



# Berkshire Bach

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To Whom It May Concern,

As the oldest continuing member-based non-profit music organization in Berkshire County, Berkshire Bach enriches audiences with concerts that range from solo instrumental recitals to large choral works with full orchestra. Berkshire Bach seeks to reach the broadest possible audience for the works of J.S. Bach and his musical peers, mentors and followers, engaging the finest musicians available.

We also seek the finest performance venues available, which is why we are very excited about Saint James Place. The former Saint James Church was known throughout the Berkshires classical music community for its superior acoustics, and we are confident that the professional team completing the renovations will not only maintain this level of quality, but also enhance it. Venues like this are not easy to find in the Berkshires. This is why Saint James Place is so special, and so eagerly anticipated.

After recently touring the venue and speaking with the people of Saint James Place, I can state with confidence that it will become a part of our performance roster as soon as it's available. The Main Street location, the modern amenities, and the rental pricing we discussed are all in line with our needs. We envision taking advantage of not only the rehearsal and performance space, but the reception space as well.

Please help preserve this historic and cultural gem, by awarding them the requested funds.

Sincerely,

Paula Hatch  
Executive Director