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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CHORUS DIRECTOR RAGNAR BOHLIN  
LEADS THE ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS IN  
BACH'S *CHRISTMAS ORATORIO*  
NOVEMBER 27, 28 & 29**

**Soprano Malin Christensson, contralto Marie-Nicole Lemieux,  
tenor Lothar Odinius, and baritone Anders Larsson debut with the Orchestra in these performances**

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**WHAT:** November 27, 28 and 29 the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus will perform selections from all six cantatas of J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* as chosen specially for these concerts by San Francisco Symphony Chorus Director Ragnar Bohlin. Making their SFS debuts in these performances will be [soprano Malin Christensson](#), [contralto Marie-Nicole Lemieux](#), [tenor Lothar Odinius](#), and [baritone Anders Larsson](#). These debut performances of Bohlin's compilation from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* will be sung in English.

Of crafting this new combination from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* Bohlin says, "I have taken special care to ensure that the story thread is consistent, the transitions are smooth and that the key changes work musically. A performance of all six cantatas from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* can be quite lengthy, and so is usually done over the course of two concerts. My compilation from the cantatas provides an opportunity for audiences to enjoy the music from Bach's *Oratorio* in one two-hour concert with the story completely intact. So that audiences can hear the entire story, as told by the tenor narrator Evangelist, our *Christmas Oratorio* will be sung in English. I'm thankful for the opportunity to present this version of it to San Francisco audiences and am confident the San Francisco Symphony Chorus is going to do an amazing job singing it."

**WHO:** Ragnar Bohlin, conductor ([Click here for bio.](#))  
Malin Christensson, soprano ([Click here for bio.](#))  
Marie-Nicole Lemieux, contralto ([Click here for bio.](#))  
Lothar Odinius, tenor ([Click here for bio.](#))  
Anders Larsson, baritone ([Click here for bio.](#))  
San Francisco Symphony Chorus ([Click here for bio.](#))  
Ragnar Bohlin, director  
San Francisco Symphony ([Click here for bio.](#))

**WHEN:** Friday, November 27 at 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 28 at 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

**PROGRAM:** J.S. Bach/*Christmas Oratorio* (selections from all six cantatas) sung in English

**PRE CONCERT TALK:** James Keller gives “Inside Music” talks one hour prior to each concert.  
Free to all concert ticket holders; doors open 15 minutes before.

**BROADCAST:** Portions of these concerts will be broadcast on CLASSICAL 102.1 KDFC at 8:00 p.m.  
on Tuesday, December 22.

**TICKETS:** \$15-\$135; available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or at  
[sfsymphony.org](http://sfsymphony.org).

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