

Fairfax Symphony picked for Catalogue for Philanthropy

Virginia's Fairfax Symphony Orchestra has been chosen as one of 68 featured nonprofit organizations in the 2009-10 *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*. The *Catalogue* was established seven years ago; it works to connect smaller, community-based organizations with individual and foundation donors. Every November it spotlights selected nonprofits in its publication, which it sends to 20,000 individuals and hundreds of family foundations. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra performs six Masterworks concerts at George Mason University Center for the Arts in Fairfax, Virginia; it also performs in area elementary schools; conducts an annual string competition for young musicians; and presents free family concerts every summer in collaboration with the Fairfax County Park Authority. "We know that nonprofits have had a very difficult year," said Barbara Harman, president and editor of the *Catalogue*. "For most, contributions are flat or down, and the decrease or loss of foundation and government funding has created significant budgetary challenges. Individual doors can make a real difference this year, keeping great organizations afloat during these tough times." The *Catalogue's* charities are selected on the basis of excellence, cost-effectiveness, and impact, said Harman.

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