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***Pictures at an Exhibition*, instrument petting zoo, art and dance activities:
ASO continues its Children's Art Festival, *The Magic of Music*, June 10th**

Who: Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, conductor Kim Allen Kluge
Arlington Artists Alliance, Bowen McCauley Dance Company,
Alexandria Choral Society's Children's Choir, Dancesensations Dance Center

What: *The Magic of Music*

2pm: instrument petting zoo, create-your-own-art stations, dance activities

3pm: concert featuring Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*

When: June 10, 2007 2-4pm

Where: Schlesinger Concert Hall, NOVA Community College, Alexandria Campus
3001 N Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311-5097

Price: \$5 per person, \$20 per family – call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org

Alexandria, VA April 20, 2007: **The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will again host an afternoon of music and art for Northern Virginia's children** at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center on **June 10th, 2007**. Building upon the success of its past Children's Festivals, the event begins at 2pm with multiple activity stations available on the grounds of the Schlesinger Center. **The concert, featuring Mussorgsky's ever-popular *Pictures at an Exhibition*, starts at 3pm.**

The first hour of activities are sure to please as the ASO has assembled an **instrument petting zoo, arts & craft stations sponsored by the Arlington Artists Alliance, dance workshops by the Bowen McCauley Company, and a wandering magician**. Moving to the Concert Hall at 3pm, participants will enjoy *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a true masterpiece of the orchestral repertoire. **Dancesensations Dance**

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Center and the **Alexandria Choral Society's Children's Choir** will take the stage during the performance, lending their artistry to bring *Pictures* to life.

Working with area teachers throughout the school year, **the ASO led an integrated art and music curriculum project focusing on Mussorgsky's work** and its great significance. Serving as the culmination of the inter-disciplinary curriculum, **videography of Alexandria City Public School students will serve as a backdrop to the orchestra during the 3pm performance.**

The Magic of Music closes an extremely successful season for the ASO. 2006-2007 witnessed inspired performances led by Maestro Kim Allen Kluge and featured a host of incredible soloists: **Midori, Carlos Rodriguez, Erin Driscoll, Jimi Ray Malory, Lori Anne Williams, Robert Aubry Davis, and Tim Tourbin.** The ASO benefited greatly due to its 2006-2007 partners: **The Shakespeare in Washington Festival, Signature Theatre, MetroStage, Heritage Signature Chorale, the Metropolitan Chorus, and the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia.**

Having just announced the 2007-2008 Season – full brochure available at www.alexsym.org – the ASO expands to present three Sunday matinees during 2007-2008, **increasing ASO subscription offerings and continuing \$5 children's tickets at all matinee performances.**

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