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Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Presents Festive Season Finale: 'Music of the Americas' Featuring Guitarist Colin Davin

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Alexandria, VA—The **Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic** (WMP) is thrilled to announce its upcoming season finale performance, **'Music of the Americas,'** taking place on **Friday, May 10 at 7:30pm at GW Masonic National Memorial**. This electrifying concert will showcase a splendid array of **music from North, Central, and South America**, promising an unforgettable evening of cultural exploration and musical excellence.

Highlighting the program is the captivating work of **Puerto Rican composer Angélica Negrón**, currently based in Brooklyn, New York. Negrón's composition, **"Tornasol" (Spanish for sunflower)**, has been hailed for its wistfully idiosyncratic and contemplative nature. The piece delves into the vibrancy of color and its transformative qualities through scientific experimentation, portrayed vividly through various sections of the orchestra.

Joining the WMP for this extraordinary performance is esteemed guest artist **guitarist Colin Davin**, who will mesmerize audiences with his rendition of **"Concierto del Sur,"** a masterpiece for guitar and orchestra composed by **Mexican luminary Manuel Ponce**. Davin's virtuosity and emotive interpretation promise to breathe new life into Ponce's richly evocative composition.

The second half of the program promises to enthrall audiences with its lively, rhythmic, and exhilarating repertoire. **Aaron Copland's "El Salón México"** transports listeners to the vibrant atmosphere of a bustling dance hall in Mexico City, while **Alberto Ginastera's "Four Dance Episodes"** from the ballet **"La Estancia"** immerses them in the rhythmic pulse of **Argentinian folk music**, depicting scenes of dance, character, and life on the ranch.

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Closing the evening on a high note is **Arturo Marquez's "Danzon No. 2,"** a seductive and irresistible ballroom dance inspired by the **Cuban Habanera**. This enchanting piece, performed by the full orchestra, promises to leave audiences captivated and eager for more.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic's season finale, 'Music of the Americas,' featuring guitarist Colin Davin on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.wmpamusic.org.

Event Details:

- **Date: Friday, May 10, 2024**
- **Time: 7:30 pm**
- **Venue: George Washington Masonic National Memorial**
- **Featuring: Colin Davin, guitar with Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic**

For more information and tickets, please visit wmpamusic.org.



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WMP is dedicated to promoting and celebrating the diversity of American music and culture. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic is a modern, symphonic orchestra of approximately 55 professional and semi-professional musicians dedicated to creating innovative and exhilarating live music experiences through memorable performances for the community and adventurous programming of both well-known and rarely played classical repertoire. As a firm proponent of diversity and inclusion, its identity has been shaped by a strong focus on presenting American music, championing works by living composers, and presenting works by underrepresented composers.

About Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association:

A performing arts organization whose mission is to enrich, inspire, and educate through live performances of high-quality music, WMPA is comprised of five major programs, including [Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic](#), [Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra](#) (grades 9-12), [Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra](#) (grades 6-8), and the [Lyceum Chamber Music Series](#) presenting weekly concerts throughout the summer at Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum. WMPA continues to grow and has earned a reputation for bringing adventurous and engaging programs with its newest series of free Children's Bilingual Concerts. ¡Musicales bilingües para niños! at Patrick Henry Recreation Center in Alexandria's West End neighborhood concludes with an instrument petting zoo, blending music, languages, and education.

WMPA's Mission. To inspire enthusiasm for the live performance experience of both traditional classical and new music to people of all ages.

WMPA's Vision. Excellence in all we do. Championing contemporary and new works, particularly by American composers. Promoting inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility in our activities and initiatives. Honesty, fairness, and accountability. Actively engaging with the community.

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