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MAY 20, 2012 • UNDER THE OAKS
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Suite of Dances, André Campra

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Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Edward Elgar

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The Flags
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“The Star Spangled Banner,” Francis Scott Key
Led by Jeffery David Maggs

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George R. Johnson, Jr.
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The Honorable James A. Wynn, Jr.
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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“Grand March” from Aida, Giuseppi Verdi
Those who are able are asked to stand.

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