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New Dominion Chorale to present GRANT US PEACE

New Dominion Chorale will begin its 28th season with a program titled GRANT US PEACE on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, in McLean, Virginia.

The concert, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will feature Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem," Felix Mendelssohn's "Grant Us Peace," and two works by Franz Schubert: "Psalm 23" and "Mass in G Major."

Vocal soloists will be soprano Annie Schwartz, tenor Benjamin Pattison, and bass-baritone James Shaffran.

Organist Paul Skevington will be joined by a chamber orchestra of string instruments and harp. Paul Skevington is Minister of Music and Liturgy at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean and has accompanied all the major Washington choruses. In addition, Paul Skevington is a soloist and recording artist.

<http://www.musicinmclean.org/paul-skevington-artistic-director.html>

James Shaffran has sung with almost every arts organization in the Washington-Baltimore area, including 50 roles and 300 performances with the Washington National Opera. <https://www.hyperion-records.co.uk/a.asp?a=A12464>

New Dominion Chorale is one of the Washington area's largest choral societies. The Chorale has received consistent praise by music critics, particularly by Joseph McLellan, the late chief music critic of The Washington Post, who wrote, "New Dominion Chorale's performance was opulent, precise and powerful...totally clear diction and a wide dynamic range." In addition to its regular appearances at the Schlesinger Center, the Chorale has also performed at the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Washington Hebrew Congregation. The Chorale has performed most of the standard works for large chorus and orchestra, as well as less well-known works by Franz Liszt, Robert Schumann, Franz Schubert, and Thomas Beveridge, including the premieres of Beveridge's "Yizkor Requiem" and "Symphony of Peace."

Thomas Beveridge, Founder and Artistic Director of New Dominion Chorale, is one of the Washington area's most versatile musicians. He has appeared as bass soloist with many of the nation's choral societies and orchestras and performed in recitals in the United States and Europe, specializing in performances of his own music, including three entire concerts at the National Gallery of Art and collaboration with such distinguished musicians as pianist Martin Katz and the Emerson String Quartet. He is the composer of 700 original compositions and arrangements, with commissions from Harvard University, the Choral Arts Society of Washington, and the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation at the Library of Congress. As a conductor, he has been Director of Choral Activities at George Mason University and Chorus Master of the Washington National Opera.

Tickets for GRANT US PEACE on October 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 \$15 for students up to age 22. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$25 per ticket. All tickets are for general admission. For more information go to www.newdominion.org or email to president@newdominion.org or webmaster@newdominion.org. Parking is free.

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