



May 24, 2017

Arts & Culture Program

Check out our latest events!

- The National Philharmonic's performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures At An Exhibition* at the Strathmore Concert Hall
- National Symphony Orchestra's (NSO) performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*/Rimsky-Korsakov's

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On **April 23, 2017**, our ACES students/families from Rockville and Germantown and Montgomery Blair High School attended **The National Philharmonic's exquisite performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures At An Exhibition*** at the magnificent **Strathmore Concert Hall**. This orchestral concert was performed by the National Philharmonic, one of Strathmore's original 6 resident artistic and educational partners in the Music Center at Strathmore. The partners provide a unique artistic niche providing students and concertgoers with a wide variety of excellent and accessible programming year-round.

Our Arts & Culture program received a testimonial from **Carolina Karinda**, a Rockville Campus student, who attended the performance:

"I saw so many range of people of different age plays different instrument. It was inspiring to see how passionate the people are. Most of them are middle age people but still are really happy to play for the crowd. This make me think of my career plan. If I'm pursuing a career I have to make sure that it's something I'm really passionate about."

Carolina's gracious words reflect how empowering the performing arts are to our students. Excellence and passion are what our program is built upon; and, because of the National Philharmonic's generosity and strong commitment to arts in education, our Arts & Culture program can continue to make a difference in the life of our ACES students. We are so thankful to the National Philharmonic family for their gracious gift of the free tickets for our ACES students!

For more information about The National Philharmonic: <https://www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/resident-partners/national-philharmonic-at-strathmore>

National Symphony Orchestra's (NSO) performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*/Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

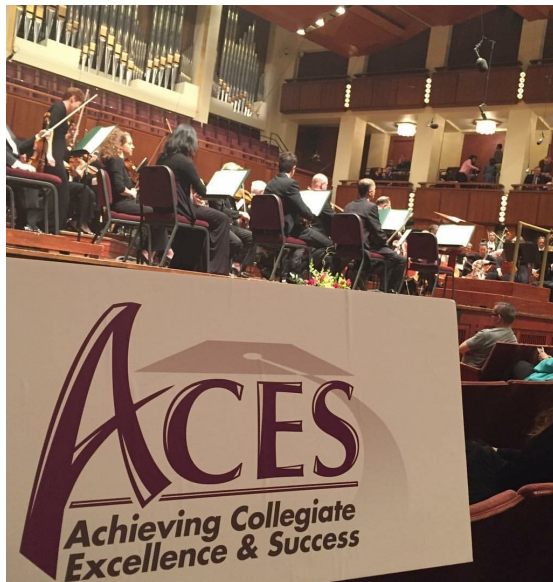
On May 12, 2017, families and coaches from Watkins Mill and Clarksburg High School attended the **National Symphony Orchestra's (NSO)** performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*/Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* at the magnificent **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**.

The 2016-2017 season marks the NSO's 86th year in sharing its glorious music! Founded in 1931, the Orchestra has, throughout its history, been committed to artistic excellence and music education. In 1986, the National Symphony became an artistic affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where it has performed a full season of subscription concerts since the Center opened in 1971. The National Symphony Orchestra regularly participates in events of national and international importance, including

performances for state occasions, presidential inaugurations and official holiday celebrations. Its regularly televised holiday appearances for Capitol Concerts and local radio broadcasts on WETA make the NSO one of the most-heard orchestras in the country. The Orchestra itself numbers 96 musicians who perform approximately 150 concerts each year.

We are grateful to the **National Symphony Orchestra** family for their gracious gift of the free tickets for our ACES faculty/coaches & students!

For more information about the NSO:
<http://www.kennedy-center.org/nso/index>



ACES student, Jathelle Pierre-Louis, with ACES Academic Coaches Tiffany Shaw and Terre Thomas attended the NSO performance. On May 12, 2017.