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The League of Women Voters of Arlington, a Chapter of the MA and US Leagues, believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy. Formed by leaders of the women's suffrage movement in 1920, the year the 19th Amendment was ratified, the LWV is a nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. They encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy. Go to LWVA.com to learn more.

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Special thanks to members of the **Voices Rising** feminist chorus and their Artistic Director for joining forces with Cantilena for this performance. Go to VoicesRising.org to learn more.



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A free event as part of the Arlington 250 celebration

"Lifting As We Climb"
Choral Performance & Readings
by Cantilena Women's Voices,
Voices Rising & Guests

"How Long Must We Wait"
Film Screening

Audience Talkback & Reception

Thursday, June 26, 7PM
Arlington Friends of the Drama

Suggested donation \$10

How Long Must We Wait

Filmmaker: Jaclyn O'Laughlin

A 60-minute historical documentary about the 72-year battle that women fought to achieve the right to vote in the United States, *How Long Must We Wait* focuses on the events in 1917 that led to the imprisonment and brutal treatment of suffragists in a prison in Lorton, Virginia. This was considered a turning point in the suffrage campaign, which helped turn the public tide and ultimately led to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. While that was a huge victory, the film also focuses on the fact that there is still much to be done in the fight for women's equal rights.

Lifting As We Climb

Poet/Lyricist: Joan Szymko (conceived and created from various sources)

Suffragists come to life and previously hidden voices of African American women fighting for the vote are heard in *Lifting As We Climb*, a 100th anniversary commemoration of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. *Lifting As We Climb* celebrates the history of the women's suffrage movement while exploring the present day assault on voting rights; anticipating a future that will require a diligent, informed public ready to fight for equality, democracy, and universal suffrage.

Elinor A. Armsby, Cantilena Director **Leora Zimmer**, Voices Rising Director

Kelvyn Koning, piano **Kari Paisley-Flango**, drums

Cantilena Singers

Erdmute Benoit	Allyson Cahill	Angela Carroll
Jaime Church	Janice Darling	Lynne Dichter
Stephanie Everett	Isabella Feierberg	Anne Gehrenbeck-Shim
Beverly Hjorth	Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski	Chris Lull
Erin Maloney	Mara Moldwin	Raphaella Mueller
Karen Nichols	Kristin Palace	Gina Sonder
Jeanne Sparrow	Sunny Tom	

Voices Rising Singers

Carrie Braverman	Kelly Exley-Smith	Sandy Goodman
Katelyn Joyal	Izzy Joyce	Adina Karantza
Kai Long	Maggie Molloy	Jules Petot
Carmen Piedad	Melissa Quest-Mercadante	Elizabeth Ryan
Kat Spicer	Abby Stewart	Sophia Suarez-Friedman
Bridget Summit	Becky Summit	Katie Thorp
Emily Twaddell	Samantha Wathugala	

Guest Readers

Kate Beattie	Melanie Brown	Shelley Brown
Michaiah Healy	Colleen Kirby	Melissa Quirk
Amy Tai	Donisha Thaxton	

Guest Readers include local activists and members of Arlington Friends of the Drama, Voices Rising, and the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

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Program

Introduction

Patti Muldoon, LWVA

"How Long Must We Wait"

Film Screening

Intermission

"Lifting As We Climb"

Choral Performance & Dramatic Reading

by Cantilena Women's Voices,

Voices Rising & Guests

Audience Talkback

Reception

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