy of **Bethlehem's Wise Bean Coffee Shop**, it has everything you need to enjoy a delicious cup!

**Value: \$120**

**Main Street in the Christmas City** – enjoy the beauty of a Bethlehem Christmas ..... With a certificate to dine at the historic **Sun Inn**, much-in-demand tickets to **Moravian College Vespers (4)** performance on Saturday, December 1, and an iconic **Bethlehem Star from Moravian Book Shop**.

**VALUE: priceless**

Framed, **pre-world War II historic photograph** of the main entrance of St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, donated by Dr. Albert and Ingrid May.

**Value: \$150**

**National Museum of Industrial History Family package**

Bethlehem's National Museum of Industrial History holds a collection of artifacts from the textile, steel and iron, and propane gas industries. Exhibitions and educational programming tell the stories of the people, machines and ideas that are part of America's industrial heritage. Package includes four tickets, Rosie the Riveter T-shirts, puzzle and more.

**Value: \$95**

**The Art of Philadelphia**

**4 passes to the Barnes Museum**

Visit one of the finest collections of post-impressionist and early modern paintings, with extensive works by Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, Picasso, Rousseau, and Modigliani.

**2 tickets to the Philadelphia Art Museum**

Upcoming exhibits include **The Old Masters Now: Celebrating the Johnson Collection** features Dutch masters, Italian renaissance and Dutch masters, including Botticelli, Bosch, Titian, Rembrandt, and Monet (through February 19.)

**VALUE: \$140**

**See creative! Be creative! The Arts in Allentown with Roey's Paintbox + Muhlenberg Summer Theatre**

Create your masterpiece – and enjoy yourself with a Paint 'n Sip Gift Certificate from **Roey's Paintbox**, located on the Arts Walk in downtown Allentown. Also includes a pair of tickets to one of the spectacular shows produced in 2018 by **Muhlenberg Summer Theatre!**

**Value: \$80**

**A world-class dining experience at Bolete – donated by Ray Malec and Jane Pearson**

You will enjoy an outstanding meal from multi-award-winning **Bolete**, prepared entirely on site using local farm ingredients. Along with the delectable menu, the bar and wine list follow suit with carefully chosen wines and handcrafted cocktails.

**Value: \$200**

**Every picture tells a story....tell yours!**

A gift to be treasured for years to come. Bid on this portrait package from **Frank Mitman Photography** and capture a moment in time!

**Value: \$250 (toward a portrait package)**

**Your own supper club – relax and enjoy!**

**Corinne Mammana House Concert**

Bid to win a House Concert from Lehigh Valley jazz songstress, Corinne Mammana. This 90-minute concert right in your living room offers a one-of-a-kind evening of music to you and your guests.

**Value: \$200**

**The Journey Inn Bed & Breakfast Overnight Stay**

Experience the Hudson Valley in Hyde Park at **The Journey Inn!** Among the local sites – FDR's home, along with his Presidential Library, Top Cottage (FDR's retreat home) and Eleanor Roosevelt's home Valkill should never be missed.

**Value: \$175**

**Center Valley Arts Package: DeSales University Act One Theatre and Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival**

Treat yourself to an evening of theatre; and enjoy a production next summer at The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, the professional theater company in residence at DeSales University.

**Value: \$180 (Act One, \$60 + PA Shakespeare, \$120)**

**Allentown Arts Package**

Experience the Allentown arts scene with this package that includes classical and family concert gift certificates to the **Allentown Symphony Orchestra**, along with live theatre performances and movie tickets from **Civic Theatre**.

**Value: \$200**

**State Theatre Holiday Evening**

Two tickets to Jackie Evancho, appearing on Wednesday, November 29. A worldwide sensation when she was only ten years old, Jackie Evancho is emerging even more prominently as a singer and a creative artist. A spectacular evening!

**Value: \$116**

### **Phantoms Tickets**

A night at the arena is yours! Bid on this package for you and five friends to enjoy an upcoming hockey game - package includes a Phantoms t-Shirt and rally towel, sunglasses and a hockey puck!

**Value: \$250**

### **Treat yourself to the perfect day in downtown Bethlehem!**

Visit **Healing Hands** and indulge in a 60-minute massage...Shop **La Petite Provence** to add grace and elegance to your home...then savor the outstanding cuisine of **The Café!**

**Value: \$220**

### **Excaped Salon Basket**

Exquisite collection of bath, body and hair products includes specialty items from *Bumble and bumble*, *Castelbel*, *Asquith & Somerset* and *System Professional* and other leading personal care companies, along with a \$50 gift card.

**Value: \$275**

### **American Male Men's Salon gift baskets (2)**

**Look your best with this *Men at Work* gift card:** hand detailing, quality grooming experience and haircut, 10-minute neck and back chair massage and choice of an American Crew Product; along with an assortment of grooming products.

**\$125**

### **Shop in style at Gail Gray!**

Shop in style this year in a faux fur and wool plaid vest from the Shop at Hotel Bethlehem. Make sure you visit the beautiful displays at **Gail Gray Home Furnishings and Design**, offering fine furniture and home décor accessories.

**Value: \$175**

### **Musselman Jewelers**

**Night Star of Bethlehem:** Stunning, custom-designed necklace, featuring a double chain of sterling silver and black rhodium, with a pendant of sterling silver, black rhodium and diamonds.

**Value: \$295**

### **Back by popular demand: Wine cellars to go!**

Our assortment of delicious wines will make every wine lover want to add to his or her collection

- a.) Champagne/Sparking Wine
- b.) Selected Italian Wine
- c.) Selected German Wine

### **Wiemer Vineyard Riesling Magnums**

Take home 4 magnums of Riesling, signed by the winemaker, in an antique grape-picking box, courtesy "America's premiere Riesling destination," *New York Times*. Riesling Dry 2014, HJW Riesling 2014, Magdalena Riesling 2014 and Reserve Riesling 2014.

**Value: \$300**

### **Lost Tavern Brewery Gift Certificate**

Cheers from **Lost Tavern Brewery** in nearby Hellertown! This unique brewery offers the highest quality selection in a variety of styles, from classics to the creatively crafted. Package also includes a growler and Lost Tavern T-shirts.

**Value: \$125**

### **Creative Landscapes**

*Two Boxwood Bushes* bring a classic touch to your landscaping. Donated by **Creative Landscapes:** from a foundation renovation to a complex pool and patio project, the attention to detail is always there.

**Value: \$150**

### **Creative Closets – Get organized in style!**

Creative Closets offers this \$250 voucher toward one custom-designed closet, wine cellar, and garage or storage area valued with a value of \$750 or more. (Project cannot be more than 65 driving miles from Allentown PA office.)

**Value: \$250**

### **Glasbern Inn – So close and so special! A wonderful evening awaits.**

This quintessential historic country hotel is the perfect 'get away' from the hustle and bustle of city life. Plan a romantic evening, a corporate retreat, or a rustic wedding in an easily accessible yet secluded location.

**Value: \$200**

### **Dining Downtown! Billy's Downtown Diner + The Brick + Bethlehem Star Café**

Sample the delicious menu items at **Billy's Downtown Diner**, **The Brick** and **Bethlehem Star Café**. Meet with friends and treat them to the wonderful hospitality in downtown Bethlehem's restaurants!

**Value: \$100 total**

### **Hotel Bethlehem Gift Shop**

Bundle up! You'll love this faux fur and wool plaid vest from the **Shoppe at Hotel Bethlehem**. Stay warm and cozy all season in this stylish vest all season long. The perfect way to brave the cold this winter and look great while you do!

**Value: \$125**

### **Emerson's Cigars**

Elegant Humidor and selection of Cigars courtesy **Emerson's Cigars** in Virginia Beach, VA. A handsome gift or addition to your home!

**Value: \$100**

### **Money Tree**

Brighten your holidays with this money tree, courtesy of **The Allentown Federal Credit Union!**

**Value: \$250**

### **Pet Suite!**

Everything but the pup! Bid on this complete package for your dog, including toys, leash, bed, crate and more, from **The Pet Shop**.

**Value: \$275**

## *Youth Meets Bach*

**Education and Community Outreach Programs: The Heart of our Gala – would like to include 4 – 5 images – and we can use 4C here – see the map.**

Your support means so much to The Choir's Educational Programs. Funds raised at the 2017 Gala benefit The Choir's educational and community outreach, including:

### *Bach at Noon*

A series of ten free concerts per year, seven held at Bethlehem's Central Moravian Church and a summer series of three in Allentown's St. John's Lutheran Church. Each concert attracts an audience of between 600 and 1,000 people, including school groups. Our 90th Bach at Noon will be held on November 14, 2017.

### *Bach to School*

Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, Bach to School has been presented for more than 115,000 students with eight concerts annually in elementary, middle and high schools. It offers pre-concert and follow-up activities to encourage and develop a love of Bach and classical performance.

### *Family Concert*

Since 2000, the annual Family Concert has introduced the music of Bach in imaginative programs including dance, theater, poetry, opera, visual arts and participation by young artists. It's a wonderful way for families to enjoy the music of Bach together.

### *Festival Outreach and Youth Involvement*

Our annual Bach Festival now includes an expanded program that offers more opportunities for participation and young talent. Starting in 2015, we added the following: Pre-concert outdoor/lobby performances by exceptional youth ensembles such as the Young People's Philharmonic brass ensemble, the Lehigh Valley Suzuki Violin Program, and the Bel Canto Children's Chorus of The Bach Choir of Bethlehem. We have also added young instrumentalists to the Saturday morning Bach Festival Orchestra concerts, as well as Bach Chorale singing sessions with Greg Funfgeld and Zimmermann's Coffee House, which showcases baroque chamber music by local young performers.

### **Youth Meets Bach**

Youth Meets Bach, a special educational fund, helps support the *Bach to School* program in a very specific way, by helping families attend our Christmas, Family and selected Festival concerts. Through Youth Meets Bach, young people hear and enjoy the music of J.S. Bach and experience a live musical performance, perhaps for the first time. Your contribution to that experience could be truly life-changing for some of these students, where limited family income may not offer opportunities for concert attendance. *A contribution of \$50 makes it possible for 7 students to attend the Family Concert. Contributing \$100 will make it possible for 12 students to attend a Bach to School program.*

**This auction item is unlimited and we will gratefully accept your bids all evening!!** Please become part of the outreach and make a difference to thousands of students around the Lehigh Valley.