



The Shenandoah Valley
Choral Society
Directed by Curtis Nolley

&

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Concert Band
Directed by Melissa Harper

Present

Celebrate America!

Thursday, July 3, 2025
Harrisonburg High School
Auditorium

2024-2025 Season
Celebrating our 54th Season 

E Pluribus Unum

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To Our Audience

Good evening and happy 4th of July! Thank you for coming to celebrate Independence Day at our 2025 *Celebrate America* concert. Together, the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band are bringing you some wonderful choral and instrumental pieces to start off your holiday in a festive spirit!

We will begin and end our concert with our traditional patriotic favorites and hope you will join us when our director turns your way. In between, the SVCS will sing some old American folk tunes, followed by some favorite pop songs, such as "I Only Have Eyes for You," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." The band will again present some inspiring arrangements that will lift us all up this Fourth of July.

When we get to the Armed Forces Salute, we ask all veterans to please stand as your Service song is played, so that we may recognize and thank you for your sacrifice and service to our nation. Please note the "Honoring Our Veterans" section in the program. You may include a veteran friend or loved one on this page at future Celebrate America concerts by going to singshenandoah.org/honor-our-veterans. We would be honored to include them.

We wish you all the best this summer, and hope to see you again at our winter concert on December 12 and 14. Please enjoy our concert, and thank you again for helping us to salute The Grand Old Flag!

Donna Tinsley, President

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Board of Directors 2024-2025

Donna Tinsley, *President*

Audrey Shen, *Secretary/Librarian*

Miriam Clark, *Treasurer*

Nancy Metcalfe, *Development, Hospitality*

Curtis Nolley, *Choral Director [Ex-officio]*

Jayne Wagner, *Promotion*

Marta McGuire, *Production*

Clay Cordell, *At-Large*

Tom DeVore, *At-Large*

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society gratefully acknowledges the wonderful, cooperative spirit of the Park View Mennonite Church for the use of its facilities for rehearsals and board meetings.

Program cover photography courtesy of Cara Zimmerman Walton

<http://thewaltonsare.imagekind.com>



Curtis Nolley, Artistic Director In his 24th season as director of the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, Curtis Nolley leads the distinguished ensemble in its 54th 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 in the public schools of Augusta County, Rockingham County, and Harrisonburg City. Additionally, Curtis has directed choirs and taught music education

and choral conducting at Mary Baldwin University and as Visiting Director of Choral Music at Bridgewater College from 2018-2020. Curtis continues to serve as choir director at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. He has received recognition for his work in choral music education as the recipient of the Virginia Choral Director Association's Sydney Swiggett Award for outstanding service and contribution to choral music education in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the James Madison University Professional Service Award recognizing outstanding service to the music education profession and James Madison University, and as Augusta County Public School's Teacher of the Year. Under Curtis' direction, the SVCS was presented the 2020 Circle of Excellence in the Arts Award by the Arts Council of the Valley, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts at JMU. A native of the Shenandoah Valley, Curtis holds a BA in Music Education from Bridgewater College and a Master of Music 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 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 twelve 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

God Bless America

Irving Berlin
Arr. Cofield

The Good Old USA

Arr. Christensen

As Time Goes By

Herman Hupfield
Arr. Barker

* * * * *

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.

Let Me Listen

Dan Forrest
Text: Charles Silvestri, 2022

We come from different places, you and I,
On different paths we journey; let me walk beside you for a while-
Let me listen.

So briefly do our lonely paths converge, yours and mine,
Along this human journey; what hollow loss to never hear your song-
Let me listen.

Let me listen as you tell your story:
Your triumphs and your tears, your trials and your fears.
Your story never has been mine to tell-
Let me listen

And if silence is your choice to keep, then I will keep it with you;
As long as we walk together, you and I,
I will listen.

Too long you've waited, too long, to share your journey, your song-
Let me listen.

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!

* * * * *

American Elegy Frank Tichelli
The Great Escape Elmer Bernstein
Arr. Smith

* * * * *

Howdido, Deediddleumday (Leatherwing Bat) Traditional English Folk Song
Arr. Vicki Courtney
Nine Hundred Miles Traditional American Folk Song
Arr. Phillip Silvey
I Am Bound for the Promised Land Traditional American Gospel Hymn
Arr. Craig Courtney

* * * * *

John Williams in Concert Arr. Lavender
Freedom Quest David Behrman

* * * * *

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Richard Sherman
Arr. John Leavitt

From the musical *Mary Poppins*

I Only Have Eyes for You Henry Warren
Arr. Mark Hayes

From the musical *42nd Street*

Fascinating Rhythm George Gershwin
Arr. Mark Hayes

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!

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band

Conductor

Melissa Bushong Harper

Flute

Don Aittama
Laura Stuart Leslie
Rachel Van Cott
Suzanne Bowman
Debbie Mejia Amador
Erin Eye
Karis Hubbard
Mitzi White
Sarah Watson

Oboe

Brandon Gray
Tammy Gordon

Bassoon

Jessica Harris
Joshua Overacker

Clarinet

Brooke Pernsteiner
Rachel Everard
Anny Mejia Amador
Kai Orebaugh
Wendy Arbogast
Richard Wettstone
Robbie Higdon

Alto Sax

Austin Armstrong
Anahi Bravo
Angela Marrin

Tenor/Bari Sax

Lynette Long
Melody Marrin
Daniel Malabad
Samuel Malabad

Trumpet

Wyatt Smith
Zach Hollar
Melanie Kulas
Pamela Will
Mary M Huffer

Horn

Andy Moyer
Tyler Carr
Kayla Schneider

Trombone

David Breneman
Brett Eye
Jeremy Hawkins
Paul Malabad
Tom McKenzie
Paul Smith

Euphonium

Martha Redstone
Robert Schaefer
Sue Bender
Trevor Cockburn

Tuba

Beth Trainum
David Carothers
Greg Young

Percussion

Aaron Lam
Carson Polk
Steven R Harper

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society

Soprano

Debra Bucklen
Beverley Carver
Miriam Clark
Paula Cude
Bette Gilliam
Katie Grant
Barbara Henkel
Sharon Lacks
Jennie Lam
Julia Longenecker
Nancy Metcalfe
Pat Murphy
Kristi Pascarella
Deneen Safritt
Donna Tinsley
Julia Verba
Alexandra Vilela
Jayne Wagner
Wanda Wallace
Janet Welty

Alto

Kathryn Albright
Jean Andrews
Susan Holsinger
Betty Hoskins
Patsy Jordan
Vicki Miller Langdon
Deidre Lenderking
Cathryn MacDonald
Debbie McGuire
Marta McGuire
Jeanne Neff
Andrea Nolley
Barbara Nuckols
Susan Olson
Sandy Palmer
Deborah Proctor
Heather Schoenborn
Audrey Shenk
Diana Simmons
Alice Trupe
Brenda Wilkinson
Julianne Zerkel

Tenor

Sharon Carter
Marcelo Flores
Kent Gangwer
Robert Henkel
Robert Jochen
Phil Markert
Ronald Matthews
Ann Ridder
John Sellers
Dick Stutzman

Bass

Andreas Broscheid
Tom DeVore
Jim Dye
David Holl
James G Kiser
Steve Proctor
David Van Pelt

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society
is a member of the



HONORING OUR VETERANS



RANK/VETERAN	BRANCH	SERVICE
SSGT Henry Hank Almond, Jr.	US Air Force	1961-1967
PFC Ross Jackson Beavers	US Army	1954-1956
A1C William Litz Beavers	US Air Force	1964-1968
E-6 Gary Breeden	Navy	1979-1985
PO3 Robert M. Brown	US Navy	1950-1954
SGT Max Couchman	US Air Force	1948-1954
A1C Jay Cude	Air Force	1983 - 1987
SPC Kemper Dadisman	US Army	1961-1964
SGT-E5 Thomas C DeVore	US Army	1964-1968
SPC 4 Thomas C DeVore	US Army	1970-1972
MM2 Kenneth A Dickinson, Jr.	Navy	1984-1990
E-4 Terrance A. Fitzgerald Jr.	US Army	
COL Will B. Freds	US Army	1997-Present
SN Leroy Gangwer	US Navy	1914-1918
SSGT/E-6 Richard N. Germroth	US Army	1969-1976
SK3 Edward Allen Gillette	US Navy	1965-1968
Major Robert A. Henkel	US Army	1972-1993
E-5 Carson Hensley	Navy	1970-1976
E-3 Warren F. Hersh	US Navy	1957-1960
SH3 John C. Jarrels	US Navy	1952-1956
SGT Michael J. Krouse	US Marines	1978-1982
LT COL William J. Krouse	US Air Force	1958-1979

HONORING OUR VETERANS



RANK/VETERAN	BRANCH	SERVICE
MSgt Glenn W. Lemons	US Air Force	1984-2010
FC3 Christos L. Maskaleris	US Navy	1942-1946
CPT Gordon K. Meriwether III	USNR (Ret'd)	1970-2001
ICC H. James Michael, Jr.	US Navy	1966-1970
E-4 Roger Michael	Army	1970 -1971
LT Dwight Miller	US Navy	1951-1955
SSG Gerald Mose	US Air Force	1953-1957
SSG Charles E. Neff, Jr.	VA Army Nat'l Guard	1986-1994
SSG Fred M. Olson Jr.	US Army Air Corps	1942-1945
SGT Fred M. Olson III	US Air Force	1967-1971
SSG Jeffrey M. Olson	US Army	1997-2005
LT COL Frank Padilla	US Air Force	1954-1974
ISG Scott Powers	Army National Guard	1993-2023
PFC Francis "Diz" Proctor	US Army	WWII
STG 2 Steve Proctor	US Navy	1966-1969
S2 Louis Kirk Robey	US Navy	WWII
T3(CB) William A. Robey	US Navy	1944-1946
CPT Honi Smith	US Air Force	1984-2004
CPT Vedith T. Smith	US Army WACS	1942-1945
Frances Roy Stutzman	CPS	1942-1946
E-3 Harold R. Tinsley	US Army	1950-1953
Major William L. Wilson	US Army	1941-1945
T/5 Edwin P. Wolfe	US Army	
PFC Basil C. Zickafoose	US Army	1915-1919

Our Supporters

Patron Circle

Robert and Barbara Henkel
Robert F. Jochen and Christopher T. Smith,
 In memory of Albert E. Jochen, Jr.
Andrea and Curtis Nolley
Steve and Debbie Proctor
Hollis and Martha Showalter
Welby and Sharon Showalter

Orchestra Circle

Miriam Jarrels Clark
Linda A. Dove,
 in memory of Karen Felgate

Chamber Circle

David and Sue Cockley
Tom DeVore,
 in memory of Doreen DeVore
Norma Gardner
Stan and Susan Godshall
Ron and Sherry Matthews
Bobby and Joe May
Nancy Metcalfe
Carey and Julia Verba

Quintet Circle

Anonymous

Quartet Circle

Anonymous
Linda Bradley
Donald and Jean Brown
Steven and Christine Carpenter
Beverley Carver
Dr. Fred Fox
Clarence and Deane Geier,
 in honor of Megan Geier
Jeff and Susan Holsinger
Tim Hulings
Deidre and David Lenderking
Wayne and Julia Longenecker
Debbie McGuire,
 in honor of Norma Gardner
Michael and Marta McGuire
Barry and Connie Minnick
Jed and Kristi Pascarella
Sam and Jan Showalter
Jeanette Shull
Katherine Thompson
Donna and Richard Tinsley
Peggy and Dick Wurst
Ted and Mary Beth Flory

Duet Circle

Deborah Bandalos
Sharon Carter
John Chilton
Thomas Delare
Jan Flora
J.D. and Becky Glick
Bruce and Robin Hall
Les and Sylvia Helmuth
Alice Lee Hopkins,
 in honor of Jesse E. Hopkins
June Hosaflook
Betty Hoskins
Glenn and Betsy Hulvey
Jennie Lam,
 in memory of Susan Haag
Vicki Miller Langdon
Janet Leach Long
Gordon Meriwether
Richard and Leona Myers
Susan Olson
Rebecca Replogle
Tony and Dwyann Stovall,
 in memory of Clarence M. Moyers
Donald Tyson
Wanda Wallace
Dorothy Jean Weaver
Brenda Sue Wilkinson,
 in memory of Dwight Miller
Ruth Williams,
 in honor of Curtis Nolley

Singer Circle

Robert Alley
Jean Andrews
Bob Bersson
Marianne Halterman
Rachel Hamburger
James and Susan Kiser
Carol La Spina
Jeanne Neff,
 in memory of C. Ellsworth Neff
James Newman
Audrey Shenk
Linda Shifflett
Billy M. Walton
Dean and Janet Welty



Want to support SVCS? Donate by visiting
<https://singshenandoah.org/donations/>

Help the Music Continue!
The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society
Announces the establishment of our
Legacy Fund

In partnership with the Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, the SVCS has established the Legacy Fund to sustain the mission of the SVCS into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can help the music continue through your gift or estate planning, please call Curtis Nolley at 540-433-3031 or email carnolley@hotmail.com for more information.

You can also scan the QR code
or visit: <https://singshenandoah.org/svcs-legacy-fund/>



The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society
would like to thank



JAYMAXX.LLC

3006 Preston Lake Blvd
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Cell: 540-421-1299
Email: chipmcl@verizon.net

Chip McIntyre

Executive Vice President
Sales and Marketing

for donating the American Flags used in
tonight's concert.

Singers Welcome!

Do you enjoy singing? Consider
joining SVCS!

We enjoy expressing our creativity
through music and providing joy
and entertainment for our
audiences.

We are a non-audition ensemble.
Rehearsals are held every
Tuesday from 7:00-9:00p.m. at
Park View Mennonite Church,
1600 College Avenue,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

For More Information visit:
singshenandoah.org



LOCATED IN THE SHENANDOAH
HERITAGE MARKET

540-432-8697
TIMELESSTOYS4U@GMAIL.COM
WWW.TIMELESSTOYS4U.COM

OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

**Kitchen
Upboard**
Since 1999

Your Specialty Kitchen Store

Located at:
Shenandoah Heritage Market
Rt. 11 South
Harrisonburg, Virginia

(540) 438-8344
121 Carpenter Lane
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
www.kitchenupboard.com



540-421-8686
designconcretebuilders.com



For All Your Hardscape Needs...
Concrete Made Beautiful



The Community
Foundation

HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM



100% LOCAL
EMPLOYEE OWNED
YOUR INSURANCE SOLUTION

We're committed to making a difference 365 days a year.



LD&B.com/insur



BRANT SUTER
REALTOR

540.421.3180
Brant.Suter@NestRealty.com

'Congratulations on your Season!'

NEST REALTY 129 W Wolfe Street | Harrisonburg, VA 22802 | Licensed in VA



CARDINAL
DENTAL SPECIALISTS

ORAL SURGERY PERIODONTICS

cardinalspecialists.com • Harrisonburg, Virginia
• 540.705.0195 •



At Bridgewater Retirement Community, family is music to our ears. Whether you're harmonizing with friends or making memories with your grandkids, we embrace creativity, connection, and moments that make your spirit sing. Because retiring here means you never have to go solo.

800.419.9129
brcliving.org
302 N 2nd Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812



INDEPENDENT LIVING
ASSISTED LIVING
MEMORY SUPPORT
NURSING HOUSEHOLDS



BRIDGEWATER
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
OF ENERGY FOR LIFE

Build Real Connections

"The culture that Coach Davis has built and the values instilled in the program have not only impacted me as an athlete but as a young adult."

Adalia Coleman '24

Two-time national champion
and eight-time All-American



**Get a private college experience
at a public college price.**

real.bridgewater.edu



 **BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE**





(540) 432-6616

1451 Brookhaven Dr,
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



www.harrisonburgsmiles.com

At Harrisonburg Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, we believe everyone who walks through our door has the right to look good and feel good. We believe every patient we see has the right to a healthy mouth, and we believe we can improve the self-esteem and health of those who choose to trust their valuable smiles in our hands.

Our team is led by Dr. Mario DeNicola and Dr. Monisha Khanna, who share a passion and commitment to modern dentistry. They understand that the difference is in the details and each person on the team goes above and beyond to ensure that your experience is comprehensive, efficient and as relaxing as possible.



**We File For Most
Major Insurances**



**In-House Membership
Plan Available**

(FOR PATIENTS WITHOUT INSURANCE)



Dr. Mario DeNicola **Dr. Monisha Khanna**

LARSON

WEALTH MANAGEMENT



PLAN WITH CONFIDENCE,
INVEST WITH PURPOSE

larsonwealthmgt.com

Securities and advisory services offered through LPL financial,
a registered investment advisor, member FINRA/SIPC.



Voted #1 in Retirement Living

Explore what life is like in our award-winning and vitalizing senior living community for those 55 and better.

See for yourself why our residents
Love Where They Live!

Schedule your personal tour of our
pet-friendly community today.

INDEPENDENT LIVING | ASSISTED LIVING | SKILLED NURSING | MEMORY SUPPORT



3935 Sunnyside Drive | Harrisonburg, VA 22801
800.237.2257 | 540.568.8411 | www.LiveatSS.com

Shenandoah Valley Music Festival

An Outdoor Concert Series in Orkney Springs, VA



July 18th
The Motortown All-Stars
The Music and Magic of
Motown



July 19th
Gaelic Storm
With special guest the
Screaming Orphans



Grand Funk Railroad
July 25th



**Swing into
Victory!**
featuring:
The LSO Big Band

Enjoy the
sounds of Swing!

July 26th

**Coming
in August!**
The Bacon Brothers
Shenandoah
Rumours ATL:
Fleetwood Mac Tribute
and More!



Tickets & more info at:
Musicfest.org

