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Curtis Nolley, Artistic Director

And

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Concert Band

Directed by Melissa Bushong Harper

Present

Celebrate America!

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To Our Audience

Good evening and welcome to the *Celebrate America* concert, the conclusion of the Choral Society's 51st season. As we continue to return to life and look at the changing world around us, please remember those that have served and continue to serve in the preservation of our freedoms.

We appreciate the support of the community, advertisers, individual contributors and other organizations. We do enjoy sharing our music and your support makes all of the effort possible.

This concert will be a good time of instrumental music from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band and lighter fare from the Choral Society. The Band and Choral Society will end the evening by joining together to acknowledge our veterans. Please help us show our respect when the service members are invited to stand during "Armed Forces Salute" and then join us in the favorite traditional march "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Planning is well underway for the Choral Society's 52nd concert year. We are eagerly looking forward to the coming year, as always, aided by your continuing support. The coming year will be exciting as we restore operations. We hope you will make plans to join us as the season unfolds.

I invite you to visit our website at singshenandoah.org. It's a good way to see what we are doing. You might also consider friending the Choral Society on Facebook -- another way to follow our activities.

Now, please sit back with your friends and neighbors as the Choral Society and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band present *Celebrate America!*



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Curtis Nolley, Artistic Director In his 21st season as director of the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, Curtis Nolley leads the distinguished ensemble in its 51st season. In addition to his responsibilities with the SVCS, Curtis serves as church musician and free-lance choral conductor. For 43 years he served as music educator serving students as choral director and music specialist at every level. For 27 years he taught at the elementary, middle and secondary

levels in Augusta County and was named the division Teacher of the Year in 2000. Curtis then served a five-year tenure as choral director at Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County, eleven years as Music Specialist in Harrisonburg City Public Schools, and a two-year assignment as Visiting Director of Choral Music at Bridgewater College. Curtis continues to serve as choir director at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. In 2012, Curtis was the recipient of the Virginia Choral Director Association's Sydney Swiggett Award for outstanding service and contribution to choral music education in the Commonwealth, and in 2014, the James Madison University Professional Service Award recognizing outstanding service to the music education profession and James Madison University. A native of the Shenandoah Valley, Curtis holds a BA in Music Education from Bridgewater College and a MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Curtis is active as an adjudicator and guest conductor for scholastic festival choirs across the state of Virginia. An active leader in music education, Curtis is a past president of the Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association and the Virginia Music Educators Association. He continues to serve on VMEA's executive board.

Melissa Bushong Harper, Band Director, graduated from Shepherd College (now Shepherd University) in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education. She has taught music from PreK to 12th grade ranging the full gamut of music classes from general music, choir, and musical theater, to marching and jazz band and orchestra. After graduating from Shepherd, Mrs. Harper worked as a middle school general music and choral teacher while performing at a dinner theater in Hagerstown, Maryland. After leaving the Maryland area, she went on to teach middle and high school band, musical theater, general music, and beginning band in Columbia, Pennsylvania. After arriving back in Virginia, Mrs. Harper taught concert band, marching band, string orchestra, general music, and music theater at Stonewall Jackson High School in Shenandoah County.



The last eleven years, Mrs. Harper has been teaching in Rockingham County, first at Mountain View Elementary and currently at Wilbur Pence Middle School teaching beginning band, concert bands, and jazz band. She is also the director of the after school musical theater program. As a native of the area and an alumnus of Turner Ashby High School, Mrs. Harper is extremely excited to be in the area where her music roots grow deep. In addition to her position as band director at Pence, she is active in Valley Wind Ensemble, she is the director for Harrisonburg Rockingham Concert Band, and she is working on her master's degree in Music Education. In her free time, Mrs. Harper enjoys spending time with her family and finding as many beaches as possible.

Amy Robertson, accompanist, has been piano accompanist for the SVCS since 1996. She is also a freelance and staff accompanist at James Madison University and teaches privately. She lives with her family in Port Republic, Virginia. Amy holds a BA in Piano Performance with an emphasis in accompanying and coaching, and a Masters in Piano Performance from James Madison University. She has been a featured soloist with the Prince William Symphony Orchestra and a finalist in the Hilton Head Island International Competition. In 1997, Amy premiered a piece for cello and piano at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter annual meeting of the College Music Society. In 2000, she auditioned for and attended the American Institute of Music Studies program in Graz, Austria. While there, Amy focused her studies on German Lied and accompanied vocalists in local concerts.



Debbie McGuire, accompanist, serves as assistant accompanist and sings with her fellow altos in the SVCS. She is a professional freelance accompanist who has worked with church, school, and collegiate performance ensembles throughout Virginia. She has taught at Mary Baldwin College and served as piano instructor at Stuart Hall School in Staunton, Virginia. In addition to her service with the SVCS, she has served as guest accompanist for scholastic festival choral ensembles throughout the region. Ms. McGuire is a graduate of the University of Richmond and received her Master's Degree in Church Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Her private studio and residence is in Rockingham County, Virginia.

PROGRAM

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Star Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith / Arr. Erik Leidzen

Above The Line (Galop)

Bryce Newton

With Quiet Courage

Larry Daehn

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America the Beautiful

Samuel Ward / Arr. William Russell Bennett

(At the conductor's signal, the audience is invited to join in singing)

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood,

From sea to shining sea.

Hand in Hand

Rollo Dilworth

Battle Hymn of the Republic

William Steffe / Arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

(At the conductor's signal, the audience is invited to join in singing)

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

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Alkali Ike Rag

Arr. David Seiberling

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Dr. Pat Rooney, guest conductor

Guardians of the Galaxy (Soundtrack Highlights)

Arr. Michael Brown

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Sweet Betsy from Pike

Traditional American Folk Song / Arr. Greg Gilpin

Down in the Valley

Traditional American Folk Song / Arr. Russell Robinson

Bile Them Cabbage Down

Traditional American Folk Song / Arr. Mark Wilberg

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PROGRAM (continued)

Ask Not (A musical tribute to the life of JFK) James Swearingen

Kyiv, 2022 Brian Balmages

Best Broadway Marches Arr. James Christensen

My Favorite Things Richard Rodgers / Arr. Mac Huff
from *The Sound of Music!*

Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen / Arr. Mark Hayes
from *The Wizard of Oz*

Seize the Day Alan Menken / Arr. Roger Emerson
from *Newsies*

Armed Forces Salute Bob Lowden / Arr. Joyce Eilers

The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

(At the conductor's signal, the audience is invited to join in singing the final refrain)

Hurrah for the flag of the free;
May it wave as our standard forever.
The gem of the land and the sea,
The Banner of the Right.
Let despots remember the day,
When our fathers with mighty endeavor,
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray
That by their might, and by their right, it waves forever!

Thank you for attending our concert!

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society

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Susan Holsinger
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PERCUSSION

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Steven Harper

Dr. Pat Rooney, Director of Bands, Emeritus at James Madison University, where he taught for 25 years. Prior to that, he was Director of Bands at East Central University in Oklahoma. Dr. Rooney has a BMED from the University of Southern Mississippi, a MM from the University of North Texas, and a DMA from the Catholic University of America.

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