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**Alexandria, VA** - The Alexandria Choral Society (ACS) is excited to announce our new leadership as we close out our 54th season. Please help us welcome Kathryn Harsha as our permanent Artistic Director!



Mrs. Harsha brings a strong musical pedigree to ACS. Prior to her taking on the role of Interim Artistic Director for the current season, Kathryn served the Peabody Children’s Chorus as Assistant Director and Accompanist. She was also on the faculty at the Opus Community Music School, and served as Executive Director for five years, overseeing a significant transformation of the organization and expansion of musical opportunities for all ages.

“I think I can speak for all of ACS when I say we are thrilled to have Kathryn Harsha continue as our Artistic Director,” says President-Elect Richard Simpson. “She has quickly become an inspiring and vital part of our choral community, and we look forward to many years of making beautiful music with her.”

Kathryn has conducted choruses, operas, and orchestras across the United States and performed in France, Italy, Austria, and Germany, recently conducting in Severance Hall and at the Kennedy Center. She holds a Master of Music in Conducting from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from Bluffton University. She currently conducts ensembles for Encore Creativity in Silver Spring, Rockville, and Annapolis, and is honored to be serving ACS as Artistic Director.

“It’s an honor to be asked to continue at the Alexandria Choral Society. This past year the members of ACS have shown their dedication and the high level of musicianship they are capable of producing,” says Kathryn Harsha. “I am excited to continue to build community through choral arts at ACS in the vibrant city of Alexandria.”

**About Our 2024-2025 Season:**

Join us to celebrate our 55th season as the Alexandria Choral Society teams up with a stellar lineup of local Alexandria-based choirs! For 55 years, ACS has been passionately committed to building community through choral excellence, and we’re excited to bring Alexandria’s choral musicians together on stage. Join us for what may be our most exciting season to date! Stay connected with us at our website, Facebook, Instagram, and our Friends of ACS newsletter to learn more.

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**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. At ACS, our focus extends beyond our performances; we prioritize the individual, as well as the thriving Alexandria community we diligently support. ACS has had the pleasure of collaborating with some of Alexandria's best-known artists, including an interactive commission with Jonathan Kolm. 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.

For more information visit [www.alexandriachoralsociety.org](http://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org).

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