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Alexandria, VA — The Alexandria Choral Society Kicks Off Its 57th Season with *Tapestry: A Festival of Belonging*

On October 24th, The Alexandria Choral Society (ACS) will officially open its 57th season with *Tapestry: A Festival of Belonging*, weaving together the voices, languages, and traditions of our own wonderfully varied community into one richly patterned evening of music.

The program will feature a new work by award-winning composer Nebal Maysaud, whose music bridges Western and Middle Eastern traditions, and poetry from Alexandria's own Poet Laureate, Cristi Donoso, giving voice to the immigrant experience that has shaped this city for generations. In addition, singers will represent the many voices and languages of our community by singing songs such as *Santo Salvadoreño* in Spanish, *Tsehayé Demekgechi* in Amharic, and *Durme, Durme* in Ladino.

Join ACS as we celebrate what makes us many—and what makes us one.

Tickets

This concert is included in ACS's Season Ticket package, which is available for \$110 and covers admission to ACS's four main performances (*Tapestry: A Festival of Unity*, *Illuminare: A Festival of Light*, *Sláinte: A Festival of Revelry*, and *Requiem: A Festival of Reflection*). By purchasing a season ticket, you are securing your spot at each of our concerts at a discount from the suggested ticket price while also

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helping ACS ensure that we can bring music to Alexandria for seasons to come. Learn more at www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/performances.

Single tickets for this concert are also available at www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/tapestry. As a nonprofit performing arts organization, ACS strongly believes that financial capacity should never be a barrier to experiencing quality choral programming. That's why we have proudly sustained a pay-what-you-can pricing model for our main performances, with a suggested ticket price of \$30.

Pro Coro Alexandria To Perform with American Contemporary Classical Orchestra on October 15th

Before ACS kicks off its own season, ACS's chamber ensemble, Pro Coro Alexandria, will join the American Contemporary Classical Orchestra (ACCO) for their season opener to present one of the most breathtaking works written for orchestra and chorus in recent decades: *Dreamweaver* by acclaimed Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo.

Based on portions of the medieval Norwegian folk poem "Draumkvædet," *Dreamweaver* tells the story of a man who falls asleep for thirteen days and journeys through a series of beautiful, terrifying, and ultimately redemptive visions. Echoing themes found in Dante's *Divine Comedy*, the work explores self-discovery, mortality, and hope through soaring melodies, luminous harmonies, ingenious musical storytelling, and breathtaking orchestral colors. It is a spectacular example of contemporary orchestral and choral writing at its finest.

The evening will also feature renowned soprano Kelly Curtin; the world premiere of a new work by David Ibbett, Composer-in-Residence for the Harvard & Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; and a new composition by ACCO's 2026/2027 Composer-in-Residence, David Winkler.

Tickets for this performance can be purchased directly through ACCO. For more information, visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org/dreamweaver.

About the Alexandria Choral Society

The Alexandria Choral Society's mission is to enhance the cultural life of Alexandria by presenting diverse and engaging vocal music programs at the highest artistic level. For more than half a century, ACS has enriched the 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 languages and cultures. The ensemble has fostered an inclusive environment of belonging and collaboration in the City of Alexandria and beyond.

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