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From the Director

Dear Friends,

Plato wrote: "Music...is the essence of order and leads to all that is good, true and beautiful."



Throughout the past months of challenge and change, people all over the world have come to embrace the importance of music so beautifully captured by Plato. While the prudent cancellation of live performances of music for the safety of performers and the public has been necessary, our deep-seated need for music to entertain and enrich us all—especially during the holiday season!—has motivated artists and audiences to turn to virtual, online alternatives to live performance.

Having discontinued in-person rehearsals in mid-March, and with the likelihood of safe “live” activity postponed until sometime in 2021, The Alexandria Singers committed to developing and executing a comprehensive alternative strategy to continue to pursue our Mission of “Artistry, Education and Service.” In addition to weekly “virtual rehearsals”, including music learning, educational enrichment for personal and vocal development, and some much-needed social fun, The Singers have developed online entertainment and educational offerings for our valued community, leveraging today’s technology platforms like Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, and Vimeo.

Has the “Singers Spirit” waned during these unique times? I can say with confidence, *“absolutely NOT!”* To the contrary, for example, our innovative online “Virtual Guest Nights and Open Auditions” in September garnered a significant number of *new* members, and members from the past, our “alumni,” have even rejoined us to participate in our exciting virtual activity! And our “Virtual Cabaret” in October was a big hit!

We hold dear our commitment to providing each other and *you*, our faithful fans and sponsors, events celebrating the joy of music. This “Virtual Holiday Show” is a great example of fulfilling that commitment. We simply *had to have a holiday show!* I am delighted to host **“Celebrate!”** in the hope that it will bring you the same joy it’s brought to our Singers.

As you can imagine, The Singers, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, rely heavily on revenue from live performances to sustain and grow our efforts to entertain, educate, and provide outreach to the Alexandria community. During these challenging times that limit our options for revenue generation, I ask that you consider a donation to our **“Believe” fundraising campaign**, which is supported by a generous matching gift. A video describing the campaign and a direct link for secure donations is at www.alexandriasingers.com. Please give what you can. If you are a business entity and are interested in helping us by becoming a Corporate Sponsor, please contact Development@alexandriasingers.com and our Development Team will be happy to discuss support options. If you are already a donor or sponsor, please accept my sincere thanks for your patronage!

May this very special holiday season bring you and all you love peace, joy and good health. Happy holidays!

Bill Colosimo



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The Alexandria Singers

Virtual Pops Concert, "Celebrate!"

"A Festive Christmas Celebration" • Arr. Audrey Snyder

"A COVID Christmas" (White Christmas) • Irving Berlin (Lyrics, Amy Louviere)

Amy Louviere, Geoff Lunt

"Sleigh Ride" • Wolfgang Mozart

Chris Macri

"Now Sing We All Noel!" • Mary Donnelly & George L. O. Strid

"Ring Silver Bells" • Traditional Ukranian Carol; Arr. Audrey Snyder

"Grown Up Christmas List" • Amy Grant

Melanie Cruse

"Do You Hear What I Hear" • Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne; Arr. Michele Weir

"Twelve Days of Christmas" (Parody) • Traditional (Not really...)

Jessica Jellish, Danielle McVey Pasakarnis

"Tidings of Comfort and Joy" • Arr. Audrey Snyder

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" • Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane

Eileen Huck

"Please Don't Sing Another Fa La La!" • Greg Gilpin

"O Holy Night" • Traditional

Danielle McVey Pasakarnis

"The Man with the Bag" • Dudley Brooks, Harold Stanley, Irving Taylor;
Arr. Roger Emerson

"Christmas Means Nothing Without You" • Shonagh Murray

Michael Santos Sandoval, vocal; Paige Rammelkamp, piano

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/alxcelebrate2020>

“Soldier, Poet, King” • The Oh Hellos

Jessica Jellish

“Sleigh Ride” • Leroy Anderson & Mitchell Parish; Arr. Andy Beck

“Chanukah! • Michael Resnick (With our special thanks for its use)

“A Place Called Home” • Alan Menken

Katie Beth Hicks

“Jingle Bells” • James Pierpont; Arr. Jack Gold & Marty Paich

“Candy Cane Lane” • Jennifer Zuffinetti; Arr. Mac Huff

“Fum, Fum, Fum” • Traditional, Catalan

Fernando Delgado

“The Christmas Song” • Mel Torme

Eileen Greenberg

**“O Magnum Mysterium” • Tomas Luis de Victoria; Ed. Alice Parker
& Robert Shaw**

“Never Fall in Love (With an Elf) • Amy Spanger

Missy Frederick

“It Must Have Been the Mistletoe • Barbara Mandrell

Lacy Woodside

Sing-along! “Here Comes Santa Claus” • Gene Autry

“Believe” • Glen Ballard & Alan Silvestri (“The Polar Express”)

“Christmas on Broadway” • Arr. John Higgins



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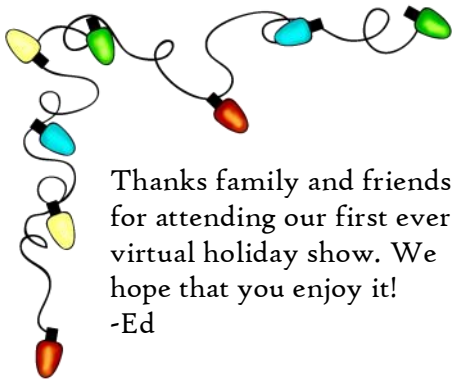
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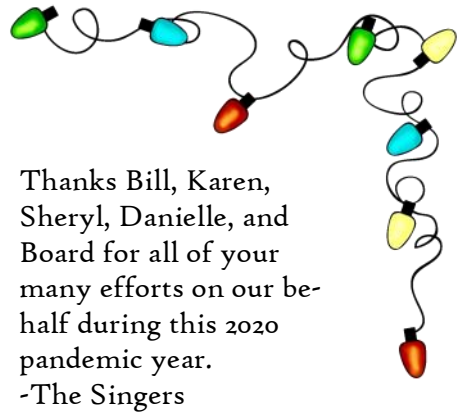
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for attending our first ever
virtual holiday show. We
hope that you enjoy it!
-Ed



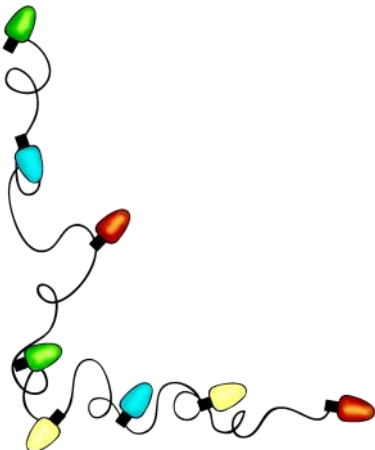
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pandemic year.
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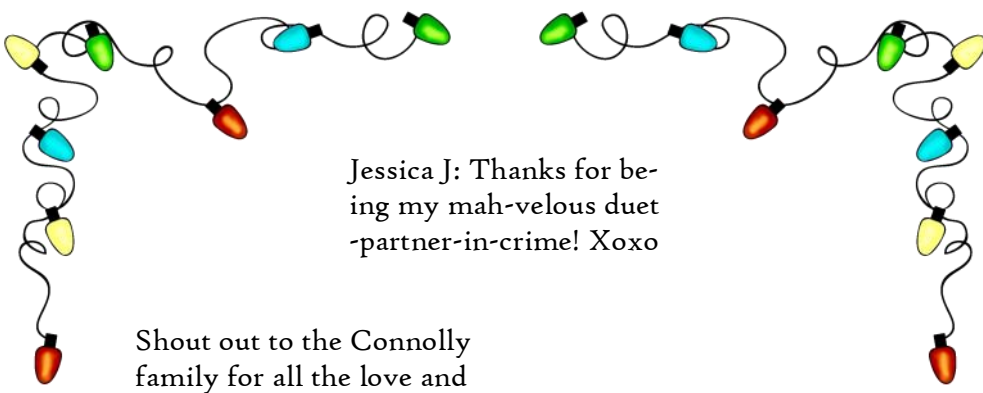
Thank you, Alexandria Singers, for bringing joy to me,
filling my heart & soul with music & friendship!! I love
being a member of this singing family! -Eileen Greenberg



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my loyal Singers'
fans. Thank you for
your support. Look-
ing forward to a spec-
tacular 2021 with you!
-MaryAnn K

Marla & Rona: You ladies rock!!!
Thank you for everything you're
doing to keep us socially active
and bring us "holiday cheer" all
year round! Bill: Many grateful
thanks for everything you've
done/are still doing to keep us
active and producing music! Dear
Singers: Thank you ALL for be-
ing a part of this amazing group
and contributing your talents
(musical and otherwise) to our
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ference! Happy Holidays!
-Danielle



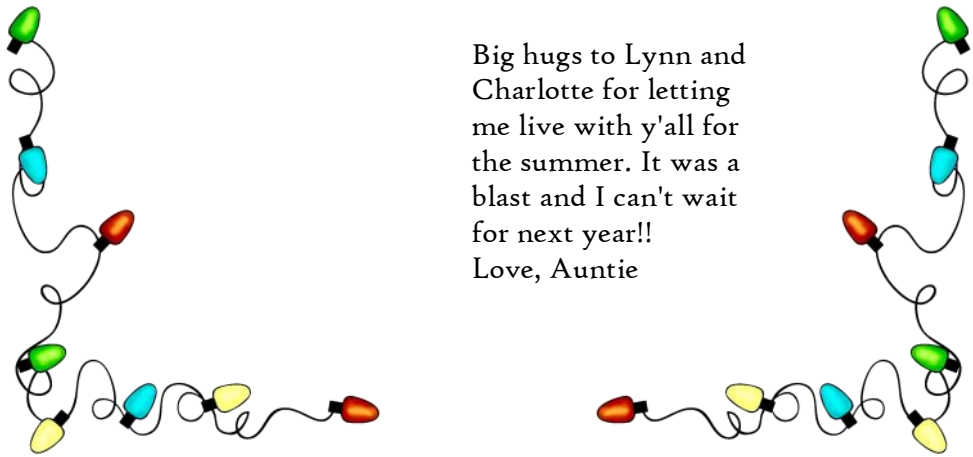


Jessica J: Thanks for being my mah-velous duet -partner-in-crime! Xoxo

Shout out to the Connolly family for all the love and support during this crazy COVID year!! Love, Kim

Congratulations to my fellow Singers on a successful virtual holiday concert! I can't wait until I sing with you in person again. Shoutout to my Bellas -- start thinking about our next group number! -Jen

To all my choir peeps!!! Thanks for all the laughs during these crazy COVID times. Zoom is made way more fun when I can laugh and sing along side y'all. Stay strong. Stay safe. -Kim



Big hugs to Lynn and Charlotte for letting me live with y'all for the summer. It was a blast and I can't wait for next year!!
Love, Auntie

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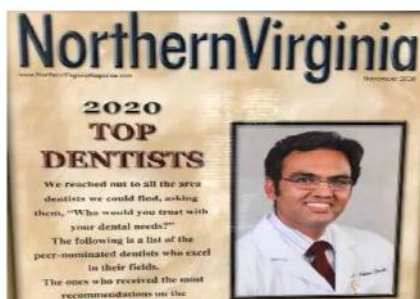
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Throughout 2020, like many arts organizations, The Alexandria Singers has been unable to maintain traditional programming and fundraising efforts that rely on in-person productions, auctions, and more. Nevertheless, we are committed to our mission of "Artistry, Education, and Service" to enrich others' lives through singing. We have learned to rise to these challenges with new and innovative ways of engaging both members, patrons, and the community. Through rehearsals on Zoom, the creation of virtual choirs, and recording our traditional Specialty Acts - solo and small ensemble numbers featuring our members – in our own homes, we will still deliver online performances focused on the healing and uplifting power of music. We are also working to convert our community workshop, “Sing for Your Life!” to a virtual platform, providing the community with resources and instruction for all to experience the joy music brings.

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