

The Baroque Artists of **Champaign Urbana**

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Wachet auf (Sleepers Wake)

Sunday, November 7, 2021 Chapel of St. John the Divine Champaign, IL

PROGRAM

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

- I. Chorus (SATB)
- II. Recitative (T)
- III. Aria (S, B)
- IV. Chorale (T)
- V. Recitative (B)
- VI. Aria (S, B)
- VII. Chorus (SATB)

Ingrid Kammin, soprano Tim Rowell, tenor Stephen Larson, bass

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Kol Dodi

I Sat Down Under His Shadow Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart Arise, My Beloved Raphaela Aleotti

Melchior Franck (c. 1580–1639) Melchior Franck

Robert Applebaum (b. 1941) Dov Carmel (b. 1932) arr. Yehezkel Braun (1922–2014) Folk Melody arr. Elliot Z. Levine (b. 1948)

> E.C. Bairstow (1874–1946) Robert A. Harris (b. 1938) Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



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Mission Statement

Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana

BACH is Champaign-Urbana's premier chamber choir and Baroque-presenting organization. Dr. Sarah Riskind is its third music director, succeeding second music director Joseph Baldwin in 2021. Baldwin succeeded BACH founder Chester L. Alwes in 2017.

The Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois ("BACH") was founded as a project-based professional ensemble in 1996 for teaching, learning, and performing music of the Baroque era. Now a thriving nonprofit community organization, BACH is proud of the diverse range of its repertoire—from its roots in Baroque music to today's most exciting new works by living composers. Today's audiences enjoy programs featuring both Baroque masterpieces and leading works from across the entire choral repertory.

It is a true community enterprise, welcoming experienced singers from the community, university, and surrounding areas, as well as the support of committed volunteers. BACH was named "Chamber Ensemble of the Year 2000" by the Illinois Council of Orchestras. It receives support from the Illinois Arts Council, as well as many generous local donors individual and corporate.



PROGRAM NOTES

Sarah Riskind, Music Director

Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140

After more than a year hiatus due to COVID-19, the BACH choir returns with one of Johann Sebastian Bach's most celebrated cantatas. *Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme* was composed for the 27th Sunday after Trinity, an occasion that only occurs once every 11 years in the liturgical calendar. The first performance took place on November 25, 1731, in Leipzig.

The original "Wachet auf!" hymn melody was written by the 16th-century German pastor Philipp Nicolai. Featured prominently in movements 1, 4, and 7 of the Bach cantata, this Chorale refers to the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1–13. The young women are called to light their lamps and be ready, for the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, is coming to meet them.

In the opening Chorale fantasia, strings alternate with oboes and *taille* (substituted with English horn today) in a stately dotted rhythm. The sopranos soar over the polyphonic lower voices with the drawn-out Chorale melody. Meanwhile, the altos, tenors, and basses convey eager urgency with rising lines on *sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde* ("they call to us with bright voices") and articulate cries on *wo*, *wo* ("where, where"), *Wohl auf, wohl auf* ("Indeed, indeed"), and *Steht auf, steht auf* ("Rise up, rise up"), as well as unified statements of *ihr* ("you"). The florid *Alleluia* section treats listeners to a snapshot of Bach's counterpoint at its best.

The tenor recitative introduces passages from the biblical Song of Songs, including the recognizable phrase *Der Bräut'gam kommt, der einen Rehe / und jungen Hirschen gleich / auf denen Hügeln springt* ("The bridegroom comes, who like a roe / and young stag / leaps upon the hills"). These sensual love songs are interpreted in the Christian tradition as an allegory for the love between Christ and the Church or between Christ and the human soul, the latter of which is made explicit in this cantata. The nocturnal serenade between soprano (soul) and bass (Christ) in the third movement features a *violino piccolo* obbligato melody (substituted with violin today).

Celebrating the arrival of Christ the Bridegroom in the fourth movement, Bach adorns the tenor Chorale with the well-beloved unison string melody. In the accompanied bass recitative that follows, additional Song of Songs imagery (*Dich will ich auf mein Herz, / auf meinen Arm gleich wie ein Sigel setzen* ["I will set you upon My heart, / upon My arm as a seal"]) describes the comfort the bride has found as a result of her openness to Christ. They sing a warm and loving duet in the sixth movement with oboe obbligato.

The final Chorale is a song of praise, presenting the third verse of Nicolai's hymn in a majestic homophonic setting.

Song of Songs: Sacred love songs beyond Bach

J. S. Bach was far from the only composer to be inspired by the fervent and tender words of the Song of Songs; any attempt at a complete survey of these works would result in our audiences joining us night after night! Instead, we are sharing four sets of stunning settings, each highlighting a different language.

In showcasing the remarkable work of Raphaela Aleotti, *Vidi Speciosam* and *Ego Flos Campi* foreshadow our Italian convent-themed spring concert. Aleotti was a nun in Ferrara during the late 16th/early 17th centuries, a singer and instrumentalist who also directed 23 other nuns at her convent. While these motets are attributed to Raphaela, there also exists a collection of madrigals by a Vittoria Aleotti; scholars are uncertain whether these women were sisters or in fact the same composer by different names. *Vidi Speciosam* is rich with text painting, from the rising lines on *ascendentem* to the melismatic waves of *aquarum. Ego Flos Campi*, on the other hand, demonstrates a more syllabic polychoral style.

German composer Melchior Franck was a contemporary of Aleotti and one of the pioneers of the German-language motet. His 24 Song of Songs motets were published in 1608 for use in wedding celebrations, and they employ dramatic textural contrasts, as well as surprising harmonic moments. In *O daß ich dich, mein Bruder*, he alternates upper and lower voices antiphonally, starting on the text *Da wollt ich dich tränken mit gemachtem Wein* ("I would give you spiced wine to drink"). A warm and tender triple meter connects this to the end of the motet. *Du bist aller Dinge schön* employs the same device, with the breathless *wie schön* ("how beautiful") and the sweet *Honig und Milch* ("honey and milk") exemplifying the breadth of Franck's rhetorical abilities.

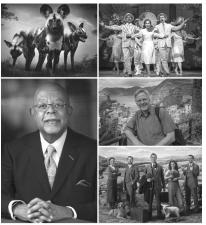
Three settings of Song of Songs texts in Hebrew recast the lovers as God and the people Israel. In *Y'did Nefesh/Dodi Li*, Illinois composer Robert Applebaum combines two original texts and melodies with compelling modal harmonies. *Uri Tzafon*, by Israeli composers Dov Carmel and

Yehezkel Braun, also illustrates the tendency in Jewish music for many joyful texts to be set in minor modes. The folk melody *Kol Dodi* is arranged by Elliot Levine, a longstanding pillar of the vocal ensemble The Western Wind.

I Sat Down Under His Shadow is notable for its lush harmonies, particularly emphasizing third relationships; it exhibits Edward Bairstow's early 20th-century English church music style. Robert Harris' *Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart* combines stunning melodic lines with expressive text painting and satisfying arrivals. Harris is a Black American composer and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. Our final selection is *Arise, My Beloved*, which expresses the lovers' eagerness through the warm waves of "come away" and offset rhythms of "arise." Also a living Black American composer, Adolphus Hailstork is known for a number of impactful symphonic and choral-orchestral commissions.

The Song of Songs text has a particular power to inspire a composer's best work, through the union of vivid human experience and sacred allegory. We hope that these phrases—*Arise and come away*—will ring in your ears as a sign of joy to come.





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TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

Bach: Wachet Auf

1. Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Der Wächter sehr hoch auf der Zinne. Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem! Mitternacht heißt diese Stunde: Sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde: Wo seid ihr klugen Jungfrauen? Wohl auf, der Bräutgam kommt; Steht auf, die Lampen nehmt! Alleluia! Macht euch bereit zu der Hochzeit. Ihr müsset ihm entgegen gehn! 2. Er kommt, er kommt, Der Bräutigam kommt! Ihr Töchter Zions, kommt heraus, Sein Ausgang eilet aus der Höhe In euer Mutter Haus. Der Bräutigam kommt, der einem Rehe Und jungen Hirsche gleich Auf denen Hügeln springt Und euch das Mahl der Hochzeit bringt. Wacht auf, ermuntert euch! Den Bräutigam zu empfangen! Dort, sehet, kommt er hergegangen. 3. Soprano: Wenn kommst du, mein Heil? Bass: Ich komme, dein Teil Soprano: Ich warte mit brennendem Öle Eröffne den Saal

Zum himmlischen Mahl

Awake, calls the voice to us of the watchmen high up in the tower;

awake, you city of Jerusalem. Midnight the hour is named; they call to us with bright voices; where are you, wise virgins? Indeed, the Bridegroom comes; rise up and take your lamps, Alleluia! Make yourselves ready for the wedding, you must go to meet Him.

He comes, He comes, the Bridegroom comes, O Zion's daughters, come out, his course runs from the heights into vour mother's house. The Bridegroom comes, who like a roe and young stag leaps upon the hills; to you He brings the wedding feast. Rise up, take heart, to embrace the bridegroom; there, look, He comes this way. Soprano: When will You come, my Savior? Bass: I come, as Your portion. Soprano: I wait with burning oil. Now open the hall for the heavenly meal.

Bass: Ich öffne den Saal Zum himmlischen Mahl Soprano: Komm, Jesu! Bass: Komm, liebliche Seele!

4. Zion hört die Wächter singen, Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werte Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna!
Wir folgen All'
Zum Freudensaal
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

5. So geh herein zu mir, Du mir erwählte Braut!
Ich habe mich mit dir
In Ewigkeit vertraut.
Dich will ich auf mein Herz,
Auf meinem Arm gleich wie ein Siegel setzen
Und dein betrübtes Aug ergötzen.
Vergiß, o Seele, nun
Die Angst, den Schmerz,
Den du erdulden müssen;
Auf meiner Linken sollst du ruhn,
Und meine Rechte soll dich küssen.

6. Soprano: Mein Freund ist mein, Bass: Und ich bin dein, both: Die Liebe soll nichts scheiden.
Soprano: Ich will mit dir Bass: Du sollst mit mir both: mit (dir, mir) in Himmels Rosen weiden,
Da Freude die Fülle, da Wonne wird sein! Bass: I open the hall for the heavenly meal. Soprano: Come, Jesus! Bass: I come, come, lovely soul!

Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy within her, she wakens and hastily arises. Her glorious Friend comes from heaven, strong in mercy, powerful in truth, her light becomes bright, her star rises. Now come, precious crown, Lord Jesus, the Son of God! Hosannah! We all follow to the hall of joy and hold the evening meal together.

So come in to Me, you My chosen bride! I have to you eternally betrothed Myself. I will set you upon My heart, upon My arm as a seal,

and delight your troubled eye. Forget, O soul, now the fear, the pain which you have had to suffer; upon My left hand you shall rest, and My right hand shall kiss you.

Soprano: My Friend is mine. Bass: And I am yours. both: Love will never part us. Soprano: I will with You. Bass: You will with Me. both: Graze among heaven's roses, where complete pleasure and delight will be!

 7. Gloria sei dir gesungen Mit Menschen-und englischen Zungen, Mit Harfen und mit Zimbeln schon. Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten, An deiner Stadt sind wir Konsorten Der Engel hoch um deinen Thron. Kein Aug hat je gespürt, Kein Ohr hat je gehört Solche Freude. Des sind wir froh, Io, io! 	Let Gloria be sung to You with mortal and angelic tongues, with harps and even with cymbals. Of twelve pearls the portals are made, In Your city we are companions Of the angels high around Your throne. No eye has ever perceived, no ear has ever heard such joy as our happiness, Io, io,
Ewig in dulci jubilo.	eternally in dulci jubilo!

Aleotti: Vidi Speciosam

Vidi speciosam sicut columbam ascendentem desuper rivos	I saw the fair one, like a dove above the streams of water:
aquarum,	whose priceless fragrance clung to her
cuius inestimabilis odor erat nimis.	garments.
Et sicut dies dies verni, flores	And as on a spring day, she was
rosarum et lilia convallium.	surrounded by roses and lily-of-the-
	valley.

Aleotti: Ego Flos Campi

Ego flos campi et lilium convallium.	I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley.
Sicut lilium inter spinas, sic amica	As the lily among thorns, so is my
mea inter filias,	love among the daughters.
Sicut malus inter ligna silvarum, sic	As the apple tree among the trees of
dilectus meus inter filios.	the woods, so is my beloved among
	the sons.

Franck: O daß ich dich, mein Bruder

O daß ich dich, mein Bruder,	O that you were to me like a brother
der du meiner Mutter Brüste	who nursed at my mother's
saügest,	breasts!
draußen finde und dich küssen	If I found you outdoors, I would kiss
müßte,	you,
daß mich niemand höhnete!	and no one would despise me.
Ich wollt'dich führen und in meiner	I would lead you and
Mutter Haus bringen, da du mich	bring you to the house of my
lehren solltest.	mother who taught me.

Da wollt' ich dich tränken mit	I would give you spiced
gemachtem Wein	wine to drink,
und mit dem Most meiner	the nectar of my
Granatäpfeln.	pomegranates.
Seine Linke liegt unter meinem	His left hand is under
Haupt,	my head,
und seine Rechte herzet mich.	and his right arm embraces me.

Franck: Du bist aller Dinge schön

Du bist aller Dinge schön, meine Freundin, und ist kein Flecken an dir.	You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you.
Komm, meine Braut von Libanon.	Come, my bride of Lebanon.
Du hast mir das Herz genommen, meine Schwester, liebe Braut.	You have stolen my heart, my sister, dear bride.
Wie schön sind deine Brüste, meine Schwester, liebe Braut.	How beautiful are your breasts, my sister, dear bride.
Deine Brüste sind lieblicher denn	Your breasts are sweeter than wine,
Wein, und der Geruch deiner	and the fragrance of your perfume is
Salben übertrifft alle Würze.	beyond spice.
Deine Lippen sind wie ein	Your lips are like a dripping
triefender Honigseim. Honig	honeycomb.
und Milch ist unter deiner	Honey and milk are under your
Zungen,	tongue,
Und der Geruch deiner Kleider ist	and the fragrance of your clothes is like
wie der G'ruch Libanon.	the fragrance of Lebanon.

Applebaum: Y'did Nefesh/Dodi Li

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Y'did nefesh, Av harachaman, meshoch Avdecha el Retzonecha. Yarutz avdecha kemo ayal, yishtachave mul hadarach. Ki ye'erav lo yedidutach, minofet tsuf vechol ta'am.	Heart's delight, Source of mercy, draw Your servant into Your arms.I leap like a deer to stand in awe before You.Your love is sweeter to me than the taste of honey.
Dodi li va'ani lo haro'eh bashoshanim Mi zot olah min hamidbar M'kuteret mor, mor ul'vona Libavtini, achoti chalah. Uri tzafon uvoi teiman	 My beloved is mine and I am my beloved's who browses among the lilies. Who is this that comes up from the desert, in clouds of myrrh and frankincense? You have captured my heart, my sister, my bride. Awake, O north wind come, O south between the second secon
)	wind!

Carmel/Braun: Uri Tzafon

Uri tzafon Uvo'i teiman, Hafichi gani Yiz'lu vesamav.	Awake, O North wind and come, O South wind!
Yavo dodi l'gano, V'yochal p'ri m'gadav.	Blow upon my garden. Let its fragrance be wafted abroad.
	Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its choicest fruits.

Levine: Kol Dodi

Kol Dodi, hineih zeh ba. M'daleg al heharim, m'kapeitz al ha'gvaot. Hark! My beloved! There he comes, leaping over mountains, bounding over hills.

Bairstow: I Sat Down Under His Shadow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love.

Harris: Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart

O thou, whom my soul loveth, Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm. For love is strong as death; Many waters cannot quench love. Neither can the floods drown it.

Hailstork: Arise, My Beloved

Arise! my beloved, my fair one and come away: For lo, the winter is past. Flowers appear on the earth, The time of singing is here. The voice of the dove is heard in our land.

MEET THE ARTISTS

Previously based in Seattle and Boston, conductor and composer **Sarah Riskind** is the Director of Choral Activities/Assistant Professor of Music at Eureka College. She leads the Eureka College Chorale, Chamber Singers, and instrumental Chamber Ensemble, as well as teaching courses in composition, improvisation, musicianship, and conducting.

Riskind is a long-time faculty member and choral director at The Walden School Young Musicians Program, an inspiring summer program in New Hampshire for creative musicians ages 9–18. She has written chamber music for the Quince Contemporary Vocal Ensemble, Hub New Music, the International Contemporary Ensemble, and Ensemble Dal Niente as part of the Walden School Faculty Commissioning Project. Many of her choral works are settings of Jewish texts, such as *Psalm of the Sky* for TBB chorus, violin, and piano, which was premiered in 2020 as part of the Creative Commissions Project at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Her compositions are available on her website and featured in the contemporary choral music catalogue Project Encore.

As a presenter and clinician, Riskind specializes in Renaissance polyphony, Sephardic music, musicianship training, and choral improvisation. In a 2021 Walden Online Workshop entitled *Chromaticism in Renaissance Music: What living musicians can learn from Gesualdo and friends*, she discussed wide-ranging uses of *musica ficta* and guided the multigenerational participants in composing with similar techniques.

In addition to choral conducting, composition, and singing early music, Sarah Riskind enjoys playing Irish and French-Canadian fiddle and classical violin. She holds a DMA in Choral Conducting from University of Washington, an MM in Choral Conducting from University of Wisconsin at Madison, and a BA in Music from Williams College.

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Broadway and orchestral veteran, recipient of shared Emmy, Tony, Grammy, Gran Prix du Disque, and multiple awards, **Barbara Hedlund** enjoys an active career as orchestral and chamber musician, recording artist, orchestra and college music festival administrator, music editor and publisher, orchestra founder, executive director, music librarian, professor, adjudicator, associate producer for Public Radio Television, concert, opera, and theatre productions, a City of Urbana Public Arts and Culture Commissioner, young

artist scholarship sponsor and mentor. From 1996 to 1999, she and her husband Ronald wore many hats as founders, sponsors, performers, fund raisers, administrators, and crew for the Baroque Artists, originally housed and administered in their home studio.

Soprano Ingrid Kammin received a Doctorate in Musical Arts in Vocal Performance and Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ingrid has studied and performed extensively throughout Europe, specifically at Il Corso Estivo per Giovani Cantiti in Urbania, Italy and at *La Sorbonne* in Paris, France. She has been the recipient of several awards and scholarships including the Central Illinois Metropolitan Opera Auditions and the Illinois Opera Theatre Enthusiast award. Ingrid is comfortable performing and teaching a variety of styles of music from Early Music/Opera to Contemporary/New Music to Musical Theater to Pop. She can be heard as the soprano soloist with Sinfonia di Camera on the recording On Freedom's Ground released by Albany Records and as a featured vocalist for Elsinore's 2013 album Push/Pull released on Parasol Records. Ingrid is incredibly passionate about teaching and vocal pedagogy and is an active member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and was recently awarded the NATS Emerging Leaders Award. Ingrid currently serves as Adjunct Instructor of Voice at Illinois Weslevan University and maintains a private voice studio in the Champaign-Urbana area. Ingrid is also passionate about arts advocacy, collaboration, and education throughout the community, region, and beyond. She is currently the President of the Board of Directors for the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana and was recently appointed Director of the Ralla Klepak Community Music Scholars Program at Illinois Weslevan University.

Tim Rowell began his musical journey with piano lessons at about eight years of age. In the fifth grade he began to learn to play the coronet, switching to the baritone in junior high. From then on he was in the concert band from junior high school through college. All along the musical journey he has sung almost continuously in a variety of choirs and ensembles, done solos in church services and at weddings, and performed in the occasional talent show. His longest-running solo gig was singing the national anthem before sporting events at the high schools where he taught. He considers himself privileged to have benefitted from the instruction of several top-notch choir directors. Tim has been singing with the Baroque Artists since the Fall of 2017.

Stephen L. Larson, a local educator, vocal coach, conductor, and performer, received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Millikin University and Master's degrees from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago and Eastern Illinois University. He has taught music at all grade levels throughout Central Illinois. A versatile musician, Larson sings with the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana (BACH), Decatur's Opus 24, U of I Oratorio Society, and area church choirs. Larson is a co-founder and conductor of the Urbana Pops Orchestra, and is an accomplished pianist.

Jonathan Young is Director of Music at the Catholic Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Champaign, Illinois. Originally from Moses Lake, Washington, Jonathan holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, and completed doctoral coursework and recitals at the University of Illinois. Jonathan was the Alternate Winner of the 2011 Mu Phi Epsilon International Competition. From 2014–2017, Jonathan was Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, and from 2011–2014 Director of Music at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mattoon, Illinois. He is currently Instructor of Organ at Eastern Illinois University, and was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Illinois teaching Aural Skills courses in 2016-2017 and a Senior Lecturer and Visiting University Organist at PLU for the 2009-2010 academic year. Jonathan has appeared on several recordings with the PLU Choir of the West and Choral Union as an accompanist and soloist, including the Choral Union's 2011 American Prize-winning 25th Anniversary Album. He has served churches in many denominations as an organist and choir director, including military chapels (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Catholic congregations and parishes. Jonathan maintains an active interest in organ building and voicing, and has worked for Paul Fritts & Company, Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, and Richards, Fowkes & Company. An avid student of automotive aerodynamics and aerodynamic efficiency, Jonathan earned an Associate of Engineering Science degree at Parkland College, graduating in May 2021.



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Frances Cramer was a lifelong lover of music and the arts. This was evident in her support of the Art Institute of Chicago, National Museum for Women in the Arts, Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, and programming on public radio and TV (UI's WILL). She was a regular attender at concerts in the area, and she rarely missed an event at Krannert Center; she listened to opera on WILL every Saturday.

In addition to her love of the arts, Fran was passionate about peace and social justice and was a longtime member of Rantoul First United Methodist Church where she served in many different positions. In 1969, Fran was on the Founding Committee for the Clothing Center in Rantoul run by Church Women United, and she served as its volunteer director for over 30 years. In recognition of her service, Fran received several awards, including the Champaign County Friend of the Family award (1977), the Diana award for exceptional service to humanity (1980), Rantoul Citizen of the Year (1995), and the Church Women United Valiant Woman Award (2000). In 2006, she was awarded the Tolly-Cramer award in from Methodist Federation for Social Action for lay persons engaged in social justice ministries. Throughout her life, Fran did her best to help others and support many causes, and her family is happy to know that her legacy of support will live on this season as a sponsor of BACH.

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