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We are delighted to celebrate the holiday season with you, expressing Plato's belief that "music...leads to all that is good and beautiful!" It's a joy to welcome you to our presentation of "Holiday Pops!," and a pleasure to return to our lovely holiday venue at the historic Washington Street United Methodist Church.

Following our successful Guest Nights and Open Auditions in January and August, we were delighted to welcome over *30 new Singers* to our performing "family," making this the largest contingent of Singers on stage in my 17 years as Music Director! All of us are grateful to you and all our supporters for your loyal patronage, especially during the challenging years of 2020 to 2021, which has allowed us to stay **#SingersStrong** and growing.

Our commitment to serving our community with educational and service outreach initiatives like our popular "Sing for Your Life" free choral workshops, our annual support of the good work of Carpenter's Shelter, and our participation in special local events are all direct by-products of your support of our Mission, "Artistry, Education and Service." Your support means so much to us!

I want to thank *all* Singers members, especially Board members, for their tireless support and encouragement as we continue to offer high quality pops choral entertainment to inspire and delight our audiences.

However you celebrate this holiday season, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous experience. It's my sincere wish that sharing our music with you this weekend, whether in-person or through our live-stream, will brighten your spirits and be another "gift" in your stocking!

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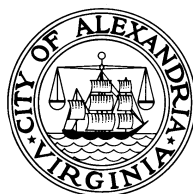
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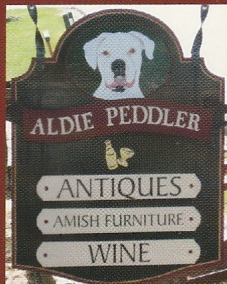
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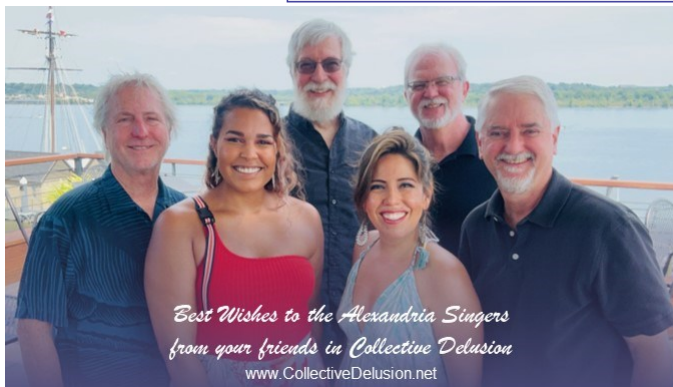
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Act I

“Now Sing We All Noel” • Mary Donnelly, George L. O. Strid

“We Need a Little Christmas” • Jerry Herman; Arr. Kirby Shaw

“Winter Song” • Sarah Bareilles

Sarah Brown, Elissa Hamon, Anu Thakur, Annabel Waggoner, Dana Wooster

“Tidings of Comfort and Joy” • Arr. Audrey Snyder

“Somewhere in My Memory” • Leslie Bricusse, John Williams;
“Home Alone”

“The Christmas Candle” • “Saturday Night Live”

Jessica Jellish, Danielle McVey Pasakarnis

“In Winter” • Victor C. Johnson

“The Holiday Tango” • Greg Gilpin

*Featured Dancers: Daniela Eckert, Wendy Cohen, Brittany Momeni,
Dasha Rosato, Michael Santos Sandoval, George Willis*

“Maoz Tzur/Rock of Ages” • Traditional Hanukkah Hymn

Ilana Kowarski, Michael Wintermeyer

“(Everybody’s Waitin’ for) The Man with the Bag” • Stanley, Taylor, and Brooks; Arr. Emerson



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Act II

Holiday Carols for ALL to Sing!

“Jolly Jingle Christmas Medley” • Arr. Alan Billingsley

“Hanerot Halalu (Light the Candles)” • Becki Slagle Mayo

“Christmas, Don’t Be Late” • Ross Bagdasarian (aka David Seville)

Lauren Haman, Eileen Joyner, Terry Lewis, Lisa Littman, Michael Littman, Brittany Momeni

“Stars I Shall Find” • Victor C. Johnson

“Winter Wonderland” • Dick Smith, Felix Bernard; Arr. Kirby Shaw

“All I Want For Christmas Is You” • Mariah Carey

MJ Keen

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

“A La Nanita Nana” • Traditional Spanish Carol; Arr. Victor C. Johnson

“Sparklejollytwinklejingle” • Chad Beguelin, Matthew Sklar; Arr. Andy Beck

Art Brill, Madeline Golding, Eileen Greenberg, Suzy Hurwitz, Jen Jovin-Bernstein, Terry Lewis, Michael Littman, Stephanie Loden, Jim Miller, Michael Santos Sandoval

“GRINCH! A Christmas Choral Medley” • Arr. Andy Beck

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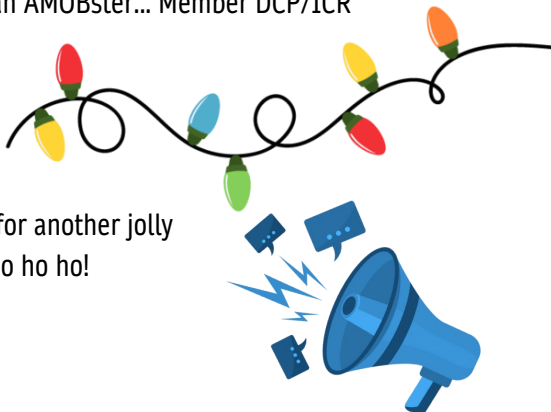
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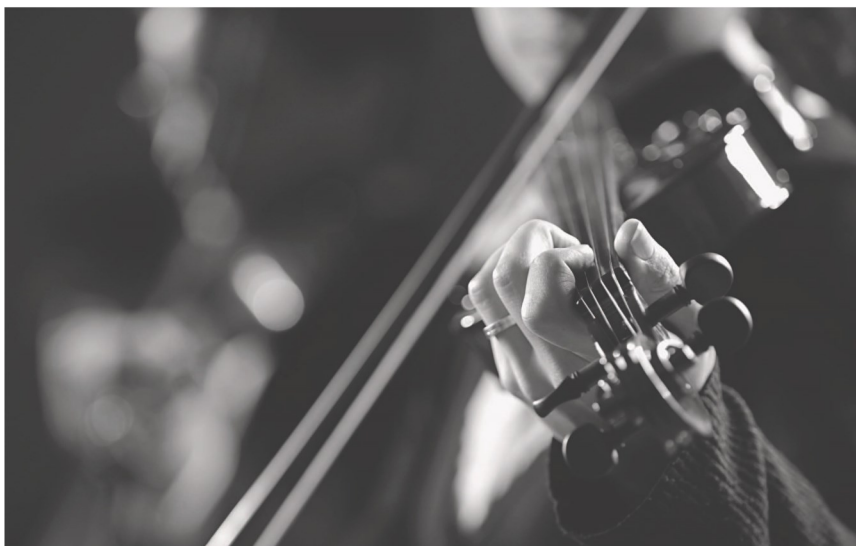
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Bill Colosimo, the third Music Director in The Alexandria Singers' history, is an experienced performer, educator and director, with over 40 years of active engagement in the vocal arts. Trained at Cranbrook (Bloomfield Hills, Michigan) and Brandeis 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.

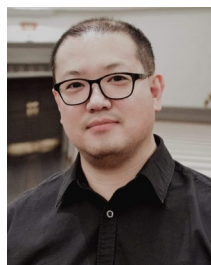


Mr. Colosimo recently retired after 25 years as Musical Director of the acclaimed Singing Capital Chorus, a men's a cappella ensemble. His passion for music education for youth led to his establishment in 2005 of the Choral Foundation of Northern Virginia, for which he is currently the Artistic Director. 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, Collaborative Pianist

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, Collaborative Pianist (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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