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2020**

celebrating the

35th Anniversary of
Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Inc.

and the

50th Season of the
City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc.

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8:00 p.m.

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◆ Welcome ◆

Dear Guests:

On behalf of the City of Fairfax, welcome to the **2020 Mayor's Gala for the Arts**. This year is the 50th season for the City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., and the 35th anniversary of Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Inc.

We are so pleased that you have joined us this evening as we celebrate these two iconic community organizations. The City of Fairfax Band Association's achievements over the last five decades include the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Silver Scroll Award; invitations to national community band conferences with performances in New Orleans, Allentown, and Virginia Beach; and representing the U.S. on the shores of France with performances for D-Day Commemoration Observances. Maestro Pouliot is the recipient of the 2015 John Mason Arts Achievement Award from the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Association of Concert Bands Outstanding Conductor Award. This year, the Band received an invitation to perform for the Independence Day activities at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See (Vatican City).

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts is a unique and exceptional asset of the City of Fairfax. Over its 35-year history, Spotlight, in cooperation with George Mason University and the business and arts communities of Fairfax, has supported the arts and encouraged awareness of cultural opportunities in the greater Fairfax community. Spotlight's contribution is most visible during its annual festival, which continues to be one of Virginia's foremost arts festivals. Spotlight also raises funds for scholarships that benefit College of Visual and Performing Arts students at George Mason University.

Together, the City of Fairfax Band Association and Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts have entertained thousands, promoted the arts in our community, enhanced economic activity in our region, and supported arts education. Both organizations have truly enriched the lives of so many in Northern Virginia and enhanced cultural opportunities in our community.

I extend a special thanks to former Mayor Steve Stombres and former City Council member Ellie Schmidt for their outstanding leadership and tireless efforts to make this evening a success. I commend former Mayor John Mason for his vision in creating Spotlight on the Arts and all the volunteers who have supported our Band and the Spotlight events since their inception.

We hope that you will enjoy this evening and future celebrations and performances. We are all looking forward to many more fantastic years of the arts in Fairfax.

Sincerely,

David L. Meyer
Mayor, City of Fairfax

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Mayor's Message:

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Introduction of City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., Music Director:

Steve Stombres and Ellie Schmidt

Introduction of City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., performances:

Robert Pouliot, Music Director

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City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., Small Ensembles – Featuring Main Street Brass Quintet and Fairfax Saxophone Quartet

City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., Medium Ensembles – Alte Kameraden and Fairfax Swing Band

City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., Large Ensembles – Main Street Community Band, Northern Virginia Youth Winds and City of Fairfax Band

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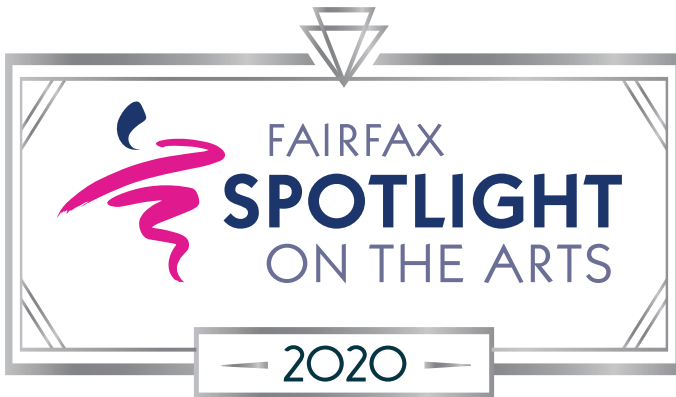
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