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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*

Alexandria Symphony "Symphonic Vistas" Season Finale: Garrick Ohlsson and Mahler

Alexandria, VA – Having mastered an extensive range of repertoire, **Garrick Ohlsson** is considered one of the world's most versatile and lauded pianists. On Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, he joins the **Alexandria Symphony Orchestra** performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, considered by many to be one of the most technically difficult concertos ever written.

Performing the challenging Rachmaninoff third piano concerto should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed Mr. Ohlsson's impressive career. In 1970 he won the Chopin International Piano Competition, leading to a lifetime of regular appearances with the orchestras of New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Toronto, National Symphony, New World (Miami), and Atlanta, among many others. A dedicated chamber musician, he has also worked with the Cleveland, Emerson, Takács, and Tokyo String Quartets, and is a founding member of the FOG Trio based in San Francisco. Mr. Ohlsson has also remained active as a recording artist; his recordings of the complete Beethoven sonatas for Bridge Records earned him a Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Soloist in 2008.

"We are thrilled to have an artist of this caliber joining us for our season ending concerts," said Adrien Finlay, Executive Director. "It is an honor to have such a legendary pianist close out what has been a fantastic season for the ASO."

Also on the program is a performance of Mahler's Symphony No. 1, honoring the composer on two landmark anniversaries: 2010 would mark his 150th birthday and 2011 the 100th anniversary of his death. The Alexandria Symphony will repeat the Mahler portion of this program the following weekend at the National Gallery of Art.

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Garrick Ohlsson with the The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, May 14th, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th, 3:00 p.m.

Kim Allen Kluge, conductor

Garrick Ohlsson, piano

RACHMANINOFF: Piano Concerto No. 3

MAHLER: Symphony No. 1, "Titan"

To learn more about the music on this program, 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

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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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