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To: Music Teachers, Elementary School Principals and Parent Coordinators
*Charlottesville City Schools; Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson,
Madison, Greene, Orange County Schools, other regional school districts;
Area Private Schools; Area Home-School Groups*

From: Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, Charlottesville Symphony

Date: December 15, 2023

Re: INVITATION TO DIGITAL YOUTH CONCERT

Close Encounters of the Orchestra Kind

The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia
invites all area school children to view a digital version
of our 2023 Youth Concert,

Available January 2, 2024 through February 29, 2024

Our virtual youth concert has been so popular in recent years that we will continue to offer a streamed option. We recorded our live performances in October 2023, and the digital version will be available for viewing in January and February 2024.

In the middle of his weekly bath, Alvin the Alien falls out of the Big Dipper and lands on the stage of Old Cabell Hall. Hear what happens when he finds a conductor's baton on the podium! The Charlottesville Symphony will present a fascinating tour of famous orchestral works with a science fiction theme. We will explore the families of the orchestra, enjoy the expressive nature of music, and learn how a beautiful melody can energize us. Join Alvin as he has a "Close Encounter" with an orchestra for the first time, and hear how we help Alvin find his way home!

The youth concert is designed for students in fourth and fifth grades; however, we are certain that music teachers can share the video with students of all ages in meaningful ways, and we encourage them to do so. Visit our website where you will find the Study Guide and YouTube links to the music.

<https://cvillesymphony.org/education-community/youth-concerts/>

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ORCHESTRAL KIND

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PROGRAM

Excerpts from the following works:

John Williams Main Title from *Star Wars*

Jerry Goldsmith (orchestrated by Arthur Morton) Main Title from *Star Trek*

John Williams Jedi Steps from *The Force Awakens*

John Williams *Rey's Theme*

Richard Strauss *Also Sprach Zarathustra*

Modest Mussorgsky *Night on Bald Mountain*

Molly Joyce *Side by Side*

John Williams *The Flying Theme from ET*

John Williams *Imperial March from Star Wars*

John Williams *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

Video Duration

The video is 47 minutes long, but can be viewed in smaller segments.

Who is eligible to view the video performance:

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The Charlottesville Symphony's Annual Youth Concerts are designed to aid recruitment for local band and orchestra programs by targeting students the year before they begin studying band and orchestra instruments at school. By inviting students to our concerts in the academic year just before they start a school instrumental music program, we aim to help them make more informed decisions about which instrument they will choose to play.

Reservations Procedure and Deadline:

Email: education@cillesymphony.org to request access to the video. Please include the following to complete your registration:

Name

Title

School Name/Homeschool Group Name

Number of Students

Grade level(s) of Students

Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

Note: the video will be released on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Reservations will happily be taken in advance, but the password and link will be sent early that morning, not sooner.

Preparatory Materials and Activities:

A PDF copy of the Study Guide, YouTube links and SOL-related activities are posted on our website. Please visit our webpage to access and download any materials you wish to use with your students.

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Questions:

Please direct questions to Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, at education@cillesymphony.org.