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Alexandria, VA - In their first performance of the 2023-2024 season, *Fables*, the Alexandria Choral Society invites children of all ages to experience an enchanting evening of musical adventures through Aesop's Fables, Jabberwocky, and tales from around the world.

The concert will begin with musical adaptations of popular stories from the Mother Goose Suite and Aesop's Fables. As the concert transitions to nighttime stories, the choir will literally light up the performance with a song about fireflies, *Hotaru Koi*. "This concert is a fantastical adventure for everyone. We're excited to entice younger audience members into the magic of choral music," said Artistic Director Kathryn Harsha.

ACS will be joined by young singers from George Washington Middle School under the direction of Jessica Saylor. Performing in both English and Spanish, the children's choir will present a Uruguayan folk song, *Chiu, chiu, chiu*, arranged by Greg Gilpin and *Cantamos! (We Sing!)* by James M. DesJardins.

For his debut performance with the choral society, ACS Collaborative Pianist and Washington Piano Society member Andre Leonard will give a solo performance of Nikolai Kapustin's *Concert Etude op. 40 no 1*.

Join us on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church for this multi-cultural celebration of storytelling and singing. Tickets are available now at <https://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/fables>.

Our 54th season holds much more in store! After *Fables* in October, ACS will explore the musical wonder of the season in December and present our third annual *Snow Globe Series* of outdoor community performances. In March, we will honor Gabriel Fauré in a joint concert with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. In April, the season of spring break, our chamber ensemble, Pro Coro Alexandria, will sing about nostalgic trips to the beach in our concert entitled *To the Sea*. We will close the season in May with a concert filled with music of love, healing, and growth entitled *Just As I Am*. From the masters to magical storytelling, our season has something for everyone! More information and season tickets available at <https://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/seasontickets>.

*About the Alexandria Choral Society:*

Since its founding in 1970, the Alexandria Choral Society has delighted audiences year in and year out. For half a century, ACS has enriched the Alexandria community with a broad spectrum of choral works, from the Renaissance to modern American composers, from small chamber pieces to major works for chorus and orchestra, and from a great variety of musical cultures. With thoughtful programming, including several world premieres under Artistic Director Emeritus Brian Fontaine-Isaac, who served as Artistic Director from 2017-2023, ACS is expanding the choral repertoire in the city of Alexandria and greater Washington region. We are excited to welcome Interim Artistic Director Kathryn Harsha this season.

For more information visit [alexandriachoralsociety.org](http://alexandriachoralsociety.org). Follow ACS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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