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ALEXANDRIA CHORAL SOCIETY

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I. DANCING VOICES

Hope	Zachary J. Moore
Sway (<i>Quien Será</i>)	Ruiz & Gimbel, arr. Shaw
Ain't No Grave	trad., arr. Caldwell & Ivory

II. RITMOS LATINOS

George Washington Middle School - Latin Dance
Team. Directed by Rafael Murillo Herrera

Latin Dancers/Performers
(Rafael Murillo Herrera and partner)

Sigue	Ivette Herryman Rodriguez
Bailará	Dan Davison

III. WINNING VOICES

Be Who You Are	Ryan Main
Exultate	Mary Lynn Lightfoot
I Shall Not Live in Vain	Ruth Morris Gray

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IV. STOMPING GROUND

Line Dance Set

Thank God I'm a Country Boy J. Denver, arr. K. Shaw

Nine to Five Dolly Parton

V. RISING STEPS

Patrick Henry Middle School Dance Program

Directed by Nelson Lavayen

VI. DANCE ON

Time Jennifer Lucy Cook
Pro Coro Alexandria

I Hope You Dance Sillers, Sanders; arr.
feat. Country Swing Dancers Lojeski

Ad Astra Jacob Narverud
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Libertango Piazzolla, arr. Escalada



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For over half a century, the Alexandria Choral Society has presented a broad spectrum of choral works, delighting audiences and fostering an inclusive environment of belonging and collaboration in the City of Alexandria and beyond. In recent seasons, ACS has commissioned and presented the world premiere of *You Birth the Seeds*, a work by acclaimed composer Melissa Dunphy, with text from Alexandria poet laureate Zeina Azzam; presented the timely and impactful *Washington Women*, by David Chase and Judith Clurman; and hosted the first ever city-wide choral festival *One Voice Alexandria*, bringing together choral ensembles from across Alexandria. Under the direction of Artistic Director Kathryn Harsha, ACS is committed to enhancing the cultural life of the City of Alexandria by presenting diverse and engaging vocal music programs at the highest artistic level.

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KATHRYN HARSHA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Kathryn Harsha's work as a conductor spans choral, opera, and orchestral repertoire. She has led ensembles throughout the United States and internationally, with recent performances at Severance Hall, St. Giles Cathedral, and the Kennedy Center. Her leadership roles have included Music Director of

the Lakeland Civic Orchestra and Music Director of Opera per Tutti (now Cleveland Opera Theater). For over two decades, she directed the Sing Out! benefit concert for Cleveland Rape Crisis Center; in recognition of her contributions, the organization established the Visionary Voice Award in her honor in 2018.

Ms. Harsha is dedicated to fostering musical excellence across generations. She has worked with young musicians at the Peabody Children's Chorus and Opus Community Music School, and currently serves as Artistic Director for Programming at Encore Creativity for Older Adults. Kathryn served as Assistant Conductor of the Chorale des Étudiants Étrangères while studying at the Sorbonne and the Conservatoire Messiaen in Paris, France. She holds a Master of Music in Conducting from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she is honored to receive the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Kathryn Harsha is in her third season as Artistic Director of Pro Coro Alexandria and the Alexandria Choral Society, which is celebrating its 56th season. ACS is honored to have been nominated for a 2nd year in a row for the prestigious Choralis Award, recognizing excellence in choral music in the greater Washington D.C. area.

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JUSTIN STRELETZ, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Justin Streletz is excited to be returning to Alexandria Choral Society for the 2025-2026 Season! He is a local collaborative pianist who has worked with many school divisions for concerts and festivals in Northern Virginia. Justin is also a music director, including a pit conductor and vocal director. During the day he is an elementary music teacher in Prince William County, VA.

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STEPHANIE METZGER, FOUNDER, INSPIRA DANCE

Stephanie Metzger is a D.C. Salsa and Bachata instructor in who was awarded Best Female Dance Instructor of 2019 by DCBX. She previously taught with Salsa with Silvia, Bachata Brunch, The Salsa Room (TSR), Interfusion festival, and various other organizations. Stephanie started out as a Ballroom dancer and then fell in love with Bachata while living in the Dominican Republic. She trained in Salsa On2 and Sensual Bachata in Santo Domingo, and then moved to Cali, Colombia and trained in Salsa Caleña, Salsa On1, and Bachata.



Stephanie founded Inspira Dance, a non-profit based on providing dance classes in Title 1 public schools and local community centers. Passionate about dance and its ability to bring different communities together, Stephanie also teaches Bachata and Salsa at gaming, cosplay, and anime festivals. Her organization Geeky Grooves seeks to reach to those not typically in the dance scene by teaching partner dances to video game and anime-remixed songs.



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