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And NOW...We're again "LIVE" on stage! Following our successful Guest Nights and Open Auditions in September, garnering a wonderful cadre of new members, we returned to in-person rehearsals, working in record time to prepare to entertain you today with our 2022 holiday show, "Jingles and Joy!" featuring songs of the season we hope you enjoy. We're also delighted to offer a livestreamed broadcast of our matinee performance for our fans far and wide!

We are especially grateful to our friends at Washington Street United Methodist Church for hosting us again. We are also grateful to our Corporate Sponsors, who have stepped up in a big way to support us. Our production and event team members acknowledged elsewhere in this program are worthy of countless thanks for their extra effort. And, of course, we thank you, our patrons, for making us part of your holiday time celebration. Finally, I want to thank *all* Singers members, especially our Board of Directors, for their tireless support and encouragement as we've navigated these challenging times. I'm truly privileged to be associated with this remarkable organization.

We hold dear our commitment to providing each other and *you*, our faithful fans and sponsors, events celebrating the joy of music. We will be announcing our special year-end "Believe!" giving campaign soon. In addition to your loyal patronage of this show, I hope you'll consider donating to help us continue to fulfill our mission of "Artistry, Education, and Service." Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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

Bill Colosimo, Music Director - The Alexandria Singers



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## The Alexandria Singers Holiday Pops Concert, "Jingles & Joy!"

## Act I

"Holiday Processional" • Brad Printz

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

"Angels We Have Heard on High" • Traditional French Carol; English Lyrics, James Chadwick

Heather Hemphill

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"Jolly Jingle Christmas Medley" • Arr. Alan Billingsley



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## Act II

"Nutcracker Jingles" • James Pierpont, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; Arr. Chuck Bridwell

**"Somewhere in My Memory"** • John Williams & Leslie Bricusse ("Home Alone")

Holiday Carols for ALL to Sing!

"Merry Christmas Baby" • Dodie Stevens

Lacy Woodside

"Hanukkah Flame" • Vicki Tucker Courtney & Linda Marcus

**"Sleigh Ride"** • Leroy Anderson & Mitchell Parish; Arr. Andy Beck

**"La Peregrinacion" (The Pilgrimage)** • Ariel Ramirez (Argentina)

Fernando Delgado, Dave Chase (percussion), Janghyo Yoo (piano)

"Christmas on Broadway" • Arr. John Higgins

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My Love, Julie

Thanks Bill, Janghyo, Karen, Jen, Sheryl, Lee, Board, and all hard-working volunteers for a super holiday season!

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## Bill Colosimo, Music Director

Bill Colosimo, the third Music Director in The Alexandria Singers' history, is an experienced performer, educator and director, with over 40 years of active engagement in the vocal arts. Trained at Cranbrook (Bloomfield Hills, Michigan) and Brandeis University in vocal music and choral direction, he has produced, performed in or directed over 200 music programs and workshops all over the east coast, including



such venues as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia's Academy of Music, countless places of worship, and major concert venues like RFK Stadium, the Verizon Center, and convention centers nationwide.

Mr. Colosimo recently retired after 25 years as Musical Director of the acclaimed Singing Capital Chorus, a men's a cappella ensemble. His passion for music education for youth led to his establishment in 2005 of the Choral Foundation of Northern Virginia, for which he is currently the Artistic Director. A member of NAfME (The National Association for Music Education), the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and numerous men's vocal music organizations, Bill holds many committee posts dedicated to education and choral director development. He is a member of the President's Council of the Harmony Foundation—dedicated to funding vocal music education and performance for youth.

He currently keeps his tenor voice active as a professional soloist and cantor. Mr. Colosimo's profile is also available at www.facebook.com/billcolosimo.

## Dr. Janghyo Yoo, Accompanist

Dr. Janghyo Yoo was born in Suwon, South Korea, and earned a Bachelors of Music from Suwon University and Kookmin University. He studied Piano Performance with Dr. Ivo Kaltchev, earned Masters and Doctoral degrees at The Catholic University of America. He has performed in numerous chamber and solo recitals and his chamber group "Eclat Trio" recently won 1st place in the American Protégé



International String Competition. Not only a classical pianist, Dr. Yoo is also an accomplished jazz and rock pianist. Dr. Yoo is an active accompanist

throughout the DC area in events such as the Youth Orchestra competition and the Music Theater Workshops. *(Continued on next page)* 

## Karen Reedy, Creative Director

Karen Reedy is a choreographer, dancer and dance educator. As a dancer, she performed locally with D.C. Dance Theater and Eric Hampton Dance, before moving to New York where she worked with Robert Battle, Sue Bernhard, Louis Johnson, Patricia Kenny, and the Mark Morris Dance Group. As a choreographer and director, she presented her first full evening of dance in October 1997. In 2007 she



founded Karen Reedy Dance (KRD), a professional contemporary dance company named "best in dance" by Sarah Kaufman in 2011. KRD is devoted to nurturing artists through the exploration of new work and collaboration with other art forms. The company performs in both traditional and site-specific venues, and has been enthusiastically received throughout the country, in venues including The Kennedy Center, Dance Place, ODC, Black Rock Arts Center, The 92nd Street Y, The Torpedo Factory and Joyce SoHo. Ms. Reedy was a 2008 recipient of the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage Local Dance Commissioning Grant for the creation of Sleepwalking. During the 2012-2013 season, Reedy was a Metro Arts Incubator Artist at the American Dance Institute, where the company had its premiere of Albatross. Ms. Reedy holds an M.F.A in Dance from George Mason University, where she is an Assistant Professor of Dance.

## Dr. Janghyo Yoo, Accompanist (cont'd)

He has been playing for 10 years as a pianist for CUA Music Theater as a rehearsal pianist and co-musical assistant director for shows such as Finian's Rainbow, Drowsy Chaperone, Sweet Charity, Carousal, Most Happy Fella, Pippin, Little Women, City of Angels, and Kiss Me Kate. Dr. Yoo is currently an artistic advisor/collaborative pianist at Young Musicians Inspiring Challenge and a music director at Messiah Presbyterian Church of Washington. In 2022, Dr. Yoo began playing with The Alexandria Singers.

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