

## A TIME LINE OF J. S. BACH'S LIFE

- 1685** - born March 21 in Eisenach, Germany
- 1703** - August 9 appointed organist at Neuekirche in Arnstadt
- 1707** - June moved to Mühlhausen, appointed organist at Blasiuskirche; composed cantatas; married second cousin, Maria Barbara who bore 7 children
- 1708** - June appointed organist and chamber musician in Weimar; composed organ works
- 1714** - promoted to Concertmaster; composed cantatas for the Chapel
- 1717** - August appointed Kapellmeister to Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Cöthen (Duke Wilhelm Ernst refused to grant Bach his release and placed him in secure detention from November 6 to December 2, 1717); composed secular keyboard and orchestral works
- 1720** - July Bach's first wife dies
- 1721** - December 3 Bach marries Anna Magdalena who bore 13 children
- 1723** - April 22 appointed to post of Thomaskantor in Leipzig; provided music for the city's four principal churches; by 1727 had completed three annual cycles of cantatas, St. John and St. Matthew Passions, Magnificat and other sacred works
- 1724** - Sanctus in D composed
- 1729** - March became director of Collegium Musicum, an ensemble of university students; church music composition waned; composed more secular cantatas, keyboard and instrumental works for the university students to perform, including the re-arranging of some of his instrumental works from his Cöthen period
- 1733** - Missa composed as a gift to Frederick August II for an appointment to the Saxon Court, which was finally granted in 1736
- 1741** - withdrew from composing for the church and collegium to work on private projects: the publication of selected keyboard works, study of Latin church music, sorting of earlier compositions, compilation of encyclopedic compendia; traveled more frequently to Berlin and Dresden
- 1748-1749** - composed and compiled the B Minor Mass
- 1750** - July 28 died and buried three days later in the graveyard of Johanniskirche, Leipzig