

[Christopher M. Cock, Conductor](#)



The Valparaiso University Bach Choir is an auditioned ensemble serving the Bach Institute at Valparaiso University. Comprised of VU faculty, staff, and members of the wider Chicagoland community, the choir made its debut in the 2001 performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, and participated in the inauguration of the Bach Institute in January 2004, performing Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, both under the direction of Maestro Helmuth Rilling. In July 2006, the Bach Choir performed at the opening worship of the American Guild of Organists' national convention. Performing motets by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and two world premieres, their performance was reviewed in the *American Organist* as offering "flawless diction, impeccable intonation -- rich and stunning."

Bach Choir Auditions for the 2010-2011 season: Auditions for the Bach Choir will be held during the month of September at the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts. The Bach Choir holds regular rehearsals on Monday nights, 7:00-9:15 p.m. For the audition, please bring one piece of prepared vocal literature (2-3 minutes) plus an extra copy for the accompanist. You will be asked to do some brief vocalization, sight-reading and read some German aloud. Each audition will be scheduled for six minutes.

To schedule an audition, please email (after August 31, 2010) Dr. Christopher Cock ([christopher.cock@valpo.edu](mailto:christopher.cock@valpo.edu)), Director of the Bach Institute at Valparaiso University.