



The Northern Virginia Chorale
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The NVC's 49th Season Letter from the Artistic Director

Dear Friends and Patrons of the Arts:

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 49th Season of the Northern Virginia Chorale! It was such a delight to begin my tenure last season, and I am eager for my first full season serving as Artistic Director. The Board and I have been hard at work planning for the Chorale's upcoming season, and we have begun exploring new ideas to take us into the future.

One project we will pilot this season is our new Apprenticeship Program. This idea arose when reflecting on our mission of enriching the Northern Virginia community with choral music and recognizing the lack of training opportunities for future music educators. Our goal is to provide experience and mentorship for up to four individuals, and we hope the training they receive is used to further provide quality music education and choral music to Northern Virginia schools and the community. These individuals will gain choral experience by singing in the ensemble and directing experience by leading the Chorale in rehearsal and performance. In order to make this program accessible, especially for individuals who are unable to afford an unpaid apprenticeship, we aim to provide an honorarium to cover travel expenses and the weekly time commitment during the season.

As we embark upon this new program, we hope you will experience it at our concerts. We will celebrate the Holiday Season in December with movements from Handel's *Messiah* and other holiday selections. Then in March we will join together with instrumentalists for "The Glory of Spring." This will feature the Vivaldi *Gloria* and include other pieces about Spring. Finally, for our May concert, we will present a program entitled "Love is in the Air" which will feature a wide variety of love songs from across the music spectrum. As always our concerts will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, and more details can be found on our website.

If you would like to support the NVC in addition to attending our concerts, please check out our [*Partners in the Arts*](#) section on our website and consider giving a donation. Your donation will go toward our many operating expenses such as hiring instrumentalists, purchasing music, and it will help fund our new Apprenticeship program. We hope you'll consider giving as your generosity will allow our new program to continue into the future, and it will support us in our upcoming 50th Anniversary Season.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event as you experience the NVC's great music making!

Until then,

Trevor Tran, Artistic Director
The Northern Virginia Chorale