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Dear Friend,

**It's happened!** Cappella Clausura has made the leap from "Boston/Newton's best-kept secret" to national recognition!

You usually hear from director Amelia LeClair at this time of year, but I asked to write this spring letter so I can brag on her in a way that she never would!

**We are now reaching tens of thousands of listeners!** *Exultet Terra*, our first recording on the Navona/Naxos label, has been broadcast on scores of radio stations here and abroad - with a podcast on the **Classical Music Discovery** channel which alone is subscribed to by thousands of listeners. It has been aired on specialist programs such as **Music of our Mothers**, and has led to our recording of the Aleotti madrigals being picked up by **Millennium of Music**, reaching more than 150 stations through the web, NPR and commercial channels. If you haven't heard our exquisite recordings of Hildegard von Bingen, Vittoria Aleotti and Hilary Tann, do give a listen!

And if you suspect, as I do, that the most significant accolades come from one's peers, there's more great news. **CHORUS AMERICA**, the national association of professional choruses, chose **Cappella Clausura for its 2017 ALICE PARKER/ASCAP AWARD**, given in recognition of Clausura's commitment to living, as well as historical, composers:

**For programming recently composed music that expands  
the mission of the ensemble and challenges the chorus's audiences in new ways.**

Add to this new national stature the **deeply felt performances** Clausura brings us here at home, and you will understand why I am thrilled.

**To be sustained, this level of artistic success requires a bedrock of financial health** - and our small handful of musicians, board and donors can't do it alone. **More is expected of us now**, and so we humbly, gratefully, hopefully are asking more of you, and of everyone receiving this letter. **Please make as generous a contribution as you can** before our fiscal year ends on June 30. We in turn will continue to move you - and to make you oh-so-proud!

With many thanks for your past and future gifts - and for your presence,

Martha H. Bancroft  
President, Board of Directors

**PS. Please do all you can to support this little music engine that could! Make your tax-deductible contribution by return mail. Or to give online, visit [Clausura.org/support](http://Clausura.org/support). Contributions dated by June 30 will help us end this spectacular year in the black. Thank you!**

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