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ACS is accepting applicants for the 2024-2025 Sing Off Grant!

Alexandria, VA - The Alexandria Choral Society is pleased to announce our 2024-2025 Sing-Off Grant Program and request for applications. ACS will select a youth ensemble to perform during our March 2025 concert, entitled *Washington Women*, which will be held on International Women's Day, Saturday, March 8th, at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. The selected ensemble will have an opportunity to present two to three choral works on their own and a final larger work with ACS. The ensemble will also earn \$1,000 in grant funding to support their music program.

The application, terms and conditions, and more information can be found on our website:
<https://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/singoff>

Applications are due to ACS by **Friday, November 22nd, 2024, at 11:59 PM.**

Eligibility

- *Ensembles must consist of no fewer than 12 and no more than 40 singers.*
- *Each application must include a performance video submission that is no older than 10 months and accurately represents the applicant ensemble. Audio quality of the recording must be clear. The recorded performance video must present one or more choral works at least two minutes in length in any language.*
- *For this grant cycle, we encourage treble ensembles to apply to coincide with our concert theme *Washington Women*.*

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About the *Washington Women* Concert

Join us for a powerful celebration of American women's strength and impact at the Alexandria Choral Society's *Washington Women* concert. In collaboration with our annual Sing-Off grant recipients, this concert honors the extraordinary contributions of women throughout history. We are proud to present "Washington Women," a compelling 11-movement song cycle by Judith Clurman and Broadway arranger David Chase. This stirring piece draws inspiration from 13 trailblazing women who have shaped Washington D.C. and our nation, transforming their powerful quotes and wisdom into music. Experience the empowering voices of women who have defied the odds and inspired generations. Be ready to be moved and energized as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of women past, present, and future, on International Women's Day!

Washington Women

Saturday, March 8th, 2025, 7:00 pm

George Washington Masonic Memorial - Theatre

Reserve your season ticket now at <https://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/seasontickets>

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About Our 2024-2025 Season

Join the Alexandria Choral Society as we celebrate 55 years of choral excellence! This season, ACS honors our history, our future, and the vibrant musical community in Alexandria through partnerships with Alfred Street Baptist Church, the Alexandria A Capella Collective, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, the NOVA Symphony Orchestra, and more. To mark our 55th season, we'll be performing some favorite pieces from ACS's very first season at each concert. In celebration of the City of Alexandria's 275th anniversary, we will present selections from Bach's B minor Mass, which also premiered in 1749. Additionally, you'll hear the gorgeous music of Palestrina on the 500th anniversary of his birth. Across seven concerts, we will showcase a rich tapestry of beloved masterworks by Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms, alongside contemporary compositions by Artemisia, Rosephanye Powell, and Diana Sáez. Our season will culminate in the inaugural All-Alexandria Choral Festival in May 2025, a grand celebration of beautiful, joy-filled music that highlights the unity and spirit of our local choral community. Don't miss out on what promises to be our most remarkable season yet!

About the Alexandria Choral Society

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. Since its founding in 1970, the Alexandria Choral Society has captivated audiences year in and year out. Most recently, ACS 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. 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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