



# 2018 Bach Choir Gala & Fundraiser

## *Silent & Live Auction Items*

This year, we're offering an eclectic mix of travel experiences and one-of-a-kind *Live Auction* items, along with an assortment of *Silent Auction* items, including several that make great gifts! Please review the list and make your plans for bidding at the Gala event. Start your holiday shopping AND support The Bach Choir of Bethlehem!

Thank you!

### *Live Auction:*

#### **Tuscany beckons...come and renew your spirit!**

Place your winning bid on a one-week stay for two at *Santa Andrea a Cellole* in the beautiful countryside of Tuscany. The view from your villa offers rolling hills, vineyards and olive groves; located in the heart of the Chianti region, and only a 30-minute drive to Florence and Siena, and a 1-hour drive to Pisa, Lucca and Arezzo.



The number of guests on the property never exceeds ten; a garden pool and breathtaking vistas make this the perfect location to [relax and enjoy](#) the Tuscan countryside. The Villa includes a small kitchen, private patio space, bedroom and bath. Available in April, May, or October - must be used by October 31, 2019. Notes: airfare is not included, transportation (rental car or service) is necessary. Website: [www.santandreacellole.it](http://www.santandreacellole.it)

**Opening bid minimum: \$1,700** Value: \$2,200

#### **Gourmet Dinner for 8**

**"Drinking good wine with good food in good company is one of life's most civilized pleasures." Michael Broadbent, *The Complete Guide to Wine Tasting and Wine Cellars***

David Ruhf, choir member, blogger and extraordinary gourmand, will prepare a delectable dinner for 8 people in your home. The menu will include excellent seafood and game dishes with many seasonal

delicacies, sourced from around the region and beyond. The menu will be written in collaboration with the winning bidder and Master of Wine Chris Cree. Christopher Cree will complement the food with a wine tasting. He has been in the wine trade for more than 30 years, and has worked in virtually all of its aspects including wine making, restaurant, import, wholesale, and retail. In 1996, he became only the thirteenth American to have passed the demanding “Master of Wine” Examination. Today, there are still only 29 Americans out of a total of approximately 275 people worldwide who have passed this most demanding wine examination since it was first given in London in 1953. He is the founder of Wine Experts, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in wine education and lecturing, as well as staff training, wine list management and other wine related subjects. He has a unique understanding of what people want to know about wine, a talent that evolved during years of working with clients of his retail shops. The result is a down-to-earth approach that is delivered in an intellectual but entertaining manner.

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

## **American Whiskey- The Rest of the Story**

### **Private Bourbon & Rye Whiskey Reception**

**“Never delay kissing a pretty girl or opening a bottle of whiskey.” - Ernest Hemingway**

*Gather a few friends for this memorable event!* You're invited to spend an evening sampling some of America's finest bourbon and rye at the home of Paul and Janie Florenz. This tasting will include several premium varieties secured directly from the distilleries, and not available here in the Northeast, and you'll learn some of the fascinating history of America's indigenous spirits! Did you know that rye was originally distilled shortly after the Revolutionary War - right here in Pennsylvania!?! Gourmet appetizers, small plates, and fabulous desserts will accompany the bourbon and rye offerings. End the evening by tasting Kentucky Owl, a super-premium limited production bourbon available only in Kentucky - if you can find it! A Willett umbrella, Woodford stone coasters, Wild Turkey bar mat, and Peerless tasting glasses are some of the fun distillery gear you'll take home that evening. Tasting designed for eight people. Available on Kentucky Derby Day 2019 or another mutually agreeable date.

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



## MARTIN GUITAR: 000c Nylon 12-fret Guitar



**"You couldn't not like someone who liked the guitar." Stephen King  
Generously donated by C.F. Martin & Co.**

**\*\* Signed by Chris Martin! \*\***

It's our pleasure to present this very special, very beautiful Martin Guitar as a LIVE AUCTION item at our upcoming Gala event! Along with the guitar, the winning bidder will take home two sets of nylon classical guitar strings, guitar polish, a guitar cloth, a humidifier to maintain proper humidity, and a hardcover copy of *Martin Guitars: An Illustrated Celebration*.

**==> Plus! The winner will enjoy a PRIVATE TOUR of the Martin Factory!**

**Opening bid: \$1,400      Value: \$2,600+**

## 2019 Bach Festival Experience!

Enjoy the glorious music of the Bach Festival in May! Treat yourself or make it a gift to friends or family and offer them the Bach Festival Experience. This package centers around the first weekend of the 2019 Festival, May 10 and 11, and includes two tickets to each performance, including the Festival dinner Friday evening and Festival Luncheon on Saturday afternoon; with premiere seating at each concert. Also includes an overnight stay at the Comfort Suites on Friday, May 10. Conveniently located and great friend of the Choir, Comfort Suites will make your Festival stay enjoyable and memorable!

**Value: \$600**

## *Silent Auction:*

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

We are so grateful for this exclusive and stunning donation to our auction each year – and every year they are one of our most coveted items! The 12" square board includes 3 strips of purpleheart and two strips of maple; the 12" round board is Cherrywood. These beautiful cheese boards, handcrafted by Paul Florenz, woodworker and Bach Choir Board member, would make a stunning addition to your own entertaining or a cherished gift, if you can part with them!

**Value: Priceless**



### **State Theatre Holiday Evening**

Visit this beautiful, historic theatre and enjoy an evening with **The Priests**, the classical music group from Ireland, an overnight success that was almost 40 years in the making. The Very Reverend Eugene O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan and David Delargy were catapulted to fame in 2008 when their debut album was released and was the subject of TV documentaries in the UK and USA. It became the fastest-selling UK debut for a classical act and sold more than one million copies in Ireland alone and that record still stands. The Priests view their music as a force for good. It has a unifying quality that brings together people of all faiths. Enjoy two tickets to this glorious evening!

**Value: \$72**

## 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 and merchandise from the NMIH.

**Value: \$95**



## The Arts in Allentown:



### Theatre at Muhlenberg

Use these gift certificates to one of the spectacular shows produced in 2018 by Muhlenberg's Theatre throughout the season or their acclaimed **Summer Theatre!** Each season, the theatre department and the summer theatre company offers productions that are not-to-be-missed!

**Value: \$128**

## 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. This selection includes an assortment of pastas, olive oil, sauces, condiments and stuffed olives, all in a large stainless colander.

**Value: \$125**



### The perfect, grown-up picnic "basket!"

Take this backpack on your next picnic, complete with a bottle of wine (kept chilled in the insulated pocket) along with service for two, wine goblets, a cheese board, and a picnic blanket. One relaxing afternoon, in a convenient backpack!

**Value: \$72**

## Phantoms Tickets

A night at the arena is yours with your winning bid on this package for 6 people to enjoy the PPL Lower Level Seats. You'll feel like you're part of the action on the ice! Package includes Phantoms gear and a hockey puck.

**Value: \$175**



## Galen Glen Vineyard: Private Event for you!



**Private seated tasting for ten**, along with a jar of delicious wine jelly, a set of four slate coasters, plus a bottle of **Galen Glen Chambourcin**. Six tastes of pre-selected internationally award-winning wines, hosted by our tasting Room Manager. Each guest receives a souvenir tasting glass.

Please call to arrange your tasting in advance; certificate must be redeemed by November 3, 2019.

**Value: \$100**

## Special Donation: Proceeds to Benefit The Bel Canto Youth Chorus / Choral Village: Martin Guitar 000-15M Streetmaster

This stunning Martin Guitar was donated to our auction by a longtime Choir supporter, who has an affinity for the arts and particularly for involving young people in pursuing their musical interests. With a beautifully distressed satin finish, The StreetMaster™ is perfect for your next gig, whether it be at an intimate coffeehouse or a day of busking on the sidewalks. Enjoy the look and feel of a well-worn instrument with superb playability! Comes with multiple packs of Acoustic SP strings and a hard case.

**Value: \$1,800+**



## Center Valley Arts Package:

DeSales University Act One Theatre and



Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival



Treat yourself to theatre through DeSales University, with a certificate for a production at **Act One**, the University's performing arts theatre and a production next summer at **The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival**, the professional theater company in residence.

**Value: \$178**

## Allentown Symphony Arts Package

Experience the Allentown arts scene with this package that includes two gift certificates to Miller Symphony Hall in Allentown, to the concert of your choice. Choose from the Allentown Symphony Orchestra performances, the many guest artists or ASO concert choir and enjoy the Arts in Allentown!

**Value: \$260**



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



This gorgeous collection of ornaments from **Joy to the World Collectibles** adds elegance and sparkle to your holidays. Add them to your tree to catch the holiday lights or share them as gifts – they'll become treasured keepsakes in years to come.

**Joy to the World Collectibles** was established in 1998 by Bethlehem native and Lehigh University graduate Lisa Kelechava, and is now one of the largest designers and distributors of European hand-made glass ornaments. From the blowing of the glass to the final stages of the glitter, every stage of making a **Joy**

**to the World Collectibles** ornament is done entirely by hand.

**Value: \$600**

## The Family that plays together....has fun!

*Captured Lehigh Valley Escape Room: Fun and Challenging Escape Rooms for Everyone! Live, Interactive, Adventure!*

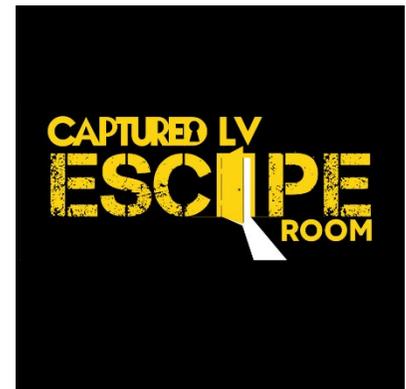
Captured LV Escape Room on Main Street in Bethlehem places you and your family or friends in one of its four uniquely themed escape rooms.

You and your team have 60 minutes for this challenging adventure!

Only by working together, solving puzzles, cracking codes, and discovering keys and secrets will you escape in time.

Collaborate, think outside the box, and believe in yourselves...time is running out! The perfect family fun gift!

**Value: \$50**



## Washington Bach Consort tickets

Enjoy an afternoon in the capitol, as you and three friends take in the Washington Bach Consort concert at the National Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C. Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3 pm. Enjoy their performance titled **Bach, Vivaldi & the Italian Influence**.

### Johann Sebastian Bach

*Non sa che sia dolore*, BWV 209  
*Orchestral Suite No. 1*, BWV 1066

### Antonio Vivaldi

*Vengo a voi, luci adorato*, RV 682



The package also includes a \$100 gift certificate for nearby Matisse Restaurant, open for brunch or dinner.

**Value: \$380**

## Creative Closets – Get organized in style!



Creative Closets gets your closet in perfect shape for the coming season! Their popular “boot butler” holds three pairs of boots and keeps them in beautiful shape! Creative Closets helps you organize your style – including a tote bag (and some yummy chocolates). This auction item also includes a \$250 gift certificate toward a closet makeover.

**Value: \$320**

## French Farmhouse inspired design and decor

Marché Maison...pronounced "marshay mayzohn" means Home Market in French. Enhance your home design, redefine your style and make the most of your home! This basket of home décor items from

Marché Maison will add a French-inspired style to your home, and help you refresh your rooms with just a few new pieces. Marché Maison can also help you “seasonalize” your home for every season – a new feeling in every room without changing your furniture or carpets! We want to help you as the homeowner to love your home and love your things.

**Value: \$50**



### **Classic Coach Briefcase**

This classic Coach briefcase was donated to our auction by a longtime Bach Choir supporter. The perfect gift for someone launching a career; or the perfect replacement for someone looking for a stylish and classic addition to his or her professional accessories. *\*Not exchangeable or returnable.\**

**Value: \$250**



### **Christmas in Allentown!**

Give yourself some welcome “relax and enjoy” time this season! Enjoy the beautiful Christmas concert by The Bach Choir at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, and then treat yourself to a movie – complete with popcorn – at Civic Theatre. Everyone needs a little time to recharge and refresh over the holidays – treat yourself!

**Value: \$126**

### **Main Street in the Christmas City**

Enjoy the beauty of a Bethlehem Christmas .....Spend an evening in the Christmas City, with a certificate to dine at the historic **Sun Inn** and then enjoy the annual and much loved **Moravian College Vespers** performance on Friday, November 30. Vesper tickets for four.

**VALUE: priceless**



### **Welcome friends all winter long!**

This hand-crafted, one-of-a kind winter wreath, created exclusively for the Choir by **Jane Meehan Designs**, offers a warm welcome to everyone visiting you this season.

**Value: \$250**

### *Youth Meets Bach*

*Your support means so much to The Choir’s Educational Programs. Funds raised at the 2018 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 100th Bach at Noon will be held on March 12, 2019.

### ***Bach to School***

Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, Bach to School has been presented for more than 120,000 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 Youth 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 performed by local young musicians.

### ***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.