

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society

Curtis Nolley, Artistic Director

And

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Concert Band

Directed by Melissa Bushong Harper

-Present-

Celebrate America!

Friday, July 3, 7:30 PM
Harrisonburg High School
Auditorium

2025-2026 Season
Celebrating our 55th Season

E pluribus unum



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To Our Audience

Happy 250th birthday, America! Thank you for coming tonight to help us celebrate this very special anniversary of our nation. We hope you will enjoy tonight's presentation by the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band.

We will begin and end our concert with our traditional patriotic favorites, including the Armed Forces Salute. If you are active duty or former military, please stand when your Service song is played so that we may recognize you for your service to our country, and we thank you for the freedom you have helped to guard for 250 years. Please note the tribute in our program to many heroes who have served in our military and as first responders.

The choral society will also sing some great American folk tunes, including the beautiful old Appalachian melody, "Every Night When the Sun Goes In," as well as familiar pop tunes such as "As Time Goes By" and "Blue Moon." As always, our talented band will again be sharing some special arrangements that we all look forward to.

Please join the choral society again on July 4th at Spotswood High School as we help to kick off the big 250th community celebration sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, with many special events planned during the day.

Thank you again for being here and for your valuable support.

Donna Tinsley,
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The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society gratefully acknowledges the wonderful, cooperative spirit of the Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren for the use of its facilities for rehearsals and board meetings.

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Curtis Nolley, artistic director, is in his 25th year as director of the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society leading the distinguished ensemble during its 55th season. In addition to his responsibilities with the SVCS, Curtis serves as church musician and freelance choral conductor. For 43 years he worked as a music educator, serving students as a choral director and music specialist in the public schools of Augusta County, Rockingham County, and Harrisonburg City. Additionally, Curtis

has directed choirs, taught choral conducting at Mary Baldwin University, and served 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 Directors 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 Schools' 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.

Melissa Bushong Harper graduated from Shepherd University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and later earned a Master's degree in Music Education from James Madison University. She has taught music from PreK through 12th grade, including general music, choir, musical theater, band, marching band, jazz band, and orchestra. Mrs. Harper has taught in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Shenandoah County, and currently in Rockingham County Public Schools. She now teaches beginning band, concert bands, and jazz band at Wilbur S. Pence Middle School. Mrs. Harper is active in the Valley Wind Ensemble, Mason Street Brass, and serves as director of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and visiting 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 Master's 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 are in Rockingham County, Virginia.



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PROGRAM

Star Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith

Arr. Leidzen

Shine on Me

Erin Keeton- Howard

Panorama USA

Arr. Ployhar

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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.

Unity Song

Robert T. Gibson

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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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Arr. Danner

Americans, We

Henry Fillmore

Arr. Foster

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Cindy

Traditional American Folk Song

Arr. David Eddleman

Traditional Appalachian Folk Song
Arr. David Waggoner

Traditional American Folk Songs
Arr. John Purifoy

Victory at Sea

Arr. Moss

Randall Standridge

As Time Goes By

Herman Hupfeld
Arr. Jay Althouse

Ain't Misbehavin'

Thomas "Fats" Waller and Harry Brooks
Arr. Mark Hayes

Blue Moon

Richard Rodgers
Arr. Kirby Shaw

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

Soprano

Debra Bucklen
Heidi Campbell
Beverley Carver
Miriam Clark
Paula Cude
Betsy Gilliam
Sarah Koontz
Sharon Lacks
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Anna Flink
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Andrea Nolley
Sue Olson
Debbie Proctor
Audrey Shenk
Jan Showalter
Diana Simmons
Pat Temples
Brenda Wilkinson
Julianne Zerkel

Tenor

Sharon Carter
Marcelo Flores
Kent Gangwer
Robert Jochen
Phil Markert
Ron Matthews
Ann Ridder
John Sellers
Sam Showalter
Dick Stutzman

Bass

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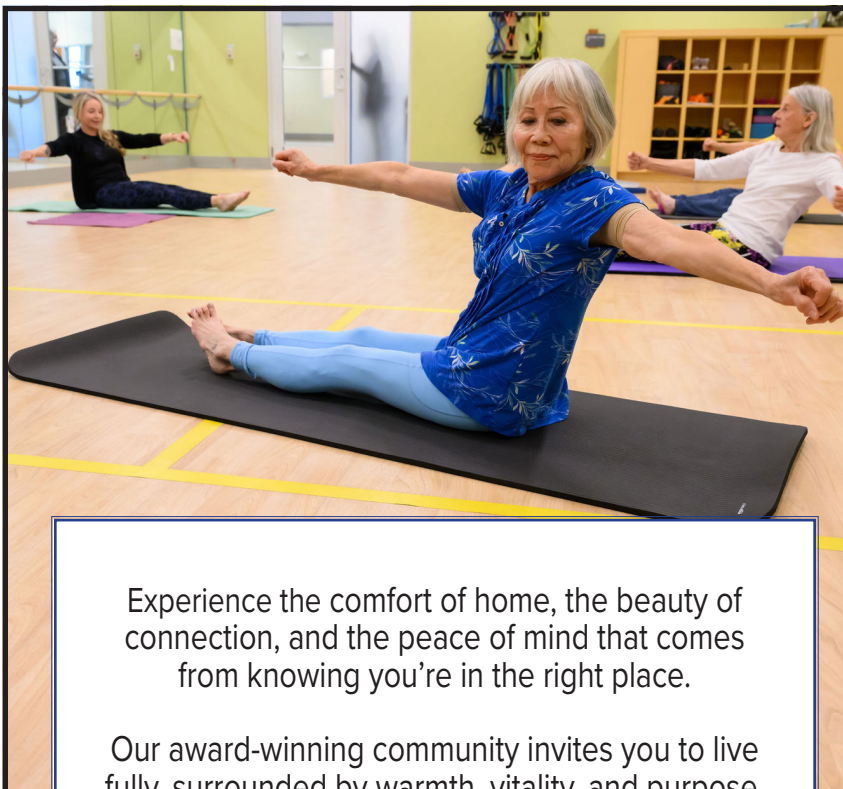
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