

# THE VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY

## PRESS RELEASE

### 2011 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society established a scholarship fund for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education. VCS is pleased to announce and offer our congratulations for our 2011 award to Ms. Kelsey Nunn, a graduating senior from York High School.



At each of our spring concerts, Ms. Nunn will sing "*The Lass from the Low Countree*" by John Jacob Niles. Ms. Nunn will receive a \$1000.00 award and will perform at concerts on April 29 (8:00pm) and May 1, (3:00pm) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6807 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, VA.

*"I want to reach as many people with the message of music, of wonderful opera,"* Luciano Pavarotti.

Kelsey Nunn has always had a soft spot for the fat lady that sings and could never figure why. Well, she had finally concluded she most desires to be that fat lady. Her head has always been wrapped around music. She plays the piano, trombone and baritone. But, it was not until Kelsey started singing in a choir that she truly felt her place. Although, she quickly discovered there is no hiding a boisterous mezzo among airy soft sopranos. Thus, her desire to sing opera was born. She has always been up for a challenge, so it is not surprising that she would want to become successful in one of the most difficult arts. Although Kelsey has years of training ahead of her to mature her voice and master the art of opera, she is ready for everything it takes.

This spring she participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing in both the Advanced High School Classical and Music Theatre categories. Kelsey also starred as Rona Lisa Peretti in York High School's musical production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Next year she will attend either James Madison University or the University of North Carolina School of the Arts at Winston-Salem. After obtaining her bachelor's there, she wishes to continue studies for her masters at Eastman School of Music in New York or another well accredited conservatory. She deeply understands that in this business she will have many setbacks and many discouragements. But, as the actress Jane Fonda says, "*If the career you have chosen has some unexpected inconvenience, console yourself by reflecting that no career is without them.*" The accomplishments required to aspire as a productive performer will feel worthwhile because of her great love for music.

Two performances have been scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, April 30 , 8:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia
- Sunday, May 1 , 3:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Advance ticket purchases may be obtained from members of the VCS, at Pro Music and Sound Store (Tabb area) and their phone is (757) 867-715 and Ham Town Books in Smithfield, VA (757) 357-3133.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: [www.vachoralsociety.org](http://www.vachoralsociety.org) on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.