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



We are delighted to welcome you to “One Song, Many Voices,” expressing Plato’s belief that “music...leads to all that is good and beautiful!” The performance you’re about to experience melds our commitment to quality music in the “pops” style with our effort to feature the “many voices”—a more diverse sampling—of composers and artists that make up the mosaic of the “choral ecosystem.” It’s a particular pleasure to return to this lovely venue, the historic Washington Street United Methodist Church in Old Town.

Following our successful Guest Nights and Open Auditions in September, we were delighted to welcome *15 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.

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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.

It’s my sincere wish that sharing our music with you this weekend, whether in-person or through our live-stream, will delight and inspire you. As we are about to enter our exciting 50th Anniversary season, we look forward to having you come see us again as patrons whose lives have been positively touched by our “many voices!”

Bill Colosimo, Music Director - The Alexandria Singers



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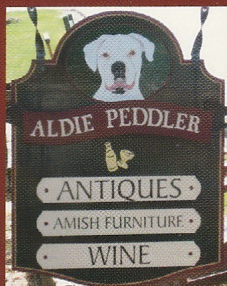
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Act I

“Why We Sing” • Greg Gilpin

“California Dreamin” (Medley) • Arr. Kirby Shaw

“Memory” • Andrew Lloyd Webber, Trevor Nunn

Heather Hemphill

“Into the Unknown” • Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Robert Lopez;
Arr. Audrey Snyder

“Wellerman” (Sea Shanty) • Anon., New Zealand, ‘70’s; Arr. Jessica Jellish

Katie Beth Hicks, Jessica Jellish, Danielle McVey (Dave Chase, Drum)

“What Was I Made For?” • Billie Eilish O’Connell, Finneas O’Connell; Arr. Jennifer Lucy Cook

“Someone Like You” • Leslie Bricusse, Frank Wildhorn

Erin Rinker

“It’s All Right” • Curtis Mayfield; Arr. Robert T. Gibson

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

“Que Sera, Sera” • Ray Evans, Jay Livingston

Paul Caffrey

“Stevie in the 60’s” • Arr. Roger Emerson

“Encanto (Choral Highlights)” • Lin-Manuel Miranda; Arr. Roger Emerson

Soloist: Amy Louviere

Understudies: Holly Hogan, Sarah Hundt



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Act II

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

“Heart of Stone” • Toby Marlow, Lucy Moss; Arr. Andy Beck

Missy Frederick, Suzy Hurwitz, Jen Jovin-Bernstein, Erika Olander, Anu Thakur, Annabel Waggoner

“Easy On Me” • Adele Adkins, Greg Kurstin; Arr. Mac Huff

“I Still Believe” • Susan M. Callen, Marshall Portnoy

Ilana Kowarski

“This Is Me” • Benj Pasek, Justin Paul; Arr. Mac Huff

Soloists: Sarah Brown, Katie Beth Hicks, Julie Collier

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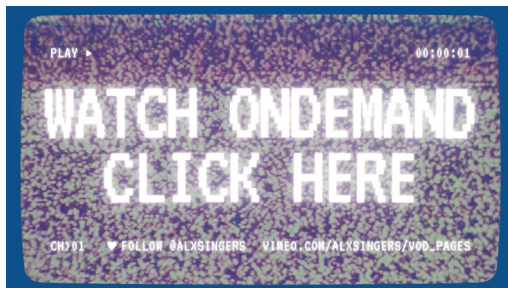
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“Nothing Else Matters” • (Metallica) J. Hetfield, L. Ulrich; Arr.

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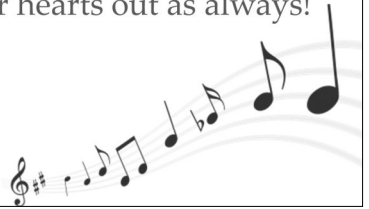


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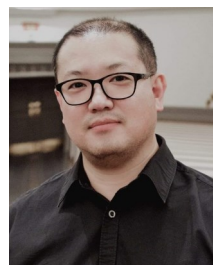


Mr. Colosimo recently retired after 25 years as Musical Director of the acclaimed Singing Capital Chorus, a men's a cappella ensemble. His passion for music education for youth led to his establishment in 2005 of the Choral Foundation of Northern Virginia, for which he is currently the Artistic Director.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