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*"I sat up and took notice of the incredible sound I heard on the stage.
The musicians and Maestro Kluge were as one."*

—ASO patron Fred Cohrs

The ASO performs Verdi's Choral Masterwork:

Requiem

Orchestra to be joined by several esteemed soloists and choruses

Alexandria, VA – From the stirring *Dies Irae* to the inspiring *Sanctus*, Giuseppe Verdi's *Requiem* is a soaring creation that has elicited deep, powerful emotions in concertgoers since its premiere in 1874. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presents Verdi's moving tribute to Italian poet and novelist Alessandro Manzoni as part of its 2010-2011 *Symphonic Vistas* Season on Saturday, March 12th and Sunday March 13th.

Under the direction of Music Director Kim Allen Kluge, the ASO will also be joined by four of the nation's leading vocalists. Described as a "dark-toned soprano, tipped with a silvery edge," **Jan Cornelius** has won numerous awards for her superb artistry, including honors from the Metropolitan Opera. Also recognized by the Met as winner of the 1999 Metropolitan National Council Auditions—as well as a recipient of the New York City Opera's Norman Triegle Award—mezzo-soprano and local favorite **Stacey Rishoi** returns to Virginia to perform with the ASO in this beloved masterpiece.

Tenor **Scott Six** is making his presence known throughout the country at many esteemed opera companies, including Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown and the Portland Opera. Rounding out the lineup of soloists for this event is bass-baritone **Gustav Andreassen**, whose extensive concert and opera experience includes performances with the Aspen Music Festival, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra under James Levine.

The ASO is also pleased to welcome several established vocal ensembles in the area to take part in these concerts. **The Alexandria Choral Society**, the **Metropolitan Chorus**, the **Heritage Signature Chorale**, and the **NOVA Community Chorus** will join forces with the ASO to ensure a compelling orchestral and choral event on March 12th and 13th, 2011 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center.

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The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presents Verdi's *Requiem*

Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 13th, 3:00 p.m.

Kim Allen Kluge, conductor

Jan Cornelius, soprano

Stacey Rishoi, mezzo-soprano

Scott Six, tenor

Gustav Andreassen, bass-baritone

Alexandria Choral Society

The Metropolitan Chorus

Heritage Signature Chorale

NOVA Community Chorus

To learn more about the history of Verdi's *Requiem*, patrons are encouraged to attend a free pre-concert lecture by music historian **Colleen Fay** one hour prior to the start of each concert in the **Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center**.

The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center

3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311.

Call (703) 548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for tickets and information. Parking is free to all ASO patrons. Press tickets available upon request.

Northern Virginia's premiere fully professional orchestra, the **Alexandria Symphony Orchestra** was founded in 1954 and has established a reputation for thematic and inter-arts programming that features a mix of classical and contemporary music. The ASO's move in 2002 to the critically acclaimed Schlesinger Center established its reach and reputation as one of the region's leading arts institutions. Under the baton of Music Director Kim Allen Kluge, the Symphony has distinguished itself through powerful performances marked by poetry and vision.

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