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### ***Sounds of the Season Return to the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra!***

#### ***Children's Holiday Concert and fundraiser at St. Paul's Church in Old Town to include big-band spin on holiday favorites, plus a visit from Santa***

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra/Symphonica Nova will provide a festive soundtrack to the most wonderful time of the year during its annual Children's Holiday Concert at St. Paul's Church in Old Town, Alexandria on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

The year's concert is co-chaired by Alexandria residents **Elise Darden** and **Katie Wiegmann**. The duo has been diligently planning for months to ensure that this event is a successful fundraising endeavor for the ASO while also working to make it the most exciting Children's Holiday Concert to date. Musical selections will include sing-a-long medleys of traditional holiday favorites as well as swinging big band and jazz arrangements of popular holiday tunes as made famous by the **Stan Kenton Orchestra** including "Angels We Have Heard On High," "Adeste Fideles," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The Children's Holiday Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup> is not just an Old Town tradition and valuable fundraising effort, but also an opportunity for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the support it receives from the local community year-round. The ASO will thank its loyal patrons with a free reception after the concert that will include a visit from Santa.

Fans of the Children's Holiday Concert also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for families in St. Paul's Head Start program, an initiative that allows the less fortunate to enjoy music and the arts during this holiday season. **For tickets or to donate, call 703-548-0885 or visit [alexsym.org](http://alexsym.org).**

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**Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.**

*Children's Holiday Concert*  
Kim Allen Kluge, conductor

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
Tickets: \$25 general admission; includes post-concert reception in the Parish Hall.  
Visit <http://www.alexsym.org> or call 703-548-0885  
Street parking.

**Summary for calendar listings:**

Kim Allen Kluge leads members of the ASO in jazz arrangements and sing-a-longs of your favorite holiday tunes in this festive fundraiser for the symphony. Join us after the concert for a reception and visit from Santa. 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal, 228 S. Pitt St. Tickets \$25. alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

**About the ASO:**

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, one of Northern Virginia's most active performing arts organizations, enters its 68<sup>th</sup> season of concerts during 2011-2012. With a history of bringing symphonic music – classical, jazz, contemporary, and pop scores – to greater Alexandria, the ASO has a history of bringing world renowned soloists to Northern Virginia. The ASO was one of two orchestras in the country to be selected for one of the violinist Midori's 2012 Orchestral Residency Programs, where the violinist spends a week in local public schools.

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