



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Music of the Baroque was founded by Thomas Wikman in 1972 and performed their first concert at the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer; and

WHEREAS, Music of the Baroque performs the music of the 18th century and earlier, and employs professional musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera, and other professional instrumentalists and singers from Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Dame Jane Glover, who is internationally renowned for her performances of Mozart and Handel, was named as Music of the Baroque's Music Director and Nicholas Kraemer is the ensemble's Principal Guest Conductor; and

WHEREAS, Music of the Baroque has performed hundreds of concerts throughout Chicagoland, as well as at the White House, the Lincoln Center in New York City, and toured throughout California; and

WHEREAS, listeners across the country can enjoy the work of Music of the Baroque through radio broadcasts and recordings on 98.7 WFMT Radio and through available recording including "Bach's Mass in B Minor," "On This Night," "Glover Conducts Mozart," "Mother & Child," and Telemann's "Day of Judgment;" and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Music of the Baroque adapted by hosting online concerts, and hosted a live concert, following COVID guidelines to reunite people through music with a concert featuring 65 Chicago Public Schools singers and musicians who performed with members of the company; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performances, Music of the Baroque works to give back to the community through their Strong Voices program which supports and enhances music education programs at Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2022 Music of the Baroque will celebrate their 50th Anniversary, and will perform at the Harris Theater on February 28, 2022 featuring Chicago-born clarinetist Anthony McGill:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2022 to be MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of Music of the Baroque's 50th anniversary and their ongoing commitment to sharing the music of the past with generations of audiences.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2021.


Mayor