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NEW DOMINION CHORALE TO PRESENT "GERSHWIN AND FRIENDS"

New Dominion Chorale will conclude its 28th season with a concert titled GERSHWIN AND FRIENDS. The concert will take place on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, on the campus of Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Virginia.

The program, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will consist of music by George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Franz Lehár, Cole Porter and Victor Herbert, performed in special arrangements by Mr. Beveridge.

Featured solo artists will be pianist Thomas Pandolfi, mezzo-soprano Sara Sheffield and baritone Matthew Irish.

Thomas Pandolfi will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and will provide the piano accompaniments for the rest of the program. Mr. Pandolfi has performed throughout the United States, Europe and China to great acclaim and has established himself as one of America's finest keyboard artists, recognized not only for his thorough command of the standard classical repertoire, but also as a "crossover" artist, especially in the performance of the music of George Gershwin.

Mezzo-soprano Sara Sheffield is well known throughout the United States in her capacity as vocal soloist for the famed United States Marine Band, "The President's Own." She has also performed with many choral groups and opera companies, including The Choral Arts Society of Washington, and the choral societies of Charlottesville, Harrisburg and Asheville, in addition to New Dominion Chorale. She and Matthew Irish have appeared several times with the Richmond Pops Band and Fairfax Choral Society.

New Dominion Chorale has distinguished itself throughout its 28 years amid the crowded world of choral music in the Washington, DC area. It operates as a "singers' cooperative" without paid management and is one of the area's largest choral societies, with 175 singing members. The Chorale has performed most of the great works for large chorus and orchestra and is equally at home in the performance of opera and musical theater. New Dominion Chorale has been hailed in *The Washington Post* by the late Joseph McLellan as "opulent, precise and powerful." His praise of Thomas Beveridge's musical direction included the following assessment of the premier of Mr. Beveridge's "Symphony of Peace" by New Dominion Chorale: "[Beveridge] showed a technical mastery in the balance of diverse elements that brought to mind the wizardry of Gustav Mahler."

Tickets for GERSHWIN AND FRIENDS on April 28 may be purchased online at www.newdominion.org or at the door at the time of the performance. Ticket prices are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for students ages 5 to 22. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$25 per ticket. All tickets are for general admission, and parking is free.

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