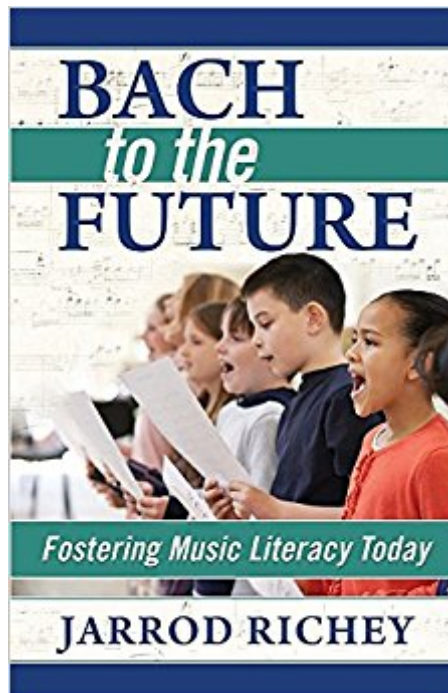




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# Bach To The Future: Fostering Music Literacy Today



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This book is for believers who have a leadership role over children--parents, teachers, school administrators, and the church. It makes the case and points the way for a return to music literacy as a part of our everyday lives, much as was the case in Bach's day, for the sake of seeing a generation capable of producing glorious music for God and for His people. In a time when music literacy is uncommon in the Church as much as anywhere, this is a needed message. Even though I have been a music teacher for two and a half years professionally and for numerous years in ministry, I found many helpful hooks on which to hang goals for the year to come. I'm thankful to be able to recommend this well-written and timely handbook to everyone who falls into the categories above. Snag yourself a copy!

Bach to the Future is an excellent resource for music educators, career musicians and worship pastors alike, especially those with a Christ-centered worldview. The book offers a solid argument for music for music's sake within the context of creation and our role as image-bearers of the Triune

God. Richey lays out the necessary components for complete and balanced music literacy as opposed to occasional musical performance based on a single aspect of learning. Within these pages, I hear the call of God to the Church to return to being joyful, singing people who sing because He sings and create because He creates. In this way, Richey serves as a modern-day prophet with a message to God's people to foster and nurture musicians and music education within the Church, not only to cultivate skilled worshippers today but to raise up and call forth the Bachs of tomorrow.

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