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The ASO's Children's Arts Festival celebrates the Harlem Renaissance with RAZZ-MA-JAZZ!

Alexandria, VA – The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra is looking forward to the 2011 Children's Arts Festival entitled **RAZZ-MA-JAZZ** on Sunday, June 12 at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria. This year's festival will focus on the incredible music, art and literature of the **Harlem Renaissance**.

The **RAZZ-MA-JAZZ** 2011 Children's Arts Festival will be different from previous festivals in several important ways. The activities will be a full 2 hours, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm, and families may pick from one of two concerts for the first time, one at 2:30 or the second at 3:30. The concerts will be 30-minute entertaining performances introducing music of The Harlem Renaissance—Ellington, Porter, Gershwin, and even some Charlie Parker.

For the second year in a row, the orchestra will be led by **Vaughn Ambrose**, local jazz artist as well as lead music teacher and Director of Bands at Francis C. Hammond Middle School in Alexandria. Mr. Ambrose was most recently featured as saxophone soloist at the Symphonica NOVA of the ASO's April 2nd jazz concert, "Charlie Parker and Strings."

"We love working with Vaughn," said Adrien Finlay, Executive Director of the ASO. "His energy and enthusiasm onstage is extraordinary, and we are so pleased that he is joining us once again."

Kids will also love all the art, music, and movement projects planned for this event. Activities include an instrument petting zoo, face painting, yoga, art stations, and dancing and reading centers. The ASO is pleased to partner with several organizations for this event including SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia), Del Ray Artisans, Music Together, Art in Hand, Hollin Hall Dance Studio, and Alexandria Area Patch.

This year's ASO Children's Arts Festival is sponsored by Dominion Foundation, Wells Fargo, SOLA (Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria), Alexandria Commission for the Arts, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presents RAZZ-MA-JAZZ: The 2011 Children's Arts Festival featuring music, art, and literature from the Harlem Renaissance.

Vaughn Ambrose, conductor and saxophone

Sunday, June 12, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.; concerts at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

General Admission: \$5. All persons regardless of age must have a ticket.

T.C. Williams High School

3330 King St.

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Call **(703) 548-0885** or visit **www.alexsym.org** for tickets and information. Parking is free in the T.C. Williams garage.

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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