

NEWS

Flamingos in Your Front Yard?

New Program by Woman's Club of McLean.

If you see a flock of flamingos in your neighbor's yard, don't be alarmed. They are just roosting there to help the Woman's Club of McLean raise money for local charities.

The program is called "You've Been Flocked." Anyone can pay the suggested donation of \$80 to have someone's yard covered with pretty, plastic pink flamingos. If the recipient is out of the McLean area, the donation is \$100. When the recipient you flocked wakes up in the morning, they are surprised by all the flamingos in their yard. There is also a sign that tells them that they have been flocked, along with a nice letter explaining the program. The flamingos are

picked up after 3 days.

Due to the pandemic, the Woman's Club has been unable to have their major fundraiser, The Holiday Homes Tour. It's been two years without having the much needed funds to help local organizations. A few of these are: McLean Volunteer Fire Department, SHARE, Veterans' Transitional Housing, Animal Welfare and Second Story. So, the flamingos are trying to make up for it. Great gift idea for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

If you would like to donate to have a friend's yard flocked, you may contact Emma Lea Moorman, Assistant Treasurer, Woman's Club of McLean, at 703-821-9144.



Could this happen to you?

Langley High School Orchestra Presents Out of This World

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Under a swirling sky of stars projected on the ceiling and before a packed house of exhilarated audience members, Langley High School's orchestra closed out the school year with a space-themed concert for the ages.

The evening began with a grand opening, with the Philharmonic orchestra performing Gustav Holst's beloved "Jupiter," from the Planets suite. Aptly epigraphed as "the bringer of jollity," the piece exuded vitality and grandeur, an effect amplified with full brass, woodwinds, and percussion accompaniment. On a similarly momentous note, the orchestra then presented the world premiere of "The Artemis Generation," guest conducted by the composer himself, Doug Wallace. The piece was commissioned by the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and features prominent percussion sections, creating a futuristic and haunting sound that conveyed the piece's message of hope for a new generation of space explorers.

Langley's senior orchestra members then performed a slate of nostalgic space-age pieces. They first presented the main theme of the classic movie E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, by John Williams, an airy and whimsical piece with a message on the importance of friendship and childhood. From the science fiction film Interstellar, the senior musicians performed Hans Zimmer's "No Time For Caution," an eerie and powerful piece amplified with an organ backing track. Langley's auditorium was then transported to a galaxy far far away, with the senior musicians playing "Rey's Theme" by John Williams, a piece from Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Performers wrapped their bows in colorful LED lights, reminiscent of lightsabers and epic space battles as they played through the music.

The junior musicians of the orchestra then took the stage with iconic extraterrestrial-themed pieces from the silver screen. With Michael Giacchino's Star Trek, then James Horner's "I See You" from the blockbuster film Avatar, clips from movies played on the screen



Cello player Zach Baker dressed up as an astronaut to make the senior performance truly out of this world!

alongside the musicians. Freshman cellist Luke Yang noted that the "movie scenes in the background was a cool idea that added a positive element to the concert." The junior orchestra members closed off their section of the performance with a universally recognizable medley of themes from Star Wars: The Last Jedi, by John Williams.

The Concert orchestra, composed of freshman and sophomore players, carried a modern and futuristic tone through their repertoire of pieces. Beginning with the theme from world-renowned British television series, Dr. Who, by Murray Gold, the orchestra told the story of an eccentric alien traveling through time in a telephone box through exhilarating and mysterious musical passages. The next pieces were amped up and energizing, with the superhero-themed "Emerald Falcon" by Richard Meyer, and the theme from the video game Halo, by Marty O'Donnell, accompanied by junior Wesley Chang on electric guitar.

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With bows wrapped in LED lights, Langley HS Orchestra's senior musicians performed space-age music in their final concert.

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Enforcement Stepping Up at Scott's Run

Scott's Run Nature Preserve in Great Falls, Virginia is a fantastic natural resource to be enjoyed by those looking for a quiet place to enjoy a hike; to gaze at the waterfall and streams, as well as the shoreline of the Potomac River; and to take in the rich abundance of local fauna, woodland creatures and natural resources.

If you are seeking a place to drink alcohol, swim or wade in the water, or climb on rocks, this is not the place. The Fairfax County Park Authority will be working collaboratively with the Fairfax County Police Department to ensure only permitted activities take place in this natural area, that people can recreate safely, and that the rules as they apply to alcohol and use of the preserve are observed.

Law enforcement and FCPA staff will be enforcing the rules as follows:

No coolers are allowed. No alcohol or

glass bottles are permitted in Scott's Run. Bags will be checked at parking lot trailheads. Enforcement will be stepped up at the waterfall area.

No swimming, wading or boating allowed at Scott's Run. Crowds in the water threaten the many invertebrates and the remarkable and rare plant species that call the preserve home. Parking is limited to 50 cars in the designated parking areas. No parking is permitted in adjacent neighborhoods or along the roadway leading to the park. Dogs must be on a leash while in the park.

Our rules are posted on the Scott's Run Nature Preserve Park Rules webpage. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rules/scotts-run

Scott's Run Nature Preserve is located at 7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Virginia. For more information, visit Scott's Run Nature Preserve. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/scotts-run

Langley HS Orchestra

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In a bittersweet close to the evening, senior musicians once again took the stage to perform "City of Stars" by Justin Hurwitz, from the critically acclaimed film La La Land. Langley's orchestra has a long-standing tradition of a "senior song," a piece selected by graduating orchestra members played over a slideshow of all their post-high school destinations. "City of Stars" was a particu-

larly meaningful selection- the same senior song was selected by the graduating class of 2020, who never got to perform it due to the pandemic.

Reflecting on their tenure in Langley's orchestra, senior musicians are nostalgic. "Orchestra has been such a core part of my high school experience," says senior violinist Anh-Thu Pham. "I've made so many great memories and this concert was an amazing way to conclude my four years in the program."

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