

Richmond Symphony and Chorus asks for Snow

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With the holiday activities around Richmond, a local vocalist, with the help of the Richmond Symphony and Chorus, performed a concert to remember. On Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. students ranging from fifth grade to ninth grade from across the state got to attend The Richmond Symphony and Chorus' performance *Let It Snow*.

These students are part of a program called Jacob's Ladder. According to their website, "Our mission is to aid and encourage intellectually gifted, at-risk middle school through high school students to reach their full potential and become leaders equipped to help others in similar economic and social situations."

The program includes a month-long camp during their summers away from school. These children are considered "at risk" because of their parents' income and the fact that they come from school districts that cannot give them the attention that they need to succeed.

During the school year, one parent or guardian gets to go with their child to an event that takes place around Richmond. This year it happened to be attending the Richmond Symphony and Chorus' production *Let It Snow*.

A local artist also sang along with the choir and symphony, singer and songwriter Natalie Prass. She did a number of songs with the audience during the sing-a-long part of the



concert as well as on her own. During her own song of "No Better Time," her producer and co-writer Trey Pollard joined her on acoustic guitar. She also sang her own song "It Is You."

The symphony's conductor was Chia-Hsuan Lin. Lin was interactive with the audience as a whole and commanded everyone's attention when we were allowed to ring sleigh bells in time with the symphony and choir (dependent on the musical number).

As mentioned before, there was a sing-a-long to finish out the concert. This consisted of eight commonly known songs: "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer," "Silver Bells," "White Christmas," "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Joy to the World." The concert lasted about two hours and was interactive as well as fun.

To find out what is yet to come for 2019 or what is on the upcoming schedule for 2020 please check out richmondsymphony.com or call 804-788-1212.



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