

GALA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. So...what is the Gala?

A. Great question! The Alexandria Singers are celebrating their 50th Anniversary and the Board & the Singers wanted to Celebrate!! The Gala will include a traditional cocktail hour, a full seated dinner, a raffle, and as much dancing and celebration as possible! This event is not a concert.

Q. But what do I wear?

A. This event is formal/black-tie optional. This means while tuxedos aren't required, they are certainly appropriate! Otherwise, a formal suit and tie is perfect. Floor-length, formal gowns, jumpsuits, etc., are encouraged, but cocktail dresses are also acceptable. All colors, etc., are acceptable.

Q. Is this a fundraiser?

A. Yes, as a 501(c)3 non-profit, this Gala is a fundraiser for the Alexandria Singers and there is an online auction and raffle component with options for credit card payments. However, the goal of the Gala is to celebrate 50 years of artistry and music in the community and thus the auction is a component of the event rather than the main event. (With that said, you are always welcome to donate to the Alexandria Singers operating budget at any time [HERE](#) or donate directly to our 50th Anniversary Season [HERE](#)!)

Q. Can folks under 21 year olds attend?

A. This event can accommodate attendees 18 years and older. Please email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com if you have an attendee under 21.

Q. So, who should come to this Gala?

A. Everyone (18+) is welcome to attend!! The Gala is focused on current and alum Singers, patrons, Sponsors (present, past, and [hopefully] future!), and folks just lookin' for a great way to spend a Saturday night!! Whether you've been a die-hard Alexandria Singers fan since 1975 or you've never heard of us (you should really hear about us!) you are welcome to purchase a ticket and be part of an amazing evening!

Q. I see there is a full seated dinner. I have a dietary restriction and/or specialized food requirement—can I still come?

A. We certainly hope so!! If you have a food requirement please email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com with your particulars prior to purchasing your ticket. We are able to accommodate vegetarians WITH PRIOR NOTICE; however, severe food allergies may require additional conversations. So please email—we want you there safely!

Q. What's parking like?

A. There is free, dedicated parking at the venue. Additionally, there is valet available at the door. Valet is free of charge though gratuities paid directly to the valet attendant are always appreciated.

Q. Do I need a physical ticket to the Gala?

A. No. You do not need a physical ticket; however, all guests should receive an emailed ticket and all guests will be assigned a seat for the Gala upon arrival at check-in. Everyone must check-in prior to gaining access to the ballroom.

Q. Is there a coat check—where is it location and what is the cost?

A. Coat check is located in the main lobby and is complimentary to all guests attending the Gala!

Q. If I arrive late to the event, what should I do?

A. This event begins at 6:30pm with a formal cocktail hour and Check-In will be open throughout all of cocktail hour. If you arrive after the formal check-in table has closed, please report directly to the ballroom and a host member will be able to assist you.

Q. Is there a way to guarantee who sits at my table for dinner at the Gala?

A. Tickets purchased together (in groups of 10 or less) in a single online transaction will be seated together. Full tables are available for purchase and certain Corporate and Individual Sponsorship levels include a group of tickets seated together (email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com for details regarding Sponsorships!). Otherwise, seating will simply be assigned but there is plenty of time to mingle and dance with everyone!

Q. Is the venue ADA Accessible?

A. Yes, however, you are welcome to email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com if you have any specific questions.

Q. I have a seat at the Gala, but cannot attend now. What should I do?

A. You may email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com up to 11:59PM Friday, February 28, 2025 to donate your ticket and/or change the name of the attendee associated with your ticket.

Q. Wait, how do I register?

A. Tickets are available for purchase online [HERE!](#)

Q. One last time, can you remind me of the Five W's (What, Why, Where, When, Who)...?

A. Of course!

- What – The Alexandria Singers' 50th Anniversary Gala (cocktails, full seated dinner, auction, program dancing, huzzah!!)
- Why – Celebrating 50 years of artistry and music in Alexandria!
- Where – Belle Haven Country Club (6023 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307)
- When – Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM (Check-In Begins at 6:30 PM)
- Who – Current Singers, Alums, Patrons, Sponsors (past and present), good friends, folks looking to have a great night, and everyone and anyone in between!!

Q. Oh no, I still have questions!!

A. Don't fret! Email specialevents@alexandriasingers.com