Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor

## Sunday, May 6, 3:00 Р.м.

George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria, VA 22301





# Welcome!



#### Good Afternoon Friends,

The Mozart Requiem is one of the most iconic compositions of all time, and for good reason. Not only is it shrouded in mystery, it is also masterfully crafted and achingly beautiful. Commissioned by an unknown patron, Mozart quickly became convinced that he was writing the Requiem for himself, and as his health deteriorated, the Requiem composition became increasingly personal. The last piece of music that the great master ever wrote (he actually didn't even finish it himself) the Requiem beautifully capped the all too short career of one of the greatest composers of all time. We are delighted to have Maestro Andrea Vela on the podium, and to be joined by the powerful forces of the SONOVA Chorale for today's performance.

Tonight you will also hear the world premier of Darkness and Light, by SONOVA's Composer in Residence Michael Ream. The patrons behind this composition are far less mysterious, and we are so thankful to Jon and Jay Kurtz for commissioning this new work. Through his use of dissonance, fluid lines, rhythmic and metric variation, and musical texturing, Ream creates a work full of ambience and atmosphere. The music is evocative, interesting, and beautiful, and the harmonic structure of the second movement, where nearly every section is playing in a different key, will be unlike anything you have ever heard. We are so pleased to perform this world premier for you today.

> Musically, Maestro Jeffrey Dokken



Eighth Season: 2018-2019

Be among the first to reserve your seats for the new season!

## Masters of Movie Music:

#### John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Howard Shore, James Horner

### October 28, 2018, 4:00 pm

Four of the greatest film composers of the past fifty years are celebrated in this exciting concert. The concert will feature music from Titanic, Braveheart, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Pirates of the Caribbean, and many, many more.

## Italian Opera Favorites December 8, 2018, 7:00 pm

SONOVA will perform your favorite overtures and arias from the great Italian opera masterpieces. La Bohemé, Tosca, Madam Butterfly, Barber of Seville, La Traviata, and many others.

## <u>Beatles and Beethoven</u> <u>Seventh Annual Gala and Silent Auction</u> March 9, 2019, 7:00 pm

This innovative and exciting concert will feature Russian piano superstar Sofya Gulyak playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto #1, and the second half will feature SONOVA rocking out to all your favorite classic hits from the greatest rock band of all time, The Beatles.

## **SONOVA Donor Levels and Benefits**

#### PLATINUM | \$1,000 OR MORE

Seat on the Honorary Community Advisory Board, four season tickets, invitation to dress rehearsals, invitation to Conductor's reception at December concert, program recognition

#### GOLD | \$500 TO \$999

Two season tickets, invitation to dress rehearsals, invitation to Conductor's reception at December concert, program recognition

#### SILVER | \$100 TO \$499

Two tickets to one performance of your choice, program recognition

#### **BRONZE | UP TO \$99**

Program recognition

## How to Donate

- Visit us in the lobby today
- At www.sonovamusic.org (PayPal)
- By mail (checks made out to SOA) SONOVA Music
  611 King St., 2nd Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

# **SONOVA Donors**

#### PLATINUM (\$1,000 or more)

Anonymous

#### GOLD (\$500 to \$999)

Anonymous Kevin and Patricia Burke John and Sheila Janega<sup>\*</sup> Jay and Jon Kurtz Robert Lanza Reston Montessori School David and Suzanne Schwark Peter Vitaliano<sup>\*</sup>

#### SILVER (\$100 to \$499)

Deborah Albert Ken Barnett Karen Doyne\* Jeanne Faubell\* Tenagne Haile-Mariam Robert Hannan Bryna Helfer\* Judith Holdsworth\* Allison Jiminez Kathleen Lyman Agnes Manley\* Kate Meeley

#### SILVER continued

Anne Morrison Susan Murphy Margaret Rettig\* Scott Sitzer and Nancy Leach Eileen Street\* Sarah Taylor\* Adam Vollrath Diane Wakely-Park Cheryl Walters Sylvia Wilson

#### BRONZE (Up to \$99)

Claudia Batovich Jeffrey Dokken\* Robert French Blake Helander Pat Kramer\* James Lewis\* Cynthia Liccese-Torres\* William and Margaret Menzin David Petrou Adriel Pond Sandra Quinn\* Michasel Ream\* Serena Sela\*

## \* Gift made in support of Maestro Vela's appearance with SONOVA Thank you for your support!

## Brobst Violin Shop Fine Violins, Violas, Cellos, Basses and Bows



- · New and vintage instruments for students and advanced players.
- · Extensive collection of professional instruments.
- · Rental/purchase plan for violins, violas, cellos and basses.
- · In-home trial and time-payment plans.
- · Full value trade-in on upgrades.
- · Professional repairs, restorations and bow rehairing.
- · Courteous and knowledgeable staff.
- · Strings, cases and accessories at competitive discounts.
- Over 7,000 titles of string music and books in stock.
- Appraisals, Consignments and Acquisitions.

5584 General Washington Drive Alexandria, VA 22312









www.brobstviolins.com 703-256-0566

## **More Ways to Support SONOVA**

## Amazon Smile

Support SONOVA, just by shopping! Visit smile.amazon.com and select the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia as your preferred charity, then shop as you normally would. Amazon will donate a portion of their proceeds to SONOVA.

## Volunteer

SONOVA relies on numerous volunteers to continue operating! Volunteer opportunities include:

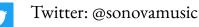
- **Concert Assistance** (Ushering and Ticket Sales)
- Gala Team
- Strategic Communication Team

If interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Val Rauch at vicepresident.soa.va@gmail.com.

## **Stay Connected with SONOVA!**



Facebook: Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia





Website: www.sonovamusic.org



Email: info@sonovamusic.org



SONOVA would like to thank La Tasca La Tasca Restaurant Old Town for their support!

The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia Presents

## Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor

## World premiere of Michael A. Ream's Darkness & Light: Two Pieces for Orchestra Commissioned by Jay and Jon Kurtz

May 6, 2018, 3:00 PM George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre Jeffrey Dokken, *Music Director* Andrea Vela, *Conductor* Michael Ream, *Composer* 

Darkness & Light: Two Pieces for Orchestra ......Michael A. Ream Darkness Light

Requiem.....

.....Wolfgang A. Mozart

Requiem Dies irae Tuba mirum Rex tremendae Recordare Confutatis Lacrimosa Domine Jesu Hostias Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei

## Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia

#### <u>Violin I</u>

Molly Jackson# Herick Lopez Adriel Pond Allison Richards Serena Sela Sarah Taylor Tanya Whisnant\*\*

#### <u>Violin II</u>

Claudia Batovich Jeanne Faubell\* Anne Morrison Julia Wardle

#### <u>Viola</u>

Ken Barnett Elaine Ervin Cynthia Liccese-Torres Val Rauch\* Michael Ream

#### <u>Cello</u>

Kathy Augustine John Janega Agnes Manley Will Park Kendra Woolen Hwa Yoo\*

#### **Bass** Kate Easton Cyndy Elliott

<u>Flute</u> Martine Micozzi\* Ryanne Waters

Oboe Rachael Bredefeld\*

**Bassoon** Joan Fragaszy Troyano Whitney Miller\*

#### <u>Clarinet</u>

Deborah Albert\* Kate Meeley

#### <u>Bass Clarinet</u>

Peter Vitaliano\*

#### <u>French Horn</u>

Deanne de Lima\* Cheryl Lovinsky

#### <u>Trumpet</u>

James Lewis Jeff Menzin Michael Thompson\*^

## Trombone

Ian Giles\* Robert Rauch

<u>**Timpani**</u> Dave Constantine

#### **Percussion**

Joe Katz\* Nick Meyer

\*Principal \*\*Concertmaster ^Associate Conductor #Librarian

## **SONOVA Chorale**

#### <u>Soprano</u>

Theresa Anderson Renee Andrews Betsy Ballard Rose Sue Bernstein **Julie Billingsley** Cynthia Brosnan Evalyn Carter Natalie Copra Faye Fager Ankur Garg Regina Girouard Mrs. Stephen Gold Shoshana Golden Tanya Hoffmann Alison Kula Alice Middleton Eddy Nalls Hannah Pagan Hilary Robinson Lucy Rocchio Elizabeth Roddy Carole Skole Ian Stunkard Katie Swenson Jessie Tannenbaum Nancy Turaj Nancy Webb **Ginny Weinstock** Krysti Williams

#### Alto

Kim Amenabar Abbey Baker Stephanie Barrows Jennifer Blanchard Barbara Bradford Rosemary Duca Cora Sabine Creamer Joan Curry Margaret Eccles Ann Glickman Linda Horton Gail Markowitz Keeley McCarty Ann Medinger **Ruth** Peksens Gwen Plummer Lauren Ramenofsky Maggie Rettig Catherine Satterlee Peggy Schaller Steph Selice Katherine Sheinkman Gretchen Spencer Barbara Wade Betty Wade Sharon Younger

#### <u>Tenor</u>

Jackson Caesar TJ Clapp Katherine Clarke James Coates Nancy Diener Judith Holdsworth J. Michael Rowe Sharon Van Duizend Sylvia Wilson

#### <u>Bass</u>

Mike Acocella Pete Bodri Oliver Easterwood Jeff Elefante Hubert Fry Douglas Gage Stephen Gold Takashi Iwasawa **Rick Kenney** Dan Martin James Oglethorpe Jim Ramenofsky Jeff Reed **Rick Ritter** Don Schlichtmann Dick Van Duizend Brett Wilson

## Jeffrey Sean Dokken, Music Director & Conductor



Featured in the August 2016 "Best Of" issue of Virginia Living Magazine, Maestro Jeffrey Sean Dokken is one of today's most exciting and vibrant conductors. Northern Virginia Magazine wrote, under Maestro Dokken's direction "NOVA has a world-class symphony in the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia." Over the past decade, Dokken has performed all across the United States in some of America's greatest venues, including The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and many more; internationally, he's performed at Teatro Sanchez Aguilar, The Pedro Calmon Theater, Giovanni Battista Martini Hall, Teatro Centro Civico Eloy Alfaro, Pumapungo Theater, and Teatro Bolivar. From 2012-2014, Maestro Dokken had the distinct honor of conducting at the White House in Washington D.C. as part of the "Holidavs at the White House".

Maestro Dokken is the Music Director and Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia and The Rome Symphony Orchestra, and is also the Artistic Director of CoroAllegro in Wilmington, Delaware's preeminent chamber choir. Dokken has recently been guest conductor with the National Symphony of Brazil, Orquesta Sinfonica de Guayaquil, Loja Symphony Orchestra, Senzaspine Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfonica de

Cuenca, Opera Guild of Northern Virginia, American University, The Washington Men's Camerata, and The Reformation Festival Choir. Since 2014, Maestro Dokken has spent a week in residence each summer at the famous Chautauqua Institution as a guest conductor and clinician. In 2013 and 2014, Maestro Dokken conducted a combined choir and orchestra of 250 voices in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

After earning his degree in vocal performance from the prestigious University of Redlands School of Music, Dokken pursued graduate degrees in music education and conducting at California Lutheran University and Shenandoah Conservatory, respectively. Maestro Dokken has studied conducting with Dr. Steven Cooksey and Jeffrey H. Rickard, euphonium and trombone with Dr. Phil Keen, piano with Dr. Angelica Prodan, and voice with Mrs. Patricia Gee and Dr. Anthony Zwerdling.

In addition to being an accomplished conductor, Maestro Dokken is in high demand as a vocalist. As a singer, Dokken has performed with innumerable world-class soloists, including Andrea Boccelli, Kelli O'Hara, and Brian D'Arcy James, among others. Dokken has performed as a vocal soloist throughout the country with various instrumental and choral ensembles, including recent performances with the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and St. Marie's Choral Arts. In 2015, Dokken performed a series of acclaimed duet concerts in California and Virginia with pianist Juan Carlos Escudero.

Dokken has composed for, conducted and performed on a number of CD's. Most recently, Dokken was a musical consultant on Novona Records' "An Orchestral Journey,". In 2015 Dokken conducted on "Premiered at the Opera House," a recording with the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia and the Metropolitan chorus, featuring Carmina Burana and other works premiered at opera house around the world. He also recently conducted and sang the tenor lead in Stephan Parker's adaptation of Ferdinando Paer's classic opera "Leonora."

#### Michael A. Ream, Composer



Michael A. Ream was born in Buffalo, NY, but has lived his entire life in Northern Virginia. He graduated with honors from James Madison University, where he studied music theory and composition. He earns a living as a technical writer working for Praxis, Inc. in Arlington, VA.

He has been playing in orchestras since the 5th grade and has been writing music almost as long. His works have been performed by the McLean Symphony, the Reston Community Orchestra, the SONOVA Chamber Ensemble, and numerous chamber groups. Maestro Andrea Vela is the Principal Conductor of the Loja Symphony Orchestra. She holds a Master of Music Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Shanghai Conservatory of Music in China, and a Bachelor of Music Degree in Violin Performance from Louisville University in Kentucky. She is the former conductor of the National Symphony of Ecuador and the National Conservatory of Music Symphony, and the Associate Conductor of Suzhong Lida Orchestra and the Louisville University Opera. She has guest conducted orchestras across the world, including Palacio de Bellas Artes Orchestra, Bielorusia Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra, Tel Aviv Orchestra, Arequipa Symphony Orchestra, Varna Symphony Orchestra, El Salvador Symphony Orchestra, and many more. She has won numerous conducting awards, and is widely regarded as one of South America's finest conductors.



## Darkness and Light: Two Pieces for Orchestra by Michael A. Ream

**Darkness**: This isn't what I set out to write. Usually, a piece of music moves from darkness to light, and that's what I had planned for the first movement. But I started writing it in the dead of winter, when it's cold and dark. I despise the cold. I despise the dark. (I despise winter.) So it started out gloomy and stayed that way. I tried everything I could think of to make the ending cheerier, but nothing worked. OK, I thought, I'll call this movement Darkness (it originally had a different title), and I'll call the second movement ...

**Light:** The first movement is based on stacks of minor thirds, so I decided to base the second movement on stacks of major thirds. This had two consequences, one totally unforeseen. Because the instruments are sometimes playing in different keys, the music is quite dissonant. But also, because the instruments are sometimes playing in different keys, the music has an ethereal, almost otherworldly beauty. I was so stunned by this that I decided to emphasize the beauty instead of the dissonance (you can thank me later).

So that's it - it took two movements, but we finally journey from darkness to light. It wasn't the journey I planned or the journey I set out on, but it's the one that offered itself.

I'd like to thank Maestro Dokken and the members of SONOVA for their encouragement, but mostly I'd like to thank Jay and Jon Kurtz. Without their generous sponsorship this music wouldn't exist.

If you'd like to hear more by me, we'll be auctioning the opportunity to commission an original work at next season's annual Gala and Silent Auction. Hope to see you there!

-Michael



Gamer Symphony Orchestra

WMGSO is the premiere community ensemble exclusively devoted to performing video game music in the DC Metro area. To learn more, visit wmgso.org.



 $\pi \wedge \pi \pi$ 









"Free the child potential, and you will transform him into the world" -Maria Montessori

Infant, Toddler, Primary and Elementary Programs

School Day—Extended Day

For ages 3 months - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Advanced academic curriculum Award-winning French program STEM Music, Art PE / Yoga Summer Camps

703-481-2922 | www.RestonMontessori.com 1928 Isaac Newton Square West | Reston, VA 20190

#### **SONOVA Board of Directors and Personnel**

President President Emeritus Vice President Secretary Treasurer Strategic Communications Development Arts Management Intern Lighting

John Janega James Lewis Val Rauch Emily Harmon Peter Vitaliano Serena Sela Pat Kramer Juliana Gustafson Christina Giles

#### **LOOKING FOR PERFECT HARMONY?**

#### Let me orchestrate your next move! My knowledge of today's Real Estate market will be music to your ears!!





MARTINE MICOZZI PRINCIPAL FLUTIST, SONOVA LICENSED REALTOR IN VA, D.C. & MD

703.944.9254 artine4homes@gmail.com

Weichert Realtors 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd McLean, VA 22101 703-760-8880



Weighert

Affiliated with Weichert Realtors, 6257 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101

# AD for Sir Speedy

# Foxes Music Co.

Everything for the Musician, Student, and Teacher

School Band and String Rentals - Area's Lowest Rates

Guitars, Amps & Keyboards Area's Largest Sheet Music Department Private Music Instruction - Experienced Faculty

## 703-533-7393

www.foxesmusic.com

416 S. Washington St. \* Falls Church, VA 22046