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New Dominion Chorale to Perform Gilbert and Sullivan and Broadway Classics

New Dominion Chorale will present a program of Gilbert and Sullivan and Classic Musical Theater to close its 24th season. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane, on the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

The program will feature three of the Washington area's most accomplished singing actors: **Tracy Olivera**, **Steve Cramer**, and **Bob McDonald**. The internationally acclaimed pianist **Thomas Pandolfi** will provide the accompaniment, and the Chorale will be joined by singers from the National Men's Chorus.

For the Gilbert and Sullivan portion of the program, Thomas Beveridge, the Chorale's founder and artistic director, has chosen excerpts from "The Gondoliers," "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "The Pirates of Penzance." The balance of the concert will include selections from "Kiss Me, Kate" by Cole Porter; "The Student Prince" and "The Desert Song," by Sigmund Romberg; and "Oklahoma!" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Mr. Pandolfi will perform his concert fantasy on themes from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

Tracy Olivera is well known to Washington theatergoers. She has starred in many productions at Signature Theatre and has made numerous appearances at Olney Theatre Center, Washington's Shakespeare Theatre Company, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and most recently, in Arena Stage's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Steve Cramer is best known for his performance of the leading role of Jean Valjean in “Les Miserables” on Broadway and at numerous theaters throughout the United States and Canada. He is a six-time Helen Hayes Award nominee, winning the award for the Best Actor in a Musical for his performance of Frederic in “The Pirates of Penzance.”

Bob McDonald is a favorite with New Dominion Chorale audiences. Equally at home with the classic repertoire as well as musical theater, he has made numerous appearances with the Folger Theatre, starring in three of its productions of Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as with Arena Stage, Signature Theatre, the Library of Congress, and the Kennedy Center. Fans of the Washington Capitals know him for his frequent renditions of the national anthem before their games.

Pianist Thomas Pandolfi has performed throughout the United States and has toured extensively in Eastern Europe and China. His vast repertoire includes all of the standard piano concertos and his recitals specialize in the music of Chopin, Liszt, and especially, George Gershwin.

The 200-member New Dominion Chorale is unique among the many choral societies of the Washington area. It is a non-auditioned “singers’ cooperative” operating without paid management or office staff and run by a board of directors chosen from within the ranks of the singers. The Chorale performs regularly at the Schlesinger Center and has also presented concerts at the George Mason University Center for Arts, the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center. During its 24 years the Chorale has presented most of the standard oratorios as well as concerts of opera and popular musical theater.

Mr. Beveridge is considered one of Washington’s most versatile musicians. He has performed as a bass-baritone soloist with many of the nation’s oratorio societies and symphony orchestras and is the composer of 675 original compositions and arrangements. He is also the artistic director of the National Men’s Chorus and director of music (organist and choirmaster) at Western Presbyterian Church in Foggy Bottom.

Tickets for “Gilbert and Sullivan and Classic Musical Theater” are available online through the Chorale’s website (www.newdominion.org) or at the door on the day of the performance. General admission tickets are \$30, \$25 (seniors), \$5 (students and children), and \$20 for individuals in groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit www.newdominion.org or call 703-442-9404.

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