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Dear Friends,

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



Throughout the past few years of challenge and change, people all over the world have come to embrace the importance of music so beautifully captured by Plato. During the period of stringent restrictions on live performances, The Alexandria Singers embraced a mantra of **#SingersStrong**, and continued to produce successful “virtual” entertainment and education experiences for our members, patrons, and community, doing all we could to offer our best effort at “all that is good, true, and beautiful” suggested by Plato.

And NOW...we're again “LIVE” on the stage! Following our successful Guest Nights and Open Auditions in January, garnering a hearty cadre of new members, we’ve enjoyed an uninterrupted period of in-person rehearsals, preparing our presentation of **“Voices from the Heart.”** *We're also delighted to offer an on-demand video of the performance available soon for our fans far and wide!*

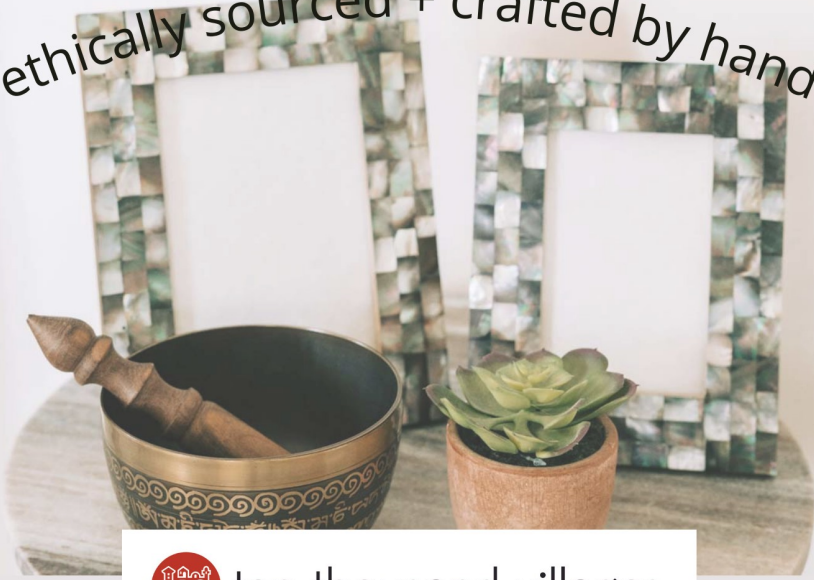
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The selection of our show’s theme, “Voices from the Heart,” was a surprisingly simple one. As I’m privileged to direct The Singers, I realize more and more each day the incredible amount of “heart” each of my Singers friends invests in their effort to create marvelous, heart-felt music. And supporters and patrons like you, too, share *their* “heart” in so many ways to encourage us on our Mission of “Artistry, Education, and Service.”

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Spring2ACTion 2023 raised over \$2.9 million for 187 nonprofits. To learn more about ACT for Alexandria's mission and efforts to raise funds throughout the City of Alexandria and this annual giving event, visit: Spring2ACTion.org

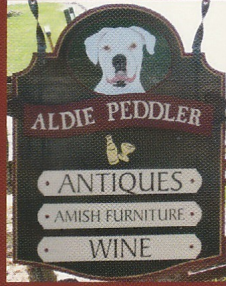
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“You’ll Be in My Heart” • Phil Collins; Arr. Mac Huff

“I Don’t Need Anything But You” • Charles Strouse, Martin Charnin; Arr. Audrey Snyder

“There’s a Fine, Fine Line” • Robert Lopez, Jeff Marx; Arr. Alan Billingsley

“Smile” • Charlie Chaplin; Arr. Ben Bram

*Jessica Jellish, Dan Phillips, Michael Santos Sandoval,
Annabel Waggoner*

“The River of Dreams” • Billy Joel; Arr. Roger Emerson

“With You” • Dave Stewart, Bruce Joel Rubin, and Glen Ballard
Katie Beth Hicks

“Their Hearts Were Full of Spring” • Bobby Troup; Arr. Kirby Shaw

“The Little Things You Do Together” • Stephen Sondheim
Missy Frederick

“Wicked (Choral Highlights)” • Stephen Schwartz; Arr. Mark Brymer



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Act II

“Listen to the Music” • Tom Johnston; Arr. Kirby Shaw

“Go the Distance” • Alan Menken, David Zippel; Arr. John Leavitt

“I Don’t Know His Name” • Laura Benanti, Jane Krakowski

Katie Beth Hicks, Danielle McVey Pasakarnis

“All You Need is Love” • John Lennon, Paul McCartney; Arr. Alan Billingsley

“Settle for Me” • Rachel Bloom, Jack Dolgen, Adam Schlesinger

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“Songs of a Disney Hero” • Arr. Alan Billingsley

“No One is Alone” • Stephen Sondheim; Arr. Mark Brymer

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With love from Sarah, the Wandering Alto



God respects you when you work, but He loves you when you sing. In the words of your loving Grandpa, "Erin, don't waste that voice." It is a gift to see you once again perform in choir.

Love always, Mom xoxo



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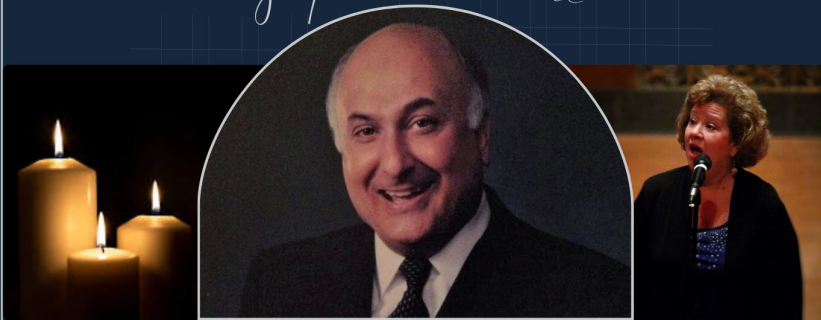
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Bill Colosimo, Music Director

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.

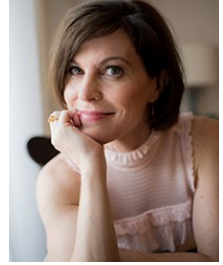
Dr. Janghyo Yoo, Accompanist

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, Carousel, 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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