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NEW DOMINION CHORALE TO PERFORM HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra, under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will perform G. F. Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m. The performance will take place at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College, at 4915 East Campus Drive.

The 200-voice Chorale will be joined by a quartet of soloists of national and international renown: soprano Esther Heideman, alto Laura Zuiderveen, tenor Issachah Savage, and bass Kevin Thompson.

The performance of "Messiah" will include the Christmas portion and selections from Parts II and III appropriate for the season.

Mr. Savage recently performed in Wagner's "Rienzi" with the National Philharmonic at the Music Center at Strathmore. His performance in the title role was given extraordinary praise by Anne Midgette, classical music critic of *The Washington Post*, who said he has "that rarest of instruments: a large voice of melting beauty. He wielded it with ease and grace. ... (H)e's got a voice that makes you want to hear more of it."

New Dominion Chorale, now celebrating its 25th anniversary season, is one of the Washington area's largest choral societies. The Chorale has received consistent praise from *The Washington Post* for its "opulent, precise and powerful" performances of the classic sacred works as well as selections from opera and musical theater. The Chorale has given the premiere performances of several of Mr. Beveridge's compositions, including his "Yizkor Requiem: A Quest for Spiritual Roots," which has subsequently received over 25 performances in the United States and Europe. In addition to its regular performances at the Schlesinger Center, the New Dominion Chorale has also performed at the Washington National Cathedral, Washington Hebrew Congregation, the

George Mason University Center for the Arts, and the Concert Hall at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Beveridge is one of Washington's most versatile musicians. He has had a distinguished career as a solo singer, keyboard artist, teacher, composer, and conductor. He has received many awards and has been named the "Dean of Washington Composers" by *Washingtonian* magazine.

Tickets are available at the door of the Schlesinger Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria, Va., and online at newdominion.org. Ticket prices are \$30 (general admission), \$25 (seniors, 62 or over), and \$15 (youth ages 5–25). Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$20 per ticket. For more information: www.newdominion.org or (703) 442-9404.

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