

LAKE CHELAN BACH FEST

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MUSIC ON THE VINE IN '09

The 2009 presentation of Bach Fest will begin on July 11th with the String Quartet playing at Vin du Lac Winery and last thru our final concert at Riverwalk Park on July 18th. As always, we are excited about this year's program and are looking forward to July.

We are very pleased to have Dan Baldwin back for his 3rd year as our Musical & Artistic Director. Our programming highlights include: Bach's *Cantata No. 140* and Schubert's *Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished"*. In addition we will be presenting Mozart's *Mass in C (Coronation)*. Our Saturday Evening Concert at Riverwalk Park on July 18th will feature something for everyone, from Copland's, *An Outdoor Overture*, Bizet's *Carmen Suite No.1*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Exodus*, *the Best of Billy Joel*, to Sousa's, *Washington Post March*, as well as other selections.

This year marks the return of the Courtyard Concerts at St. Andrews, in their newly renovated 'front yard'. These concerts are presented free of

charge as are the Bach Fest String Quartet engagements at several wineries in the Valley. The Quartet will also be showcased in our opening Festival Concert on Sunday, July 12th along with our special guests, Jeff and Joe Brooks, master clarinetists from Ellensburg.

It should also be mentioned, that the Board is actively pursuing new members to carry on the fine tradition of Bach Fest. If you are new to the area, and are looking for an opportunity to support the arts and the community please step up to the podium and volunteer. Please see our website at www.bachfest.org for details.

We are looking forward to the 2009 presentation of Bach Fest and hope you will join us at the Concerts and our June 28th Fundraiser Dinner/Auction.

Our 2009 Brochure is in process. It will be available soon on our website at www.bachfest.org

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SET FOR JUNE 28, 2009

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss our Fundraiser Dinner and Auction on June 28th at Campbell's Resort. Tickets are still \$50 per person with a no-host bar. We are very excited about this new venue for this wonderful event.

This Fundraiser has become a tradition here in the Valley. Our Bach Fest friends and supporters look forward to this annual celebration which provides a wonderful social evening of good food, drink, and entertainment, while also raising the funds necessary

to continue to present this remarkable Festival. This year our entertainment will be provided by Classic Pizzazz, Kathryn Castrodale, Lori Laughlin and Kerry Travers

We will be sending out Invitations soon to this event, and if you attended last year, you will receive one. You can ensure that you receive an invitation by checking the appropriate box on the coupon on page 2, and returning it to us, along with any donation and season ticket order you are able to make.

Make This A Friend Raising Year

A large part of the Bach Fest Boards' job is fundraising. Equally important is "Friend Raising". You can be a big help to Bach Fest by doing a little "Friend Raising" yourself.

It's easy! Just invite your friends to attend one or more Bach Fest events with you. Ask them to join you for a Noon Concert, or any of the free events scheduled at the area wineries, or the "Courtyard Concert" events at

the Episcopal Church Garden.

Or better yet, invite them to accompany you to our June 28th Fundraiser. They will have a great time, and discover the wide variety of music presented at our Festival each year. Please make it a point to "Friend Raise" for this year's Bach Fest!

You'll be glad you did! (And so will we!)

Charitable Giving and Your Taxes

submitted by Steve Palmbush, Edward Jones

You've probably heard that "generosity is its own reward." This may be true, but when you make a charitable gift to a non-profit organization, your generosity also could reward you—especially when you file your taxes.

In fact, you can get at least three types of tax benefits:

Immediate tax deduction - You can deduct your charitable gift from your current income taxes. So, for example, if you give \$1,000 in cash to a charitable group, like Bach Fest, and you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you could deduct \$280

from your taxes.

Avoidance of capital gains taxes - Instead of writing a check for \$1,000 to a charitable group, you might want to donate appreciated asset, such as stocks. Let's assume that you bought these shares for \$250, and that they are now worth \$1,000. If you were to give these shares to Bach Fest, you would get the \$280 tax deduction based on the shares' current market value. Furthermore, because you are not selling the shares, you will avoid having to pay any capital gains taxes on your \$750 profit.

Potential reduction in estate taxes - By removing an appreciated stock from your estate, you may be providing a tax break to your heirs, if your estate is large enough to generate estate taxes. Under current law, today's \$1.5 million federal applicable exclusion amount will increase over the next several years; the federal estate tax will be repealed in 2010 and will return in 2011 with a \$1 million exclusion, unless Congress passes new legislation.

Charitable-giving methods

Depending on your circumstances, you might find it advantageous to establish a

charitable giving vehicle, such as one of the following:

Charitable remainder trust - If you own large amounts of shares of an appreciated stock, you may want to donate some of all of them to a charitable remainder trust. The trust can then sell the stock, reinvest the proceeds and pay you a lifetime income stream. You'll defer capital gains taxes on the sale of your stocks, and you can use the income to help diversify your portfolio or pay for some living expenses. When you die, the remaining proceeds of the trust go to the charitable group that
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OUR STRING QUARTET RETURNS

We are delighted to have the Bach Fest String Quartet return again this year. The last few years this talented group has enthralled audiences with informal performances at our local wineries, as well as at Formal Concerts and Noon Concerts.

These young musicians perform a wide variety of music, (you might even hear a Beatles song) and the informality with which they interact with their audiences makes for a warm and friendly atmosphere in which to enjoy their wonderful music.

What better way to spend an afternoon, than with beautiful music, a glass of our fabulous local wine, a view of our exquisite Lake Chelan, and all that in the company of friends and fellow music lovers.

If you haven't yet enjoyed the experience this provides, you are missing one of the high points of Bach Fest.

And don't miss the Festival Concert I appearance of the String Quartet at Northshore Bible Church on July 11th, when they are joined by special guests, Jeff and Joe Brooks, master clarinetists from Ellensburg.

MORE SPONSORS MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Each year we rely on Sponsors for our Bach Fest performances. This year we are very pleased to add Wal-Mart as a Festival Sponsor.

Concert Sponsors for the Festival are Red Apple Markets of Chelan and Manson, and Lam-Hammer.

Please be sure to visit these businesses and let them know how much you appreciate their support of Bach Fest.

Without our Sponsors generous support, we would not be able to present the quality of musical performances you have come to expect of Lake Chelan Bach Fest year after year!

Volunteers

Got an urge to be involved with Bach Fest? We have an **opportunity** for you!

We always need Board Members and Volunteers for the many tasks associated with producing our Festival each year. There are **many** ways to contribute.

The work of the Bach Fest Board and Volunteers includes marketing, logistics, distribution of Posters and Brochures, and lots more.

Let us know of your interest by checking one of the boxes in the form at the bottom of this page.

OUR LOYAL AUDIENCES

We enjoy presenting Bach Fest each year, and one of the things that makes it so rewarding, is the continued presence of you, our faithful audience.

Year after year you come to support our musicians and our efforts, and we really do appreciate you. Without an appreciative and supportive audience, there is no meaning to our performance and our Festival.

Looking out upon the Audience, as we begin each of our programs, the familiar faces of those of you who come year after year to enjoy the music and the people of Bach Fest, make all the hours of work to make Bach Fest happen, very worthwhile.

Thank you for your continued presence and your ongoing support.

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you have chosen in your trust.

Private foundation - If you have a very large estate, you may want to create a private foundation to distribute assets to charities. After you've established a private foundation, it will typically distribute 5 percent of the fair market value of its assets each year to the charities you've chosen. Unlike a CRT, contributions to private foundations do not allow for donors to receive an income stream.

Before establishing any of these charitable giving arrangements, consult with your tax and legal advisors. But no matter how you choose to make your charitable gifts, don't hesitate to be as philanthropic as you can afford. By helping out those organizations that do valuable work, you'll unquestionably be making a good investment.

If you are interested in learning more about how to support Bach Fest using the techniques described above, please contact Steve Palmbush at 682-7014.

We rely on the generosity of our donors to continue producing Bach Fest. Ticket sales cover only about 25% of our costs. If you want to help us continue, use the form below to make a contribution to the General Fund or the Cora Hartley Endowment. All donations are tax deductible, Bach Fest is a 501.c.3 Organization.

Bach Fest Donation & Season Ticket Order Form - Detach & Mail in Enclosed Envelope

SEND ME _____ SEASON TICKETS @ \$75 EA	TOTAL	\$ _____
HERE IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____ TO THE CORA HARTLEY ENDOWMENT		\$ _____
HERE IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF \$ _____ TO THE BACH FEST GENERAL FUND		\$ _____
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____		

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Send me an invitation to the June 28, 2009 Fund Raiser

I'd prefer to receive the Newsletter by e-mail

My e-mail address is _____

Please contact me about Volunteering

_____ as a Bach Fest Board Assistant

_____ as a Festival Week Volunteer

_____ as a Host Family for Musicians