

[Reilly] Lewis thought long and hard about what to call his new ensemble. He knew Bach should be at the center and that Washington—a city he loves passionately—had to be included. [He] settled on "consort" in Bach's own sense of the word: a community, a bringing together of composer, executants and listeners—a consort of voices. And so:

the Washington Bach Consort."

—Ronald Broun, The Washington Post, 2000

## Reflecting on Our History

When J. Reilly Lewis established the Washington Bach Consort in 1977, he had one goal in mind: to share the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and his contemporaries with the nation's capital.

With Reilly at the Consort's helm for 38 years until his passing in 2016, he invited you into the world of Bach and his Baroque peers, and gifted us with the opportunity to experience the music we love.

From majestic concerts and engaging lectures to world-renowned soloists and musicians performing

on period instruments, the Bach Consort is proud to be your home for glorious Baroque music.

Along with the music, our model educational programs have impacted thousands of young people via schools and community centers throughout the region. Since the 1990's, our youth initiatives have brought Bach's works from the page to the stage for some of the District's most underserved students.

Our successes over the last 40 years are a direct reflection of your unwavering support.







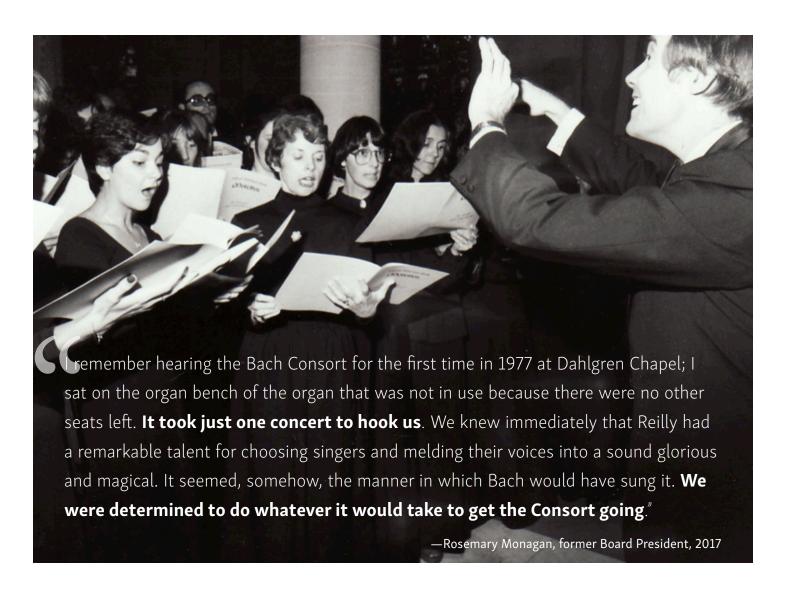


#### We are making special plans to mark our milestone year.

We have spent the time since Reilly's passing considering how to honor his legacy, planning for our anniversary season, and searching for our next Artistic Director. We invite you to join us as we embark on a journey to raise **\$500,000 by June 30, 2019** to commemorate 40 years of excellence and set a path for our successes to come.

Together, we will **commemorate** our rich history; **celebrate** the many years Reilly stood passionately before us, arms raised in joyous celebration and Bach in his heart; and **invest** in our future by creating a sustainable foundation.





## Looking Ahead

We recognize this transition in artistic leadership presents a unique opportunity to establish a firm foundation for the years to come.

There is a bright future ahead for the Bach Consort, validated both by our seamless implementation of our 39th season, as well as the overwhelmingly positive

search process for our new Artistic Director. With an original pool of 40 phenomenally qualified applicants, we are confident that this process will yield the candidate with the strongest vision, experience, and ability to continue to achieve our goals and expand upon Reilly's legacy



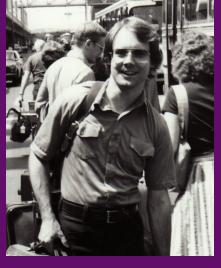












### Ensuring a Lasting Legacy

As we begin the next chapter of the Bach Consort story, we remember our past: three tours to Germany, multiple recordings with several of the country's highest-caliber vocalists and instrumentalists, and among our many honors, we were the recipients of the 2016 Greater Washington DC Area Choral Excellence "Ovation Award" in the "Most Creative Programming" category.

Our goal during the 40th Anniversary Season and fourth decade is to establish the *J. Reilly Lewis Legacy Fund* to support our Artistic Director's vision, encourage new projects, broaden our reach to new audiences throughout the community, and to ensure the Bach Consort's leadership in artistic excellence.



The Bach Consort does more than offer profound music experiences. It allows us to hear Baroque music in powerful ways, but in an intimate and personal setting. The musicians are as sublime as the music."

—The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV, 2017





## Be a Part of the Consort's Future

With the help of our devoted contributors, the J. Reilly Lewis Legacy Fund will support the following initiatives:

# Enhancing your Consort experience by continuing to perform Bach and Baroque music to the highest artistic standards:

• The quality of our product is an area that we will never compromise. By offering encore performances of your favorite subscription concerts, developing our robust programming, or investing in artistic infrastructure, your support will ensure that we can continue to bring you the excellent music that you love in unique and creative ways.

## Funding new innovative projects to write an exciting next chapter in our history:

New programs will present us the opportunities
to cultivate and diversify our audience base as
well as fulfill our potential as a critically-acclaimed
ensemble for artistic advancement and greater
recognition.

#### Laying the foundation for our incoming Artistic Director to execute their vision for our future:

 Through doubling our educational program numbers, recording once again with world-class soloists, or even returning to Europe for more international tours, this legacy fund will give the Consort the financial resources to thrive well into the future.

As an essential member of our Consort family, you play an instrumental part in enabling us to continue achieving artistic excellence in the years to come. Your support will strengthen the Consort and contribute to our DC arts community that we are so deeply committed to with the magnificence of Bach.











### Your Role is Instrumental

Because you understand that an investment in the Bach Consort is an investment in securing Reilly's legacy and all that he worked for, **we urge you to support our ambitious plans**—and, as one of our most committed patrons, please consider making a gift to this campaign.

Together, we will set the stage for the future.

