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The Temptations, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Headline Second Weekend at the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival

The sounds of classical masterworks and musical icons fill the Orkney Springs air at the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival on the last weekend of July.

Friday, July 30th at 8:00 p.m., The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival presents a night of masterworks with Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and piano soloist, Alon Goldstein. The following night, Saturday, July 31st at 8:00 p.m., Motown favorites, The Temptations, will take the stage with Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor Christopher Zimmerman makes his Orkney Springs debut as his Fairfax Symphony Orchestra plays its 31st season. The classical program will take you on a journey through the 20th century's post Romantic era. The program will feature sensuous and exotic music born from the flamenco, the tango and 1920s and 30s Paris. Brilliant Israeli pianist will add a rendition of Ravel's "Piano Concerto in G," said to be the most jazz-influenced piece ever written by a European composer.

It's hard to imagine, but The Temptations have brought R&B music to the mainstream for more than 40 years. Ever polished, Otis Williams, Ron Tyson, Terry Weeks, Joe Herndon and Bruce Williamson have reinvented The Temptations style while still managing to nail the classic hits like "My Girl," and "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" every time. "The Temps have always been known for great lead singers," says original member Otis Williams, "today, we have three of the greatest leads in the proud history of the group." Their soulful voices, synchronized dance moves and timeless hits with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will be a nostalgic trip for some and a discovery of a whole new world for others.

The Festival venue is a rustic pavilion on the grounds of the old Orkney Springs Hotel, now part of the Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center in Orkney Springs, Va., about 13 miles west of Mount Jackson. The hotel is a National Historic Landmark. Preferred Pavilion tickets for the masterworks evening, with pianist Alon Goldstein are \$40, Regular Pavilion tickets are \$35 and general admission lawn tickets are \$30. For The Temptations show, Preferred Pavilion tickets are \$42, Regular Pavilion tickets are \$37 and general admission lawn tickets are \$32. The concerts go on rain or shine. Visit www.musicfest.org or call (800) 459-3396 for tickets or more information.

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