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**\_\_Adopt a Singer \$ 50**

Name of Singer \_\_\_\_\_

I do not have a specific singer in mind but would like to adopt a singer in one of the following sections:  
\_\_Soprano \_\_Alto \_\_Tenor \_\_Bass

Name as you would like it to appear in the program/ publicity  
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## Northlake Performing Arts Society

23rd Season

2018 – 2019

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## About NPAS

The Northlake Performing Arts Society was founded in 1995 as an auditioned community choir to establish a venue for fine choral arts performance. Over the years, the NPAS Chorus has developed into an organization known for musical excellence and a high level of professionalism. NPAS recognizes that great music can inspire profound change in our lives, our community and our culture. NPAS is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance and enrich the cultural life on the Northshore by using choral music as a catalyst to embrace and promote other art forms. The NPAS Chorus is truly a community organization with a wide range of professions, experience, musical training and ages blending together in a singular passion for beautiful music.

## About the Music

In addition to performing major classical works such as Handel's *Messiah* and the Mozart and Brahms *Requiem*, the chorus also presents semi-staged Broadway/operetta productions and contemporary literature encompassing patriotic music, folk songs, and revues. NPAS' repertoire over the past several years has included music from John Rutter, movie-goer favorites, music from Porter and Gershwin, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, a collaboration between Southeastern Louisiana University Choirs and NPAS.

## About the Future

NPAS raises funds annually to provide a \$500 college scholarship for a local student majoring in music at the baccalaureate level. NPAS is realizing a goal this season by creating a children's choir for students in grades 5 – 12. These children will perform with NPAS. NPAS is also to performing concerts in new and non-traditional venues throughout the Northshore region to share its music with an even larger audience.

### NPAS Artistic Director – Dr. Alissa Mercurio Rowe



Alissa Mercurio Rowe, is an active choral conductor, voice teacher, and soloist. She currently serves as Associate Professor, Director of Choral Activities at Southeastern Louisiana University. She is active as an adjudicator, has given choral and vocal workshops in the Midwest and Southeastern states and has conducted numerous Honor Choirs. Dr. Rowe is also the current Graduate Coordinator and Vocal Area Coordinator at SLU. As a soloist, she has performed with the symphonies throughout the US and in Mexico. She also performed and recorded three roles in David Schiff's opera *Gimpel the Fool*. Dr. Rowe is a versatile performer who regularly performs a wide variety of works. She is also active as a recitalist.

Dr. Rowe holds a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from Louisiana State University, a Master of Music in Conducting, a Master of Music in Vocal Performance, a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Teacher Certification K-12 from the University of Michigan.

### NPAS Assistant Director – Amy Prats



Amy Prats is the Northlake Performing Arts Society's Assistant Director and an instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University where she is the director of the University Chorus/Northshore Choral Society and teaches undergraduate conducting, voice class, and several music education classes. Ms. Prats was previously the Director of Choirs at Ponchatoula High School and Destrehan High School. For three years she held the position of Southeastern Music Festival Choir Director and Vocal Area Coordinator for the Southeastern Louisiana University Summer Music Festival. Additionally, she taught for five years as a Professional Voice Instructor for the SLU Community Music School and continues to teach privately in the Covington area. Ms. Prats currently serves as an adjudicator for local music festivals and as a guest clinician for honor choirs throughout the Southeastern Louisiana region.

Ms. Prats completed her Alternate Certification in Music Education at SLU and was awarded the highest honor, Exemplary Alternate Certification Student. Ms. Prats holds a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

### NPAS Pianist



Irina Cunev, native from Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Piano Performance from Louisiana State University, Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Moldova State University of Arts. After completing her Bachelor's degree, she served as a full time piano instructor and a staff accompanist at the State Liceum of Music "Stircea" in Chisinau, Moldova. In 2002 she was invited to serve as a full-time piano instructor in Liu Ning Piano School in Shenyang, China, making solo appearances in Shenyang Conservatory of Music and Dalian University, China. In 2004, she moved to Louisiana where she pursued master's and doctor's degrees. She is currently serving as a full time piano instructor and accompanying area coordinator at Southeastern LA University. Dr. Cunev is also the staff pianist for St. Andrew's UMC in Baton Rouge, LA.

## NPAS 2018 – 2019 Performance Schedule

### October 13 & 14, 2018

#### *"Music of Rodgers and Hart"*

NPAS kicks off its 23<sup>rd</sup> season with music from the dynamic songwriting partnership of Rodgers and Hart. This concert will include familiar tunes such as: *Blue Moon, My Funny Valentine, Isn't It Romantic, and It's a Grand Night for Singing.* Fuhrmann Auditorium, Covington

### December 7 & 9, 2018

#### *"Ring Out Wild Bells"*

This concert will have sacred, secular, and multi-cultural music. You will hear holiday favorites like *Ava Maria, O Holy Night, Jingle Bells* and new arrangements of old songs, plus sing-a-longs. Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mandeville  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Slidell

### March 22 & 24, 2019

#### *"Requiem"* by Gabriel Faure

NPAS will sing all the movements to Faure's beautiful and glorious work. NPAS will be accompanied by organ.  
Christ Episcopal Church, Covington

### May 24 & 26, 2019

#### *"Billy Joel and Elton John Hits"*

The final season concert will include favorite tunes from songwriters Elton John and Billy Joel. The program will include famous numbers like *River of Dreams, Lullaby, Piano Man, I'm Still Standing, and Circle of Life.* Fuhrmann Auditorium, Covington

## Your Generous Contributions Help NPAS and the Performing Arts in our Community Grow

The Northlake Performing Arts Society depends on generous donations from individuals and businesses in our community who share our love and enjoyment of music and the performing arts. Your financial support allows us to continue the level of artistic excellence that has made NPAS an award-winning operation.