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ASO expands its offerings to music lovers!

Jazz concerts at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater start in December

Performing works by ***Duke Ellington, Jean Luc Ponty and American standards***

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Who: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra & special guests
What: Brand-new jazz series
When: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.
Where: Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington, Va. 22209 (2 blocks from Rosslyn metro. Free garage parking)
Price: The adult price \$20; \$10 youth & student; Call **703-548-0885** or visit <http://www.alexsym.org>, and click on "Buy Tix" for tickets

Alexandria, Va. – Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO) embraces the holiday season with **New Directions/New Performances**, a new jazz series at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre. ASO's collaboration with Arlington Cultural Affairs expands offerings into the county, and incorporates notable Arlington-based artists and groups throughout the 09-10 season.

"We are so fortunate to be able to host the Alexandria Symphony at the Rosslyn Spectrum," said Norma Kaplan, Cultural Affairs Division Chief at Arlington County. "This program is a win/win for both Arlington County and the Alexandria Symphony. As we move forward, I hope to find new ways that both communities, Arlington and Alexandria, can work together to meet the cultural programming interests of all our citizens."

Tchaikovsky & Ellington!

The Alexandria Symphony brings *The Nutcracker Suite* to the Rosslyn Spectrum in two fantastic versions – Tchaikovsky's original and Duke Ellington's hip jazz-band arrangement. Which one are you – pointe shoes or tap shoes? Russia or Harlem? It doesn't matter, because either way, it's a great way to kick off the holiday season. (Please note: Concert: 1 hour, no intermission).

Alexandria Symphony presents cool cat Bruno Nasta!

Join the ASO, led by jazz violinist Bruno Nasta, as they cut loose with selections by Jean Luc Ponty, Gershwin, Django Reinhardt, Fats Waller, jazz violin interpretations of Stephane Grappelli and Stuff Smith. (Please note: This concert: 2 hours, with one intermission).

For tickets, call 703-548-0885, or go to <http://www.alexsym.org>, and click on "Buy Tix."

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