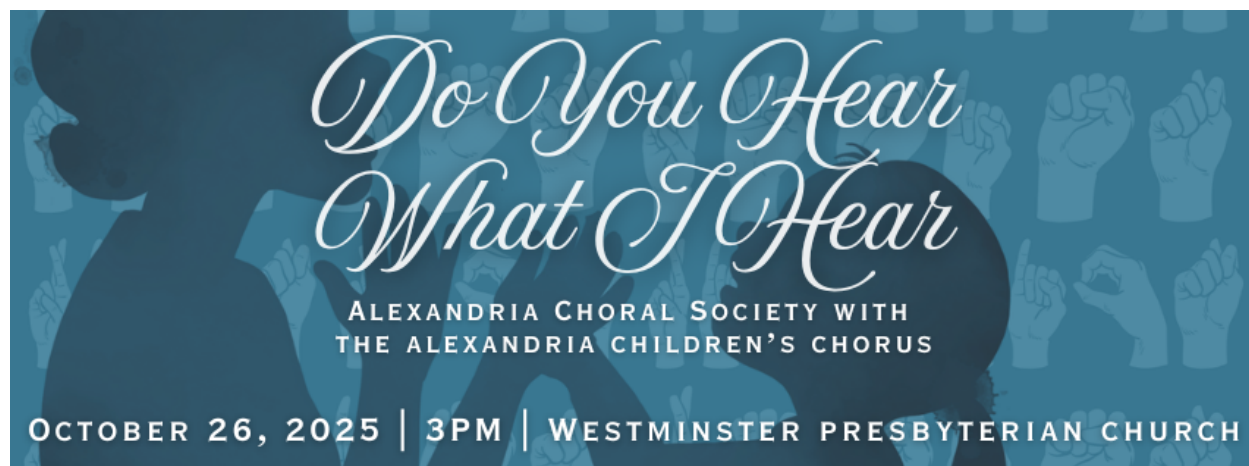




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Alexandria, VA - The Alexandria Choral Society Kicks Off Its 56th Season with *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

In a world filled with noise, how often do we truly listen? On Sunday, October 26, join the Alexandria Choral Society as we kick off our 56th season with *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, a performance presented in partnership with the Alexandria Children's Chorus that asks audience members to contemplate the profound art of listening—not just with their ears, but with their hearts, minds, and spirits.

Singers of all ages will journey together through pieces that explore sound and the spaces in between. From the haunting introspection of Paul Simon's *The Sound of Silence* to the powerful resilience of Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory's *Ain't No Grave*, each selection offers a different lens through which to experience the act of listening. In addition, we are excited to partner with student performance interpreters from Gallaudet University, who will be interpreting multiple pieces in ASL.

This concert invites you to listen more deeply—to the music, to each other, and to the world around us. Join us where every voice matters, every silence speaks, and every listener becomes part of the music itself.

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Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sunday, October 26, 3:00 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

Learn more and get tickets at www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/do-you-hear-what-i-hear

The Alexandria Choral Society strongly believes that financial capacity should never be a barrier to experiencing quality choral programming, which is why we are proud to offer a pay-what-you-can pricing model for all performances. We invite audience members to pay the amount that is affordable to them, whether that is more or less than the suggested ticket price.

About Our 2025-2026 Season

The Alexandria Choral Society is excited to celebrate 56 years of choral excellence in the city of Alexandria. This season, across five performances, ACS invites our audiences on a transformative journey through the deepest questions of human experience: How do we truly hear one another? How do we find joy in a weary world? And what legacy do we leave? ACS is also proud to continue the theme of collaboration from our landmark 55th season, and this season includes partnerships with the Alexandria Children's Chorus, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association, and more. Join us for a season that reminds us to listen deeply, embrace our community, and celebrate together!

Season tickets for our 56th season are still available at www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/seasontickets.

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. 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. For more information visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

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