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Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Unveils Exciting 53rd Season Celebrating Unity and Collaboration Across Generations and Community

Highlights of WMP's 2024/2025 Season include:

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Extraordinary guest artists and musical collaborations: the incomparable cellist Amit Peled; formidable timpanists Scott Christian and Glenn Paulson; the virtuosic pianist Stanislav Khristenko; and the transcendent voices of the Alexandria Choral Society.

Visionary works of women composers such as Dai Wei, Grace-Evangeline Mason, Augusta Holmés, alongside American luminaries Philip Glass and Duke Ellington.

Kick off the season with a thunderous roar as we unleash Philip Glass's rarely-performed audience thriller, the *Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists and Orchestra*.

Journey through the triumphs and tribulations of the human spirit in our War and Peace Concert, where Beethoven's monumental Fifth Symphony meets the artistry of pianist Stanislav Khristenko in a stirring performance of a Ukrainian piano concerto.

Holiday celebration like no other! WMP collaborates with the Alexandria Choral Society and showcases Tchaikovsky's classic with an American twist in Duke Ellington's reimagined *Nutcracker Suite*.

An All-Dvořák Side-by-Side Concert with Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and local cello sensation, Amit Peled. Together, we'll revel in the timeless vitality of Dvořák's masterpieces, forging connections across generations.

In its 53rd Season, Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic boldly champions the power of unity, forging profound connections within our diverse communities through the spirit of collaboration. This Season is a testament to our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and innovation, spotlighting groundbreaking compositions by women and American composers alongside timeless masterworks of the classical canon. Through this dynamic fusion of tradition and exploration, the 2024/2025 Season not only celebrates the depth of musical expression but also illuminates the boundless resilience and creativity of the human spirit. Prepare to be captivated, inspired, and moved as we embark on a journey that embodies the essence of what makes the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic a beacon of artistic excellence and cultural enrichment.

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Fantastical Explorations ✨ **Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 3 pm**

Embark on a musical journey through the whimsical realms of imagination with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic's opening concert of the 2024/2025 Season, "Fantastical Explorations." Leading the audience through a landscape of wonder, the program features compositions that vividly paint fantastical landscapes. **Female composer, Dai Wei, sets the stage in her new work *The Dancing Moonlight*** with its rich tapestry of orchestral colors inviting listeners into a world of boundless thought and creativity. Continuing the exploration, Leoš **Janáček's *Symphony Fantasy*** from his opera *Jenůfa*, delves into the emotional depths of fantasy. Josef **Suk's *Scherzo Fantastique*** evokes a sense of playful enchantment through his innovative use of sonic parameters and expressive melodies. The **mesmerizing concert finale *Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists and Orchestra* by Philip Glass** showcases the virtuosity of timpanists **Glenn Paulson and Scott Christian** in a dazzling display of rhythmic intensity and prowess.

Holiday Dreams 🎄 **Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ 3 pm**

Transporting audiences into a realm of festive delight, "Holiday Dreams" offers a captivating blend of seasonal cheer and musical charm. **Grace-Evangeline Mason's "The Imagined Forest"** sets a magical tone, weaving together melodies that evoke the spirit of the holidays. **Tchaikovsky's classic "Nutcracker Suite" is reimaged by local legend Duke Ellington by infusing familiar melodies with jazz-inflected brilliance** that captivates listeners with its exuberant energy and nostalgia. The second half of the concert features a selection of holiday choral works, filling the hall with the joy of the season as we collaborate with **the stunning Alexandria Choral Society!**

War and Peace 🕊️ **Sunday, March 2, 2025 @ 3 pm**

In a poignant exploration of human conflict and resolution, "War and Peace" delves into the depths of emotion with a program that juxtaposes turbulence with tranquility. Augusta Holmés' evocative "Irlande" sets a contemplative mood, reflecting on the complexities of national identity and struggle. Myroslav Skoryk's Piano Concerto No. 7, featuring Ukrainian-American pianist Stanislav Khristenko, offers a powerful testament to resilience and hope amid adversity. Concluding the program with a timeless masterpiece, Beethoven's iconic Symphony No. 5 in C minor delivers a cathartic journey from darkness to triumph, leaving audiences with a sense of profound reflection, hope and renewal.

Dvořák Side-by-Side with WMPA Youth Orchestra 🎻 **Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 3 pm**

Celebrating the timeless legacy of Antonín Dvořák, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic **joins forces with the talented musicians of our Youth Orchestra** for an unforgettable side-by-side concert. Showcasing the depth and breadth of Dvořák's oeuvre, the program features his beloved **Cello Concerto in B minor featuring virtuoso cellist Amit Peled**. The orchestras shine in a lively rendition of Dvořák's **Slavonic Dance No. 1**, capturing the folkloric spirit and rhythmic vitality of this beloved collection. Concluding the concert with **Symphony No. 8 in G major, both ensembles unite in a grand finale**, bringing Dvořák's lyrical melodies and lush orchestrations to life with passion and unity.



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A complete list of Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic's 2024/2025 Season performances:

Fantastical Explorations ✨

Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 3 pm George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Anna Binneweg, conductor

DAI WEI: The Dancing Moonlight

LEOŠ JANÁČEK: Fantasy from Jenůfa

JOSEF SUK: Scherzo Fantastique

PHILIP GLASS: Concerto Fantasy for Two Timpanists and Orchestra

featuring timpanists Scott Christian & Glenn Paulson



Holiday Dreams 🎅

Sunday, December 8 @ 3 pm George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Anna Binneweg, conductor | Alexandria Choral Society

GRACE-EVANGELINE MASON: The Imagined Forest

DUKE ELLINGTON: Nutcracker Suite (after Tchaikovsky)

SELECTION OF HOLIDAY CHORAL WORKS

featuring the Alexandria Choral Society



War and Peace 🕊️

Sunday, March 2 @ 3 pm George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Anna Binneweg, conductor | Stanislav Khristenko, piano

AUGUSTA HOLMÉS: Irlande

MYROSLAV SKORYK: Piano Concerto No. 1

featuring Ukrainian-American pianist Stanislav Khristenko

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67



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

Sunday, May 18 @ 3 pm at George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Anna Binneweg & Alberto Rodriguez, conductors | Amit Peled, cello

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK:

Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104, B. 191

featuring cellist Amit Peled

Slavonic Dance No. 1

Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op. 88, B. 163



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About Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic:

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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