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## Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Presents a Side-by-Side Concert with the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra featuring pianist Stewart Goodyear

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**Alexandria, VA** — The **Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic** (WashMetPhil) is proud to present its season finale, a **Side-by-Side concert with the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra** on Mother's Day **Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm** at the **Schlesinger Concert Hall**, featuring the acclaimed pianist **Stewart Goodyear**.

Side-by-Side Orchestra Concert  
Mother's Day | Sunday, May 10 | 3 pm | Free Parking  
Schlesinger Concert Hall | 4915 E Campus Dr, Alexandria, VA 22311

**Jessie Montgomery's *Hymn for Everyone*** opens the concert with a radiant spirit of unity and collective voice, blending lyricism and rhythmic vitality in music that feels both deeply personal and broadly communal.

Next, the program showcases **George Gershwin's *Concerto in F for Piano and Orchestra***, performed by guest artist **Stewart Goodyear**. Proclaimed "a phenomenon" by the Los Angeles Times and "one of the best pianists of his generation", Mr. Goodyear brings his signature brilliance to this iconic work. Gershwin seamlessly blends classical form with jazz idioms, creating music that is lively, expressive, and full of character. You'll hear moments of sparkle and wit alongside passages of deep lyricism—music that dances, sings, and tells a story all its own, culminating in a brilliant, high-spirited finale.

The concert concludes with **Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition***, a journey through vivid musical "pictures" inspired by a gallery of artwork. Each movement transports listeners to a different scene, from playful and whimsical to grand and powerful, inviting audiences to imagine themselves walking through an exhibition brought to life by the orchestra.

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With its sweeping musical range and inspiring message, this season finale promises to be an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages and a great way to bring the family together to celebrate Mother's Day. Join us as we celebrate the power of music to inspire, move, and create memories of a lifetime.

In addition to unforgettable music, WMPA will host a **"Self-Care for Mothers" pop-up market**, showcasing thoughtful gifts from **several local businesses and artists**, including the Naughty Nougat, Soma Yoga Healing, Aisling MagickArt, Coral Creations by Jenny, and more! From luxurious treats to unique keepsakes, you'll find the perfect way to pamper Mom and make her day truly special. The market will be available during intermission and before and after the concert.

### **About Stewart Goodyear**

Stewart Goodyear is an accomplished concert pianist, improviser, and composer, celebrated for his dynamic performances and innovative artistry. He has performed with major orchestras worldwide and is a Steinway Artist. His extensive discography includes the complete sonatas and piano concertos of Beethoven, as well as works by Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Rachmaninov, and Ravel. Mr. Goodyear's recording of his own transcription of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* was named one of the best classical music recordings of 2015 by *The New York Times*.

### **Ticket Information:**

Tickets are available now at [wmpamusic.org](http://wmpamusic.org). Youth tickets are just **\$5** and we offer a discounted rate for educators and members of the military.

Last season, three of four concerts sold out—early booking is strongly recommended.

## **Upcoming Concerts in the 2025 | 2026 Season**

**Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra Spring Concert**  
**May 17, 2026 | 3 pm | Athenaeum in Old Town**  
**Free | No Tickets Required**

**Lyceum Chamber Series**  
**Sundays | 3 pm | June through August**  
**The Lyceum in historic Old Town Alexandria**  
No tickets required | Suggested donation \$25  
Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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## About Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association (WMPA):

WMPA's **purpose** is to unite and uplift our community through the transformative power of music.

Our **mission** is 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 Community Concerts

Our **vision** is to create and serve the future audience of orchestral music.

WMPA is...

- **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 6-8
- **Lyceum Chamber Series:** a summer series of weekly chamber music concerts at the Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum
- **Community Concerts:** A variety of free concert programs presented in underserved communities featuring members of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic

For more information, visit [wmpamusic.org](http://wmpamusic.org).

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