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WHAT: FREE Open Rehearsal for *An Evening of Mozart and Mendelssohn*;
Collaborative Program: Virginia Chamber Orchestra, GMU's Mason
Symphony Orchestra, and University Singers

WHEN: Monday, March 31, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Center for the Arts, George Mason University,
4373 Mason Pond Rd
Fairfax, VA 22030

FEATURES: Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3, Op. 56 (Scottish), Mozart Requiem

TICKETS: Purchase on line at www.hyltoncenter.org or at the door

PARKING: Free in K lot; paid in covered parking lot

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**VCO, GMU's MASON SYMPHONY and SINGERS COLLABORATE
for AN EVENING OF MOZART AND MENDELSSOHN**

Virginia Chamber Orchestra named "Ensemble in Residence" at GMU

The Virginia Chamber Orchestra, George Mason University's Mason Symphony Orchestra and the University Singers will present a free rehearsal for *An Evening of Mozart and Mendelssohn* on Monday, March 31st, at 7:30 pm in the Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at 4373 Mason Pond Drive.

The Virginia Chamber Orchestra is honored to be named an ensemble in residence at GMU's School of Music. The VCO will open the program with Mozart's Divertimento in D major, K. 126. Mason Symphony members will then have a unique opportunity to share a stand with the VCO's seasoned professional players to perform Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 in A minor, Op. 56 (Scottish) at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, VA. Dr. Dennis M. Layendecker will conduct the orchestral works. This rehearsal precedes a concert at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas on April 2nd.

Mozart's Requiem will conclude the rehearsal, with seven outstanding student soloists alternating in the four solo roles. Dr. Stan Engebretson will lead the soloists, University Singers, and orchestra.

About the Virginia Chamber Orchestra

David Grandis was engaged as Music Director of the Virginia Chamber Orchestra 2013. The quality and vitality of the Virginia Chamber Orchestra's performances attract enthusiastic concert attendees from all Virginia suburbs, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Listeners appreciate the transparent, intimate sound of a chamber ensemble as well as its power, richness, and remarkable dynamic range. In the words of a Washington Post critic, the maestro evokes "energetic excitement" from his players. The repertoire spans the centuries, ranging from Bach to Bartók and beyond. Celebrating its 43rd season, the Virginia Chamber Orchestra is also committed to community outreach and education. Concerts include partnerships with Wounded Warriors, Our Military Kids, and their families. The VCO also makes programs available to students nationwide via the Internet to further enhance the integration of musical heritage into current curriculum. Visit www.virginiachamberorchestra.org for more information.

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