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Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Announces 2009 Children's Arts Festival: "Adventures in Music"

- Who:** Alexandria Symphony Orchestra & Maestro Kim Allen Kluge
What: Annual Children's Arts Festival: "Adventures in Music,"
Featuring selections from soundtracks to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*,
The Fellowship of the Ring and Bugs Bunny's "What's Opera, Doc?" (Wagner's
Ride of the Valkyries & Tannhäuser Overture)
When: Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2 p.m. – activities at 2 p.m., concert at 3 p.m.
Where: Schlesinger Concert Hall, NOVA Community College, Alexandria campus, 3001
N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA
Price: \$5 general admission
Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for tickets

Save the date for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 2009 Children's Arts Festival, "Adventures in Music" on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NOVA Community College, Alexandria.

A wonderful performance of the full orchestra, complete with a *Fantasia*-like videography behind the ensemble, is preceded by a **pre-concert hour** filled with fun activities and a musical petting zoo.

The fun begins at 2 p.m. with a visit to the **instrument petting zoo**, where children beat on drums, clash cymbals, toot brass horns and pluck the strings of violins and cellos. Art stations are right around the corner, where kids **silkscreen movie posters** and **make musical instruments** from cardboard, balloons and rubber bands. Art activities are provided by **The Torpedo Factory Art Center**, **Del Ray Artisans** and **The Art League**, all of Alexandria.

At 3 p.m., Maestro Kim Allen Kluge and the musicians of the ASO take over with **music familiar to all generations**: the soaring lines of Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries* and *Tannhäuser Overture*, the haunting melodies from *The Fellowship of the Ring* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The **big-screen video** of Alexandria children's artwork projected on stage creates a **multi-media experience**.

Tickets are \$5 general admission and can be purchased online at www.alexsym.org or by telephone at 703-548-0885. Recommended for children 4 to 11 years old. Parking is free.

The ASO, one of greater Washington, DC's most innovative performing arts groups, not only presents professional performances year-round, but is also dedicated to strengthening arts education and fostering a life-long appreciation of symphonic music.

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