

Connoisseur Concerts

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"Northwest Bach Festival culminates on perfect note"

November 2006

"Festival audiences have come to expect, and cherish, the impeccable performances that Gunther Schuller draws from musicians."

"Bach Festival concerts have flourishes, flair, and refreshing eclecticism"

*"Startlingly beautiful.....Truly exceptional.....A gratifying artistic success.....
What an expressive evening of music....."*

*Quotes from recent newspaper reviews of the
Northwest Bach Festival - Gunther Schuller, Artistic Director*

Dear Friends,

It is time again to embrace the new season of longer evenings and to celebrate Spokane's many cultural offerings. Connoisseur Concerts, over the summer months, enjoyed presenting our *Mozart On A Summer's Eve* concerts in Manito Park in July and took pleasure in presenting a new event, *Wine And Music On A Summer's Eve* in mid-August in the gardens at historic Paulsen House. We also spent considerable time focusing on the annual *Northwest Bach Festival* as it approaches its 30th year in 2008. Many creative concepts have been brought forth, and this letter will provide an abbreviated recap of present plans as well as request your financial support for the Festival.

We are delighted that Gunther Schuller will continue to lead the Northwest Bach Festival. The musical focus of the Festival, which will retain its present name, will be centered on J.S. Bach and will include music written 150 years both before and after Bach's time. The Festival has always celebrated the human voice through choral and solo works, and renewed emphasis will be placed on programming that will feature our professional Bach Festival Chorus and outstanding solo voices. Several landmark venues will be used for the Festival events, and the schedule, while remaining in winter, may vary from our traditional week-long schedule.

Successful transition plans often identify and build upon strengths. Connoisseur Concerts remains committed to providing you with the highest possible artistic level in live performances and to focus on music that is not being offered by any other music-presenting organization in the area. Exciting plans for the 2007 are now available on the Festival Schedule of Events.

The *Northwest Bach Festival* relies on your generous support. Remember that **every dollar given to Connoisseur Concerts directly supports the music.** The State of Washington's Secretary of State Charitable Solicitation Program website reports that 91% of Connoisseur Concerts' total annual expenses are for direct program services. This demonstrates our commitment and proven ability to carefully manage resources. A donation card is posted along with a convenient charge slip. These may be mailed to Connoisseur Concerts, 315 W. Mission #18, Spokane, WA 99201. We depend on your support.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2007 Festival,

Gerald Lockhart
President

Verne Windham
Music Committee Chairman

Gertrude Harvey
Executive Director

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