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## Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestras Announce 2024/2025 Season! WMPA's 'Ensembles of Opportunity' unite and uplift the community by educating and engaging students

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**Alexandria, VA** – The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association (WMPA) is thrilled to announce the 2024/2025 concert season for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestras (WMYO). This season promises an inspiring lineup of performances by talented young musicians from across the region, highlighting WMPA's commitment to musical education, community engagement, and artistic growth.

WMPA, a leader in local music education and performance, is dedicated to uniting and uplifting the community through the transformative power of classical music. The WMYO program—an inclusive, high-caliber youth orchestra for grades 9-12—plays a pivotal role in this mission. Alongside the Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra (WMCO), designed for grades 6-9, WMPA's youth ensembles provide students with exceptional musical training, performance experience, and opportunities for community engagement. These orchestras prepare young musicians not only to excel in music but also to foster a lifelong love for the arts.

### Fall Concert:

- Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024
- Time: 7 pm
- Location: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA

### Winter Concert:

- Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025
- Time: 3 pm
- Location: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA

### Spring Concert:

- Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025
- Time: 3 pm
- Location: Thomas A. Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA

### Side-by-Side Concert with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic

- Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025
- Time: 3 pm
- Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Road, Alexandria

WMYO and WMCO concerts are designed to educate and inspire, offering an accessible platform for students to perform while engaging audiences from all backgrounds. Each performance emphasizes WMPA's core values of inclusivity, community, and musical excellence.

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### **About the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestras**

The Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestras provide a supportive, inclusive environment where students receive professional-level instruction and performance opportunities. Under the guidance of experienced conductors, WMYO and WMCO students participate in rigorous rehearsals, ensemble work, and collaborative projects that enrich their musical and personal development.

### **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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