



**Debra L. Kraft, *Executive Director***  
**Biography**

Ms. Kraft has been Executive Director since November 2004. Prior to her work at the Choral Arts Society, Ms. Kraft was Managing Director of the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts (OTC). Ms. Kraft also served as co-director of youth and family programming at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. In October 2002, she was elected vice-president of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington board of directors and has served on the board of several choral organizations including the Cathedral Choral Society and the Woodley Ensemble. She was also vice-president of the United Arts Organization of Washington and served on committees for Maryland Citizens for the Arts and the Fine Arts Advisory Panel for the Maryland Department of Education. In 2007 Ms. Kraft joined the faculty of George Mason University in the graduate Masters in Arts Management program and continues to guest lecture at other universities. Ms. Kraft is a member of the 2005 Leadership Washington Class and has participated in the Leadership Montgomery class of 1997 and as session chair on the arts for the 1998 and 1999 classes.