

# Choral Festival at Brookhaven

Our Twenty-second Year!

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## *Back and Better Than Ever!*

Welcome to the Choral Festival at Brookhaven, 2016 edition! And welcome back to Martin Rutishauser! Martin returns to the podium this year to conduct the Mozart *Requiem*. This classic choral work is a favorite of choirs and choruses world wide, and we are pleased to welcome you, our soloists and our instrumentalists as we interpret this piece for our audience.

And if that weren't enough, we are also welcoming back our three associate conductors, Eric Blatt, Martha Campanile and Jeffrey

Schneider, to lead us through a wonderful variety of choral works.

This promises to be a busy week! We rehearse at Christ Church in Bellport Monday through Saturday, then move slightly east to perform on Sunday at the Gateway Playhouse, our home for the past several years. The Choral Festival at Brookhaven is a special time away from the everyday, a time to spend with old friends, new friends and some of the greatest composers of all time. We welcome you and the pleasure of your company

## *Choral News*

Most of us sing with a church or community choir during the year. Our website ([www.brookhavenchoral.org](http://www.brookhavenchoral.org)) has a complete listing. If your choir has some news you would like to share, please email the information to [pbbrinka@aol.com](mailto:pbbrinka@aol.com), and we will include it in this week's newsletters.

## Schedule

### Festival Chorus

Monday through Friday nights – 6:30 to 9:30p, Christ Episcopal Church, South Country Road, Bellport. (Keep Friday night free for our Conductors' reception after rehearsal)

Saturday 1 to 4pm at Christ Church

Sunday Dress Rehearsal 2 - 5p at the Gateway Playhouse, South Country Road, Bellport

Dinner at Gateway at 5p

Choral Festival Performance 7pm, Gateway Playhouse

Reception to follow at the Playhouse.

## *News You Can Use*

Raffle tickets and books are on sale at the registration desk. Please take some and sell them – we rely on the revenue to help us sustain the festival

Admission to the concert is by free will donation. We are suggesting a donation of \$20 per person. Invite all your family and friends!

Donations for the Choral Festival at Brookhaven can be made through PayPal. If you know someone who can't make the performance, but would like to make a contribution, they can visit our website, [www.brookhavenchoral.org](http://www.brookhavenchoral.org)

## *Thoughts on Choral Singing from the Ancients*

“First, (singing) is a knowledge easily taught, and quickly learned, where there is a good master and an apt scholar.“The exercise of singing is delightful to Nature, and good to preserve the health of man.“It doth strengthen all parts of the breast, and doth open the pipes.“It is a singular good remedy for stuttering and stammering in speech.“It is the best means to procure a perfect pronunciation, and to make a good orator...

“Since singing is so good a thing,I wish all men would learn to sing.”

-William Byrd, composer - excerpt from ‘Psalms, Sonets and Songs of Sadness and Pietie’, 1588

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