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Children's Arts Fest: More art, more dance, more MUSIC

Who: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra & Guest Maestro **Vaughn Ambrose**

What: **ASO Children's Arts Festival: The Heart of Music**

Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*

Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*

Carter Burwell's "Bella's Lullaby," music from "**Twilight**"

When: Sunday, June 6, 2010. Activities hour at 2 p.m.; concert at 3 p.m.

Where: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, NOVA Community College, Alexandria campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311

Price: **All tickets \$5.** Call **703-548-0885** or visit **www.alexsym.org** for tickets.

Alexandria, VA – The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra is happy to announce new partnerships and projects that will help us make the annual Children's Arts Festival bigger and better than ever. Last year, the festival sold out and we plan on another big year.

Kids will love all the art, music, and movement projects planned for the activities hour from 2-3 p.m.:

- Create paintings, fabric art and more with artists from the **Torpedo Factory** and the **Art League**
- Listen to books being read in the Book Nook
- Play with real instruments in the **Petting Zoo**; Younger kids can join their parents to make music with **Music Together**
- Learn dance moves and yoga from professionals from **Bowen McCauley Dance** and **Totally for Kids**
- Also: Magicians and face painting!

The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded the ASO \$10,000 to become the lead sponsor of the Children's Festival, The Heart of Music and the 2010 *Music Makes a Difference* education program. Thanks also go out to Dominion Power, who awarded the ASO \$5,000 towards the Children's Arts Festival. These two monetary awards together allow us to keep ticket prices at only \$5 per person.

SCAN works throughout Northern Virginia to promote positive parenting and prevent child abuse/neglect through parent and public education. The SCAN partnership — new for 2010 — will feature Kids for SCAN middle-school-age volunteers working in conjunction with the ASO staff during the festival, hosting an art booth in which children will make a spin art project.

The 3 p.m. concert of the Children's Arts Festival will be the culmination of a program in which our professional musicians give one-on-one help and mentoring to high school string students.

For the first time, we will have a guest conductor, **Vaughn Ambrose**. He is the lead music teacher and Director of Bands at Francis C. Hammond Middle School in Alexandria. He teaches literally hundreds of students each year in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade symphonic, marching, and jazz bands.