Kalamazoo's
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Annual

Bach Festival

February 27, 28
March 1, 2, 4, 5

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THE BACH SOCIETY OF KALAMAZOO
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Three Gala Concerts — Each Presented Twice

SERIES "A"
Thursday, February 27, 8:15 p.m.

ORGAN RECITAL
ARTHUR B. JENNINGS
Noted Bach Recitalist
Central High School A Cappella Choir
ESTHER NELSON, Director

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
YELLA PESSL
Internationally known Harpsichordist
The Bach Chamber Orchestra of Kalamazoo
Motet: The Bach Cantata Club
Duo: Helen Young—Lillian Minns

Saturday, March 1, 8:15 p.m.

"THE ST. MATTHEW PASSION"
Festival Chorus of 125 picked voices
Five Outstanding Bach Soloists
St. Lukes choirboys in soprano obbligato
Organ, Harpsichord and Chamber Orchestra

Wednesday, March 5, 8:00 p.m.

SERIES "B"
Friday, Feb. 28, 8:15 p.m.

FRANK K. OWEN
ACCOMPANIST
Organist—Choirmaster, St. Luke’s Church
For 10 years organist, Bach Festival, Univ. of Minn.

Dr. Paul Thompson, Honorary Chairman
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"FIRST LADY OF THE HARPSICHORD"
—New York Post

YELLA PESSL has for some years been harpsichordist and director of the Bach Circle of New York. Arturo Toscanini chose her as soloist with his N.B.C. Orchestra. Cities all over the country have responded to the delight of her recitals, to her gracious personality, her spontaneity and musicianship.

Miss Pessl will play the harpsichord accompaniments to the "St. Matthew Passion". She will be the featured soloist with the local Bach Chamber Orchestra in the second and third concerts, including a solo suite, the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, and selections from two cantatas by the Cantata Singers and soprano-alto duo.

ARTHUR B. JENNINGS
Official Organist of the University of Minnesota

He has appeared as soloist in the leading cities of the country. Recitalist for the American Guild of Organists at a number of conventions. His "Bach" is warm and entertaining. He will also collaborate in the presentation of Bach chorales by the Central High School Choir of 80 voices under the direction of Miss Esther Nelson.
Magnificent and Inspiring

"THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW"

"One of civilization's incomparable masterpieces". Scored for double chorus, soloists, harpsichord, organ and orchestra. The thrilling story of the cross, depicted in scenes of tense drama, and exquisite tenderness.

Harold Haugh, Tenor

He brings to the exacting role of the Evangelist a vocal elegance and artistry that has won for him outstanding recognition at leading Bach Festivals in all parts of the country.

"—chief honor to Mr. Haugh. He showed himself, both as a singer and as a teller of the Passion story, master of the situation". (Boston Festival)

—Christian Science Monitor

Lilian Knowles, Contralto

A special welcome to our "home town" singer, who has appeared with outstanding success under the baton of such noted conductors as Sergie Koussevitsky, Thomas Beecham, Frederick Stock, Dimitri Mitropoulos, Ifor Jones and others. "—one of the great oratorio singers of the present"—

—Chicago Herald and Examiner

Leonard Treash, Basso-Cantante

A profound musician, sensitive interpreter, with magnetic personality. He will sing the words of the Christ in the "Passion". He has sung under the baton of Leopold Stokowski, Arthur Rodzinski, Fritz Reiner and others. He has mastered a prodigious repertoire. "—If a first prize for performance had to be awarded, it would go to Leonard Treash"

—Philadelphia Inquirer

Mary Marting Pendell, Soprano

For several years the soprano soloist with the Bach Festival at Baldwin-Wallace College, under the direction of the eminent Bach authority, Dr. Albert Riemenschneider. She has been in great demand in oratorio because of exceptional vocal and interpretative ability.

Nelson Leonard, Bass-Baritone

Dr. Leonard, of the University of Illinois, has sung the "Passion" with the Bethlehem chorus, the Oxford Bach Choir in England, and under David McK. Williams in New York. He will appear as bass soloist with the Chicago Apollo Club in its production of the B-minor Mass in May.
The Bach Society Invites You

To become a SUBSCRIBING MEMBER you need only to buy one or more admission cards at $2.40 or $1.80 for a series of three concerts.

To become a PATRON you contribute $10 or more towards the support of the Festival.

This entitles you to two admission cards in the section of seats especially reserved for patrons. Names of patrons will be listed in the Festival program book.

The Bach Society is dedicated to the high purpose of promoting an annual Bach Festival, so that local music-lovers may have the opportunity of hearing and performing the immortal masterpieces of Johann Sebastian Bach.

To know Bach is to love him. His music is warm, fascinating, compelling. It grows on one quickly and surely.

EACH ADMISSION CARD is good for a single admission to a series of three concerts. (No tickets sold for 1 concert). The card is transferable, so that a friend may attend any concert that you may not be able to attend.

Admission cards may be purchased from any member of the Festival Chorus; also at the following places beginning February 12th

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