



PRESS RELEASE:

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SEASON 30: NEW HORIZONS



The Concert Singers of Cary welcomes the Triangle community to our 30th Season entitled “New Horizons”.

As “Voices heard throughout the Triangle,” our mission remains to educate and inspire all members of our community. Despite not being able to gather in person due to the ongoing pandemic, we will build on our abilities to perform music from all genres and to foster collaboration between artists, and we look forward to adding virtual performance to our repertoire.

Our first priority is the safety of our singing membership and patrons. Therefore, our policy is to follow the lead of the Town of Cary and to meet all State of NC guidelines for COVID safety. This means not gathering in person for the foreseeable future, either to rehearse or to perform. As

state and local restrictions are eased over time, we will consider all aspects of our operations and adapt as needed to safeguard the health and safety of our membership, crew, and patrons.

As we embark on our 30th anniversary season, the Concert Singers of Cary commits to using our voices to embody and promote equality, justice, and human dignity for all, including and especially for people of color. Over the past several months, the horror and pain of racial injustice so long suffered by Black members of our community have taken center stage across North Carolina and across the country. The Concert Singers of Cary acknowledges this injustice and condemns it. As a community-based arts organization, we believe that diversity and inclusion are vital to our mission as we strive to elevate, provoke and entertain our audiences.

The Concert Singers of Cary will continue to meet virtually on Monday evenings to rehearse and participate in community-focused activities centered around choral music. The performance planning for the season will be somewhat fluid, but we will adjust as needed to insure an exciting season for membership and patrons.

Becoming a part of our community- as a singer or patron of the arts- offers an exciting season of new experiences and musical growth focused on opportunities for all and on New Horizons.

FALL EVENT 1: BRICKYARD BROADCAST – November 12 and 13, 2020 6:00 PM

CSC will participate in Brickyard Broadcast, in collaboration with NC State, composed by Lisa Bielawa. Brickyard Broadcast, a newly composed work by Lisa Bielawa, and will involve outdoor performance, technology and innovative use of outdoor space. This broadcast will be free of charge.

GIVING TUESDAY: December 1, 2020 : CSC will again participate in Giving Tuesday which is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people to transform their communities and the world. <https://www.givingtuesday.org/individuals>.

Please consider supporting CSC during this campaign. You may donate through our website. <https://concertsingers.org/support-csc/individual-donations>.

WINTER EVENT 2 – HOLIDAY POPS- December 12, 2020 7:30 pm

CSC will present our annual Holiday Pops on the Town, which will be a virtual production of our holiday classic, centered in and around the Town of Cary. We will celebrate the season new and exciting ways across the town during the holiday season, culminating in a broadcast for the community. Our virtual presentation will be free of charge with the opportunity to donate to our cause.

SPRING EVENT 3 – March 2021

CSC will present *Where We Find Ourselves*, a new work by Micheal Bussewitz Quarm. Bussewitz-Quarm has become one of America's most recent emerging composers, specializing in choral works commissioned around social and environmental issues. The dates and times for this presentation will be decided soon and more information provided when available.

SPRING EVENT 4 : April 2021

Join us for our Fourth Annual (Outdoor) Big Sing. Big Sing is an opportunity to gather and do some outdoor singing in a large choir, an experience like no other. This season we will socially distance and sing some favorite tunes outdoors, with amplified keyboard accompaniment. We look forward to welcoming the community to join us in song.

SPRING EVENT 5- May 2021

CSC will complete the season with the Third Annual DISCOVERY CONCERT presenting Mozart Solemn Vespers. The Discovery Series is presented in an educational lecture format. The conductor speaks directly to the audience and illustrates various themes and motifs of the piece, then performed by the orchestra and choir. After this interactive session, the musicians will perform the piece. The Discovery Series format has been an extremely popular event in our season. We are pleased to perform this important work—originally scheduled for May 2020— as a gift to our community. More details about this performance will be available soon.

ANNUAL FULLER BLOUNT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2020

CSC offers an annual scholarship in memory of its co-founder Fuller S. Blunt. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating North Carolina high school senior who has been accepted and is entering a college or university as a Music major. It is a one-time award of \$1,000 paid directly to the college of choice at the beginning of the academic year.

<https://concertsingers.org/about/fuller-blunt-memorial-scholarship/>

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