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Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Presents "War and Peace" A Powerful Concert Exploring Conflict, Perseverance, and Triumph

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Alexandria, VA | February 2025 — The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, under the baton of Music Director **Anna Binneweg**, continues its 53rd season with a stirring performance of *War and Peace* on **Sunday, March 2, at 3 PM at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial**.

War and Peace

Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 3 PM

George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Anna Binneweg, conductor | Stanislav Khristenko, piano

Program Highlights:

- **Augusta Holmès' *Irlande*** – A richly expressive work that captures the essence of national identity and resilience with sweeping melodies and profound emotion.
- **Myroslav Skoryk's *Piano Concerto No. 3*** – Performed by acclaimed Ukrainian pianist Stanislav Khristenko, whose performances have been praised as “charismatic” and “emotionally intense” (The New York Times).
- **Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67*** – A triumphant journey from turmoil to victory, featuring **the most iconic four notes in music history**.



Pianist Stanislav Khristenko



Concert Details & Ticket Information

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 @ 3 pm

Venue: GW Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA

Tickets available at wmpamusic.org

- **Adults:** \$35
- **Seniors/Military/Educators:** \$30
- **Youth (18 and under): \$5**
- **Groups of 10+** receive **25% off** with code 'GROUP25'

Join the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic for an unforgettable afternoon of music that speaks to the soul, bridging past and present, war and peace, despair and hope. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience world-class performances in the heart of Alexandria.



Followed by *AfterChats with Anna!*

AfterChats are relaxed, post-concert conversations with Music Director Anna Binneweg, moderated by Executive and Artistic Planning Director Caroline Mousset, and featuring our guest artists. Grab a glass of bubbly, bring your questions, and join us for these engaging sessions! You'll gain insight into the music you've just experienced and have the chance to meet the artists. Best of all, **AfterChats** are free for all ticket holders.





About Stanislav Khristenko

Internationally celebrated pianist **Stanislav Khristenko** has captivated audiences worldwide with his profound artistry and technical brilliance. A **Gold Medalist** at the **Cleveland International Piano Competition** and prizewinner at the **Queen Elisabeth Music Competition**, he has performed with major orchestras, including the Cleveland Orchestra, the National Orchestra of Belgium, and the Berlin Philharmonie.

Beyond the stage, Khristenko is a passionate advocate for music education and cultural exchange. He co-founded **KharkivMusicFest** and established the **Nova Sinfonietta Chamber Orchestra of Ukraine**, fostering future generations of musicians.



Mark Your Calendar: WashMetPhil's Season Finale

All-Dvořák Side-by-Side with WMPA Youth Orchestra

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 3 PM

GW Masonic National Memorial

Featuring world-renowned cellist **Amit Peled**

Program:

- Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104
- Slavonic Dance No. 1
- Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op. 88

For more information and tickets, visit wmpamusic.org.





Anna Binneweg, Music Director, **Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic**
Ulysses James, Music Director Laureate, **Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic**
Alberto Rodriguez, Music Director, **Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra**
Martin Garfield-Levine, Music Director, **Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra**
Caroline Mousset, **Executive and Artistic Planning Director**

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About Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic:

Now in its 53rd Season and lead by Music Director Anna Binneweg, this 60-member symphonic orchestra delivers exhilarating live music, blending well-known and rare classical works. Committed to diversity, it highlights American composers, living artists, and underrepresented voices.

About Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association (WMPA):

- Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic: an adult orchestra for local professional, semi professional, and dedicated amateur musicians
- Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra: an inclusive youth orchestra for grades 9-12
- Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra: a beginner's orchestra for grades 6-9
- Lyceum Chamber Series: a summer series of weekly chamber music concerts at the Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum
- Bilingual Family Concerts: Bilingual narration concert programs presented in underserved communities featuring members of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic

WMPA's Purpose:

To unite and uplift our community through the transformative power of classical music

WMPA's Mission: To provide programs to

- Educate and engage students through our Youth Orchestras
- Perform and promote orchestral music through the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic
- Connect and communicate chamber music through our summer Lyceum Series
- Expand and enlighten newcomers to classical music through our Bilingual Family Concerts

WMPA's Vision. To create and serve the audience of the future for classical music

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