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I hope you find joy this year's Yuletide Celebration and it inspires us all to carry the holiday spirit throughout the year. As we celebrate, please consider joining us in supporting our neighbors in need by contributing to the AES Indiana Power of Change program. This initiative provides one-time grants to income-qualified customers facing financial difficulties.

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 38th annual AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* at the Hilbert Circle Theatre! We are thrilled to have you join us for this enchanting holiday journey. From the moment you step into our beautifully decorated lobby, complete with a stunning holiday tree and delightful characters ready for photos, you'll be enveloped in the spirit of the season.

This year's celebration promises to be truly special, as we feature the phenomenal musicians of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and welcome the incomparable Sandi Patty for her tenth and final appearance as host. Get ready to be captivated by our incredible guest artists, including the talented Curtis Bannister and Susie Mosher, stars of stage, film, and more.

Returning to enchant us all is the extraordinary Nick Hodge, who will dazzle you with his mesmerizing Cyr Wheel performance. The internationally acclaimed dance troupe Expressenz is back, along with the ISO's very own Sherry Hong, who will take the stage for another breathtaking violin solo.

We invite you to experience the joy and magic of the holidays, surrounded by friends and family. With surprises and delights at every turn, we hope this evening brings you wonder, laughter, and cherished memories.

Thank you for being here—let the celebration begin!

Jack

Jack Everly
Principal Pops Conductor
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Music in My Life: Ryan Miller, Trombone



Ryan Miller is the Acting Principal Trombonist of the ISO. He is a member of the Grand Teton Music Festival and teaches at the University of Indianapolis. Ryan's interests include climbing, hiking, cooking, reading, espresso, and spending time with his wife, Heather.

Tell us about your family.

I grew up in Dayton, Ohio. My dad was a public school music teacher and my mom was a school administrator. Some of my earliest memories are of listening to my dad practice trumpet at home. I grew up going to DCI shows, and in high school I started going to Dayton Philharmonic and Cincinnati Symphony concerts.

When did you start playing trombone?

I started playing trombone in 6th grade. I knew that I wanted to play a brass instrument like my dad, who played trumpet. I decided to play trombone because I didn't think I'd be able to remember what to do with three valves like the other brass instruments have. I thought the trombone's slide would be easier to use than valves. It turns out, I was wrong!

What do you enjoy about being part of the ISO?

Getting to play different music every week with the same great musicians makes everything work so well together. It's like the rest of the orchestra is a nearly completed puzzle and the only missing piece happens to be my part. Beyond everything musical, it is a group of really great people that I enjoy being around.

What piece or concert are you looking forward to playing this season?

I'm really looking forward to Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*. It is a showpiece for everyone on stage. There are moments that are intensely moving. It's incredible music, and I can't wait for the ISO to play it!

What do you like best about Yuletide Celebration?

Beginning each *Yuletide* show feels really special. Excitement is buzzing backstage, and it's a thrill for the curtain to rise and see all the smiling faces in the audience! It's fun to bring family to *Yuletide*. My grandmother has been coming for years, and it's always fun to bring my nieces and nephews to the show.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not performing?

My wife and I like to climb. It's a great workout for your body and brain. We have some friends in the ISO that we climb with, both in gyms in Indianapolis and on trips to climb outdoors.

Any advice for a young person considering a career in the orchestra?

Take lessons, record yourself, and listen to as much music as you can. Live music counts for double!

What do you want our audience members to know about the ISO?

Thank you so much for coming! We are playing for you!



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- Give back to the community
- Support the ISO through your gift of time
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- Have access to private events such as seasonal parties and musician meet & greets



The ISO performed free concerts at three area high schools this fall: Southport High School on September 24, Arsenal Tech High School on September 25, and Shortridge High School on October 8. The concerts were led by Associate Conductor Su-Han Yang.

Broad Ripple Brewpub hosted Holiday Horns on December 1, featuring community members and several ISO horn players playing festive music for the holidays.

The Ortwein JazzTet is playing at the Chatterbox on December 7 from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Mark Ortwein will be playing saxophones and electrified bassoon and Craig Hetrick will be on drums.

Melissa Deal is offering a string quartet program celebrating music of the Christmas season at the Latvian Church on December 8.

On December 9 at 6 p.m., members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra brass section will perform Christmas music at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Zionsville. This concert is modeled after programs Rick Graef and Tony Kniffen performed together in Honolulu when they both were in the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra. Come to the concert and find out if Santa can play the French Horn! Tony will also be performing with local brass players on December 22 at Central Christian Church in Anderson and on Christmas Eve at First Baptist on the north side of Indianapolis.

Musicians of the ISO including Amy Kniffen and Jennifer Farquhar will provide music for a memorial service to honor homeless citizens of Indianapolis who have passed away this year. The service will be held at Roberts Park United Methodist Church on December 21, at 11 a.m., and is organized by the Coalition for Homelessness Support.

Join Ronen Chamber Ensemble during their current concert season, "Connections." The artistic and cultural connection between France and Russia is explored in Ronen's third program of the season, featuring Prokofiev's first violin sonata. Artistic Directors: Gregory Martin, Piano; Jayna Park, Violin; Alistair Howlett, Flute; Jennifer Christen, Oboe. Visit www.ronenchamber.org for more information.

March 23, 2025, 4 p.m.: Our Lady of Lourdes Church March 24, 2025, 7:30 p.m.: Indiana Historical Society



Home for the holidays here's how some of our musicians plan to celebrate!

Lawrence Central grad and ISO horn player Julie Beckel is looking forward to staying home for the holidays with her son and family, which includes retired ISO principal trombonist Jim Beckel.

Horn player Jill Boaz keeps busy during the holidays by painting oil portraits of people's pets.

Violinist Sophia Cho and cellist Stephen Hawkey, who met and fell in love in the ISO, are looking forward to their first Christmas together as a married couple in their new home!

ISO couple Jennifer Christen (oboe) and Alistair Howlett (flute), along with their sons Elliott (6) and Oliver (3) are looking forward to traveling to winter wonderland Buffalo, NY, this holiday season to see family! They are hoping for enough snow to sled, but not so much that they can't get to Grandma's house in the first place.

Principal horn Rob Danforth and his wife Coral are looking forward to spending time with their children over the holidays: Libby (photographer, Nashville, TN), Madeline (primary care physician, Philadelphia, PA), and Andrew (jazz and classical trombone, Brooklyn, NY). They will all miss daughter Katie who is in New Zealand this season performing as Associate Principal Oboe with the Aukland Philharmonia.

Jennifer Farquhar will be visiting her 99-year-old grandmother near Philadelphia this holiday season.

This Christmas, Nicholas Gallitano and his older siblings who live in New York City will be going back to their hometown of Brookline, Mass., to visit their parents and 96-year old paternal grandparents. In the lead-in to the holiday, his parents will be paying a visit to Indianapolis to catch one of the ISO's iconic *Yuletide* shows and to spend time with their youngest (and most beloved) child. He is looking forward to all of the family time and all of the food, lots of which will be representative of his Greek and Italian heritage.

Bass player Bob Goodlett, who has been in the ISO for more than 50 years, is looking forward to visiting with his grandchildren who live in Chicago, and having a visit from his son who plays bass in the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal.

Tony and Amy Kniffen will be navigating an alternate route to South Carolina to see Amy's mom on Christmas day. Her mom says that her sweet little hometown looks entirely different after hurricane Helene. The home she grew up in is safe, though for the first time in family history, the freezer has been emptied because of a week-long power outage. Amy is grateful that her mom is fine and not sorry that the freezer got emptied.

ISO oboist Roger Roe and his husband Kent are helping with the Advent music at Central Christian Church, often collaborating with other ISO players to share their music in worship. After that, they will spend time with family and friends in Texas and Mexico.

When she's not playing with the ISO, Marisa Votapek enjoys teaching violin for students of all ages. She loves baking and cooking, and enjoys any opportunity to make cakes for friends and family. She plans on spending Christmas with her extended family in the Midwest, and she is planning a trip to Colombia in the new year with her sister.



Background

AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration has a rich 37-year history. Prior to the existence of this beloved family tradition, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra filled its December calendar with everything from Handel's Messiah and Bach's Christmas Oratorio to The Nutcracker with Butler University and holiday-themed Pops shows.

In 1986, the ISO changed gears completely and became the first American orchestra to create an original Broadway-style holiday extravaganza with singing, dancing, puppetry, and many more theatrical elements. The *Yuletide Celebration* started small, with only eight performances in the first year, and it has grown to be the largest orchestra-produced holiday presentation of its kind in North America. The ISO now presents on averge 29 performances attracting nearly 40,000 people each December.

Host

This is singer Sandi Patty's tenth appearance in AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration, having been the host in 2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2021. Many noted celebrities have hosted the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration: veteran comedienne and star of stage, screen, and television Kaye Ballard (1991); 1981 Miss America and host of the Discovery Channel's Home Matters Susan Powell (1993); two-time Tony Award-winning actress Judy Kaye (1994–95); longtime star as "The Phantom" in Broadway's production of The Phantom of the Opera, Ted Keegan (1999); acclaimed singer

and actress who portrayed Dr. Josie Conklin on the ABC Television's daytime soap opera *One Life To Live*, Pamela Isaacs (2001); two-time Grammy Award-winning soprano Sylvia McNair (2003); legendary pop music icon Maureen McGovern (2009); singer Frankie Moreno (2019, 2022); opera star Angela Brown (2012, 2014, 2018); winner of *The Voice* Josh Kaufman (2016, 2018); and Ben Crawford (2012, 2014, 2023).

Conductors & Creatives

The first conductor for Yuletide Celebration was longtime Oklahoma City Philharmonic Music Director Joel Levine (1986-90). Following Maestro Levine were Indianapolis Opera Artistic Director James Caraher (1991), Boston Pops Music Director Keith Lockhart (1992-93), and current ISO Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly (1994–present). Another noted member of the Yuletide Celebration artistic team was Broadway choreographer Mercedes Ellington, granddaughter of famed bandleader Duke Ellington, who choreographed elaborate dance elements for the show for 10 years (1991–2000). Current Choreographer and Director Jennifer Ladner started with the show as Dance Captain, and was then promoted to Assistant Choreographer shortly after. Jennifer then moved into the role of Choreographer and eventually into Director/Choreographer. Executive Producer Ty Johnson has also served as the first and only producer of Yuletide Celebration.



By the Numbers

There's a lot that goes into the show! The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's holiday production of the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration includes:

- 44 vocalists, dancers, actors, and specialized performers in the company
- **49** production staff and crew
- 4 12 tons of scenery and light equipment
- 44 10,700 different points of light within the scenery and pixel trees via fiber-optic lighting
- Scores and parts for 33 songs prepared by the music library for the show. This would be 9,500 printed pages, but many of our singers use iPads when learning music!
- 480+ costumes and 120 props



- **96** microphones
- More than **2,600** batteries to power the artists' microphones during the course of the 25-performance run
- **11 months** of planning, designing, fitting, altering, and sewing costumes
- **12** snow machines
- 380 hours rehearsed by Director/ Choreographer Jennifer Ladner, the production staff, and cast
- 41 hours for our stagehands and production team to load in the set—including 36 additional crew members—to prep, distribute, and tune sound gear, hang and focus the lights, and get the stage ready to shine!
- Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly dances with host Sandi Patty in 2017. This vear, Sandi celebrates her 10th AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration.



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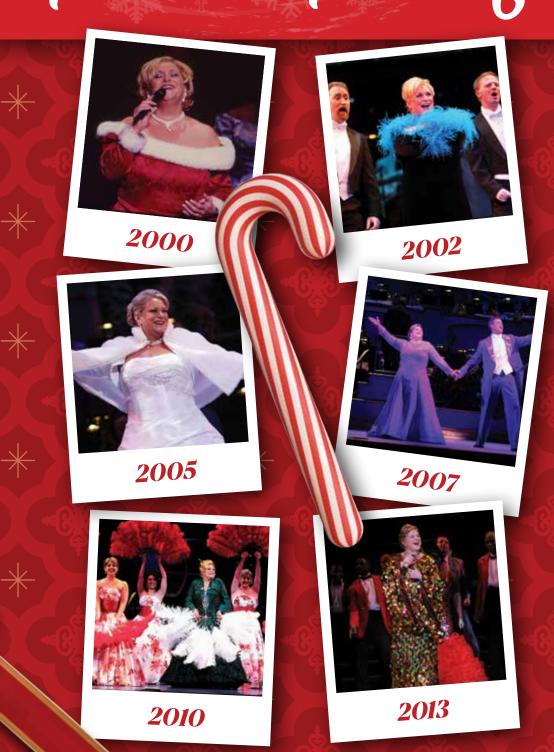
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Greg Sanders

Sound Design Alan Alford & Matt Kraus

> Stage Managers Lina Benich & Matthew Meeks

Salute to Sandi,







YULETIDE CELEBRATION

December 6-December 23, 2024

Act One

O Come, All Ye Faithful Sandi Patty & Company

My Favorite Yuletide Things

Sandi Patty & Company

Let It . . . Snow!

Sherry Hong & the Indianapolis

Symphony Orchestra

The Christmas Song **Curtis Bannister**

Sparklejollytwinklejingley from Elf: The Musical Sandi Patty, Susie Mosher, Expressenz & Company

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Sandi Patty, Katie Scarlett Swaney,

Logan Webber & Company

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas Yuletide Singers

Peppermint Parade

Expressenz & Yuletide Dancers

A Trans-Siberian Holiday: Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24 Nick Hodge & Pixel Lights

At Home with the Clauses Sandi Patty & Joe Martin

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Yuletide Dancers & Expressenz

John Reading arr. Jack Everly

Richard Rodgers

& Oscar Hammerstein II

Antonio Vivaldi /

Robert & Kristin Anderson Lopez

Mel Tormé & Robert Wells

Matthew Sklar & Chad Beguelin

Ken Darby

Lyrics: Clement Moore

arr. Norman Luboff; Orch. Wally Stott

John Williams

arr. Jack Everly

Paul O'Neill & Robert Kinkel

arr. Bob Phillips

arr. Jack Everly

arr. Michael Gibson

INTERMISSION — Twenty Minutes



YULETIDE CELEBRATION

Act Two

A Tribute to Irving Berlin's White Christmas

Sandi Patty, Curtis Bannister,

Expressenz & Company

Irving Berlin

arr. Fred Barton & Jack Everly

Rudolph!

Expressenz

Johnny Marks

arr. Richard Hayman

Shopper's Lament

Sandi Patty & Susie Mosher

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Lyrics: Aaron Fuksa & Ty Johnson

Mistletoe Mixtape 2024

Company

Various Composers

A Christmas Carol

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Alan Silvestri

Canti di Natale: Gesu Bambino and Panis Angelicus

Curtis Bannister & Company

arr. Jack Everly

Silent Night

Sandi Patty

arr. Bob Krogstad

O Holy Night

Sandi Patty, Curtis Bannister & Company

Adolphe Adam arr. David Clydesdale,

Phil Hall & Jack Everly

The December 6 and December 23 AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* concerts are endowed by Marianne Williams Tobias

Understudies for Sandi Patty: Christina Nicastro & Katie Scarlett Swaney
Understudy for Susie Mosher: Katie Scarlett Swaney
Understudy for Curtis Bannister: Logan Webber

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Jack Everly, Conductor

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Jack Everly is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra (Ottawa). He has conducted the

Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, and the Seattle Symphony.

As Music Director of the National Memorial Day Concert and *A Capitol Fourth* on PBS, Everly proudly leads the National Symphony Orchestra in these patriotic celebrations on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. These concerts attract hundreds of thousands of attendees on the lawn and the broadcasts reach millions of viewers, making them some of the highest-rated programs on PBS.

Everly recently extended his contract with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra through 2026. He will then become Conductor Emeritus and continue to be the Music Director and conduct the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration and the Film Series presented by Bank of America He will also continue to make appearances on the Printing Partners Pops Series each season.

Everly led the ISO in its first Pops recording, Yuletide Celebration, Volume One. Some of his other recordings include In The Presence featuring the Czech Philharmonic and Daniel Rodriguez; Sandi Patty's Broadway Stories; the soundtrack to Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame; and Everything's Coming Up Roses: The Overtures of Jule Styne.

Originally appointed by Mikhail Baryshnikov, Everly was conductor of the esteemed American Ballet Theatre for 14 years, where he served as music director. In addition to his ABT tenure, he teamed with Marvin Hamlisch on Broadway shows that Hamlisch scored. He conducted Carol Channing hundreds of times in *Hello, Dolly!* in two separate Broadway productions.

Everly, a Hoosier native and graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, is a recipient of the 2015 Indiana Historical Society Living Legends Award and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Franklin College in his home state of Indiana. In 2023, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest honor a Hoosier can receive, presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

Everly is looking forward to spending Christmas Eve with his husband and their 16-month-old Golden Retriever Roxie Noel. Christmas day is spent at his mother-in-law, Carrol's, home, filled with wonderful family traditions and endless food. Incidentally, for many years, Carrol and her husband, Dale, opened their home and cooked Thanksgiving dinner for the entire cast of *Yuletide Celebration* during the early years of the show.

Everly has been a proud resident of the Indianapolis and Zionsville communities for more than 20 years and would like to thank his ISO musician colleagues for their continued commitment to excellence and for filling our community with music all year long.

Sandi Patty, Host



As one of the most highly acclaimed performers of our time with five Grammy* awards, four Billboard Music Awards, three platinum records, five gold records, and eleven million units sold, Sandi Patty is simply known as "The Voice."

Sandi is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history, with 40 Dove Awards. She was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2004 and as an Indiana Living Legend in 2007. She has released over 30 albums, including Forever Grateful (2016) and Everlasting (2013), which was nominated for a Dove Award for Inspirational Album of the Year in 2014. In 2014 she released her holiday recording, Christmas Blessings with exclusive special editions in Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores and Target Stores nationwide. Sandi's live DVD and CD project chronicling her *Forever* Grateful: The Farewell Tour, released in 2017 and debuted with chart-topping success.

Sandi continues to appear in select specialty events, such as AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, but has turned her focus toward mentorship of music and inspirational creatives.

Sandi was introduced to the world with her rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the rededication of the Statue of Liberty in 1986. Virtually overnight she became one of the country's best-loved performers. Her version of the national anthem has become synonymous with patriotic celebration,

including performances at A Capitol Fourth with the National Symphony, the Indianapolis 500, the Dedication of Camp David Chapel, and ABC's Fourth of July Special.

While her thirty-year career is heavily rooted in the gospel music industry, Sandi has had the opportunity in more recent years to extend her career outside the genre. Her debut full-length symphonic pops album *Broadway Stories*, conducted by Maestro Jack Everly, was released on October 18, 2011, to rave reviews. Sandi has performed with symphonies in New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Baltimore, Houston, Oklahoma, and more. She also headlined the title role in sold out performances of the musical *Hello*, *Dolly!* with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, co-starring Tony Award winner Gary Beach in January 2012.

In addition to her prolific musical career, Sandi is also an accomplished author. For the bestseller *Broken on the Back Row*, Sandi received the 2006 Silver Angel Award. Other book titles include *The Voice, Life in the Blender, Falling Forward, Layers,* and *The Edge of the Divine.* "Singing is my way to tell my story of hope, life, and love," says Sandi. "I am grateful for the many opportunities God has given me to share my story."

Sandi and her husband, Don, are "back home again" in Indiana, living on the southside of Indianapolis, and soaking in their semi-retirement. They are enjoying this season with family, including their 8 children and 12 grandchildren. Sandi is thrilled to return to serve as host of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* and loves her ISO family! For more information about Sandi Patty, please visit www.sandipatty.com.



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"quiet revelation" by the L.A. Times for his performances in theater, film, and opera.

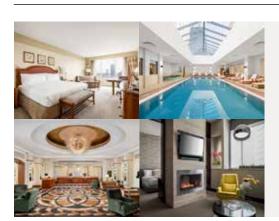
In 2024, Curtis debuted at Asolo Repertory Theatre to unanimous acclaim for his portrayals as Reverend Jeremiah Brown in the American classic Inherit the Wind and as George in the Lynn Nottage Pulitzer Prize winning play, Intimate Apparel, and Juror #8 in the world premiere production of the musical adaptation of 12 Angry Men, following the sold-out run at Theater LatteDa in Minneapolis in 2022. Upcoming 2024–25 engagements include projects in Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York, and Florida.

Curtis debuted at The Kennedy Center as Soloist 1/Celebrant (cover) in Leonard Bernstein's Mass for the Center's 50th anniversary celebration with the National

Symphony and has performed, in concert, with the Cincinnati Symphony/Cincinnati Pops Orchestra's Celebration Concert, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and The Philadelphia Orchestra in Bernstein's Candide alongside Bradley Cooper and Carey Mulligan.Bannister has performed with Lyric Opera of Chicago, St. Petersburg Opera, Atlanta Opera, The Philadelphia Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Heartbeat Opera, Chicago Opera Theatre, and Utah Festival Opera. Previous theatrical role highlights include Enjolras/Les Misérables, Coalhouse Walker Jr/Ragtime, Sid Sorokin/The Pajama Game, Ragotski & Cacambo/Candide, Celebrant/Bernstein's Mass, Sweeney Todd/ Sweeney Todd, John/Miss Saigon, Jim/Big River, Man 1/Songs for a New World, Jim Conley/ Parade, and Jamie/The Last Five Years.

Since September 2023, Curtis has been the concert partner of Grammy and Tony Award winner Heather Headley. Curtis made his debut at the Tribeca Film Festival in the feature film *The Conductor*, and can be seen as Marquis on season 2 of the Apple TV+ series, Dickinson. He also was seen as firefighter Reimers throughout season 6 of NBC's Chicago Fire.

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Orchestra and Opera, he has taken the DePauw Chamber Symphony to Japan, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, and Austria. At DePauw Opera, he has conducted Le Nozze di Figaro, Cendrillon, Little Women, Coronation of Poppea, and Street Scene. He was music director of the Chicago Youth Symphony, is conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis, and has conducted in the Musikverein in Vienna, the Köln Philharmonie, Brucknerhalle in Linz, and Meistersingerhalle in Nuremberg, Carnegie Recital Hall in New York, the Terrace Theatre at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, and Phoenix with his orchestras.

He has guest conducted the Seattle Symphony, the Oregon Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic, and Indiana orchestras in Lafayette, Terre Haute, Carmel, and the Orange County (CA) Philharmonic Society.

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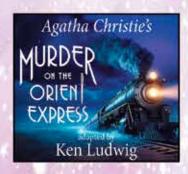
Sherry Hong, praised for her "silken tone" by the *Chicago Tribune,* has performed as a member of the ISO's first violin section since September 2007, and served as Acting Associate Principal Second Violin from February 2022 to July 2024.

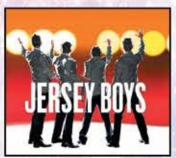
During her tenure, she has been a featured soloist in *Yuletide Celebration*, subscription *Pops Series* concerts, *Symphony on the Prairie*, and has collaborated on numerous chamber music outreach programs. Hong has also served the organization off-stage in leadership and education settings—as a member of the Orchestra Committee, on the leadership committee of FORTE, the ISO's young professionals organization, and as a coach for the *Side-by-Side* program for talented pre-professional students.

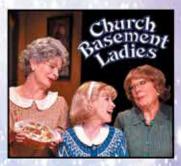
Away from the orchestra, Hong can be heard at the Indianapolis chapter of Classical Revolution at the Chatterbox Jazz Club and she has also performed on the Faculty Artist Series at the University of Indianapolis, as Guest Concertmaster with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, and as a featured soloist with the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. She can also be heard on multiple #1 iTunes singles in collaboration with Las Vegas performer and recording artist Frankie Moreno.

Hong was born in Taipei, Taiwan, and raised in the Chicago area, where she began playing the violin at age 3. She studied at the University of Michigan and La Schola Cantorum in Paris, France. She performs on a violin crafted by Camillo de Camille in 1734. In *Yuletide*, she performs on a Luis and Clark carbon fiber violin.

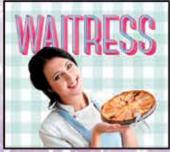
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Susie Mosher is currently the host of the immensely popular weekly show *The Lineup with Susie Mosher*, live at the world-famous Birdland in New York City every Tuesday night. She has been performing professionally since she was sixteen years old and co-starred in the West Coast premiere of *Godspell* at The Old Globe Theater in San Diego. Throughout her long career, Susie has worked in night clubs, theater, television, and movies including the films *Lost Souls*, *View* From The Top, It's Pat, The Wedding Planner, The Proposal, and Bear City 2. Her television credits include Beverly Hills 90210, Snoops, Veronica's Closet, If These Walls Could Talk 2, The L Word, and Nurse Jackie. In 2007, Susie obtained her childhood dream of appearing on Broadway as Prudy Pingleton in *Hairspray* and stayed for the last two and a half years of the show's amazing six-year run. She was also in the Las Vegas company of *Hairspray* and has performed in numerous shows regionally and off-Broadway. She is thrilled to be back again with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for the iconic AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration.

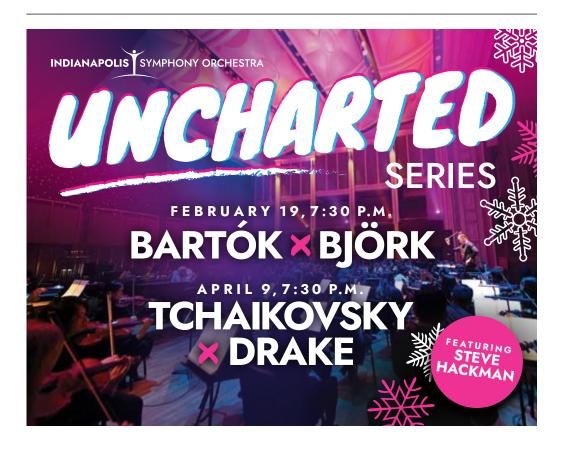


Nick Hodge is excited to return for his third AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*! Nick is a Cyr Wheel coach and performer who has worked nationally and internationally. Nick has performed for audiences of one to 20,000, has contributed to the IRV Cyr Wheel Competition Catalogue, and is recognized by companies such as Cirque du Soleil, Cirque Eloize, and The 7 Fingers. Nick has headlined Spiegelworld's show *Opium* at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand, Troupe Vertigo, and many symphony orchestras, and also during the San Antonio Spurs' NYE 2020 half-time show. Nick is also an accomplished Cyr Wheel competitor. He has won national titles, competed at the IRV Wheel Gymnastics World Championships, and currently acts as the Cyr Wheel Ambassador for Team USA.



Joe Martin, a lifelong Indiana native, is excited to be joining the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration for the first time this year. Joe has performed all over the country and the world as a member and featured soloist of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. Notable performances include at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops Orchestra under conductor Skitch Henderson, international tours to China, England, Ireland, and Scotland, a presidential inauguration, and as the "singing Santa" in 42 performances of the Purdue Christmas Show on the stage of Elliott Hall of Music both during and after attending college. Joe has also performed with The Voices in Franklin, Ind., and most recently as a member of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. Joe's "day job" is with the National FFA Organization where he has the opportunity to help students across the nation develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Joe would like to thank Greg for this opportunity and his friends and family for their support!









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Alexa Abbott is thrilled to return to the Symphony's *Yuletide Celebration* for a 4th year, and can't wait to bring the magic to the stage. She received a BFA in Dance from BSU in 2021, and was most recently seen in *The Wizard of Oz* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Thanks to mom, dad, and all who love and support her.

Isabella Agresta is so excited to be performing in *Yuletide* for the first time! Isabella is an Indianapolis-based singer/actress and was most recently seen as Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof* at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Some of her other past credits include: *Anastasia* (Anya), *Heathers: The Musical* (Heather Chandler), *The Wedding Singer* (Dance Captain), and *ELF: The Musical* (Ensemble). She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless love and support!

Dan Allis began performing in *Yuletide Celebration* in 1988. Dan has been involved in puppetry from a young age. He served for 20 years as a puppeteer on *Time for Timothy*, a children's TV show in puppet drama format, which aired locally from 1957 to 1999. In addition to puppetry, Dan has worked behind the scenes at various local community theatres. Dan lives in Indianapolis with his husband of 31 years, his aunt, and their dog. He is a member of the management team at Fairway Village, a local nursing home specializing in memory care.

Ian Black is excited to be back with the *Yuletide* family for his fifth year! A Chicago native, Ian spent 11 years in full-time pastoral ministry (including six in Indy!) before shifting to his current life as a performer. Recent credits include: Billy in *42nd Street* and Frank Jr. in *Saturday Night Fever* at Moonlight Amphitheatre (where he also recently played in the pit orchestra for *School of Rock*), Henri Baurel in *An American in Paris* (B&B), Topher in *Cinderella* (Ramsey Theatre Co and Candlelight), Barry Mann in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (Springer Opera House), Fyedka in *Fiddler on the Roof* (SDMT), joining this glorious symphony at *Symphony on the Prairie*, and several commercials across the country. He also teaches voice students virtually with Totty Studio. He thanks his friends/family, with special thanks to everyone at the ISO! Soli Deo Gloria. @ianschublack

Chloe Boelter is a lyric soprano who is adaptive and virtuosic, recognized for her "free and easy stage presence" and versatility among opera, jazz, and working with living composers. She received her master's in voice from Indiana University in 2020 and her BM from Butler University in 2017. This is Chloe's third year joining the *Yuletide Celebration*. After winning the Kentucky Bach Choir Vocal Competition, the award granted her the position of guest soprano for their winter performance of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* last season. Other recent awards include two consecutive Encouragement Awards from the Metropolitan Opera Competition. Chloe most recently performed as Belinda from *Dido and Aeneas* with the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra, and covered the lead of Konstanze in *The Abduction from the Seraglio* with Festival Napa Valley. Chloe lives in Indy with her husband, Nick, and their pets, Hildy, Devlyn, and Nefertiti. Website: chloeboelter.com IG: @chloeboelter

Shannon Paige Christie is thrilled to be making her Yuletide debut. Recently, she appeared as Fiordiligi (Così fan tutte) with Crested Butte Music Festival and covered roles including Countess (Le Nozze di Figaro) and Susannah (Susannah) with Opera Fort Collins. Shannon made her professional debut in 2017 as Annina (La Traviata) during her time as a Resident Artist with Indianapolis Opera. Other recent credits include Violetta (La Traviata), Mrs. Hayes (Susannah), Papagena (Die Zauberflöte), Poppea (Agrippina), and Second Woman (Dido and Aeneas).

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Significant concert highlights include soprano soloist in Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's C Major Mass, Handel's *Messiah*, Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*, and Vivaldi's Gloria. Recently, Shannon has returned to her hometown of Indianapolis upon earning her master's of music from the University of Colorado–Boulder. She holds her bachelor's of music from the University of Indianapolis, where she studied with Dr. Kathleen Hacker.

Joel Flynn, an Indianapolis native, is so excited to return to the stage for his fifth Yuletide Celebration! Favorite credits include Anything Goes in Concert (Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra), Hairspray in Concert (Baltimore Symphony Orchestra), The Music Man (Cincinnati Pops) and Mary Poppins (Lexington Theatre Company). Joel has also choreographed for theatre and show choir programs around the Indianapolis area. He currently is the Synergy Performance Company and Competition Director at Wishes Dance Studio in Fishers. Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Josh, Kellie, and Alex.

Sawyer Harvey is from the southside of Indianapolis and is excited to be back at the Hilbert Circle Theatre for his fifth year of *Yuletide Celebration!* He would like to shout out the mentors and teachers along the way, supportive parents, and patrons of the performing arts!

Michael Humphrey is a professional dancer/choreographer with a dance degree from Ball State University. Michael was part of the Ball State Dance Theatre, which he was a member for five years, as well as the Ball State University Code Red Dance Team. Since college, Michael has worked in Los Angeles as a dancer for a Snoop Dogg/Carl Thomas video, as well as playing an intern on ABC's *Grey's Anatomy*. He also works with Indiana Pacemates in performances as well as the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders. He is the Dance Director at Lawrence North High School, giving back to his alma mater! He is also the Head Dance Team Coach at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School where they are nine-time IHSDTA AA Jazz Champions. He is THRILLED to be back on the ISO stage and hopes you enjoy the magic of the *Yuletide Celebration*!

Delaney Jackson is thrilled to be part of *Yuletide Celebration* for the second time! She grew up attending *Yuletide* annually and she is honored to be part of the cast again this year. Recent regional credits: Classic Theatre of Maryland (*Crazy for You*), Suncoast Broadway (*Cats, Escape to Margaritaville*), Riverside Center (*42nd Street*), Cumberland County Playhouse (*Johnny and the Devil's Box, Cinderella*, etc.). Delaney graduated from the Belmont University School of Music where she earned her BFA in Musical Theatre. She is forever grateful for the support of her community! Follow her adventures on Instagram at @delaneyjackson or at www.delaneyjackson.com

Kristan Jackson is an alumna of Trinity Laban Music and Dance Conservatory, UK, and has performed professionally both nationally and internationally. She's danced as a company member of Union Dance Company-UK; Canta Brasil-Porto Alegre, Brazil; Syncopated City Dance Company-NY; and Chester Whitmore and His Opus One Orchestra-Los Angeles, CA. Favorite stage and film credits include La La Land, Damien Chazelle; Love, Loss, and Laughter: The Story of Jazz, Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis and Jon Batiste; Frankie Manning Centennial, Apollo Theatre, NY; Empty Sky the Rising, NJ; and Fashion Dance on Film, Ellie Maltby, UK. Kristan is also a voice actor and can be heard voicing narrations in corporate and eLearning training, audiobooks, commercials, and phone messaging systems. Kristan is delighted to return to the ISO stage for Yuletide! Special thanks and love to my parents, grandmother, and the rest of my supportive family and friends.

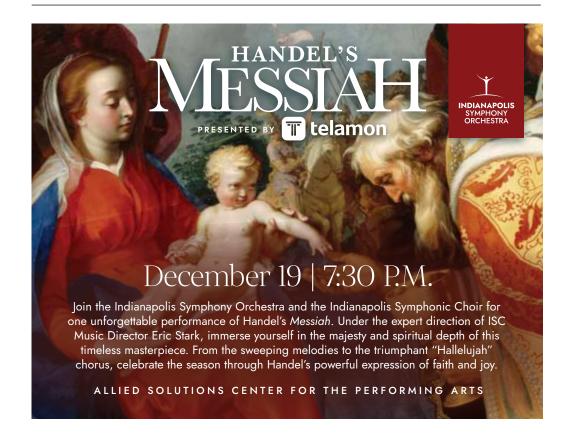


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Hannah Jew is a NYC-based dancer, choreographer and dance educator originally from Oklahoma City, OK. Her favorite recent credits include: Eliza/Dance Captain (Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre: *The King and I*), *The King and I* (National Tour), choreographer: re-creation of the Chinese Divertissement (now called Ribbon Dance) for Oklahoma Festival Ballet's *The Nutcracker* (The University of Oklahoma), and choreographer/dancer in collaboration with Chengjin Koh & Verona Quartet (Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art—Washington, D.C.). Hannah has danced with Oklahoma City Ballet, Dayton Ballet, Ballet Hispánico's BHdos, and Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company. She is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma with a BFA in Ballet Performance. Special thank you to Suffolk for providing her with her pointe shoes. Gratitude to Jennifer Ladner for inviting her to be a part of *Yuletide!* Hannah wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and beautiful memories!

Elly Kauser is thrilled to be back at the Hilbert Circle Theatre for her second *Yuletide Celebration*! Elly graduated with a BFA in Dance from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Some of her favorite credits include *No, No Nanette!* (WSU), *Crazy For You* (WSU), *Beauty and the Beast* (La Comedia Dinner Theatre), *Fiddler on the Roof* (WSU), and "Eve" in Awaited (Crossroads Church—Mason). Elly is also a company member of Crossroads Dance Indy. She would like to thank her husband, Joe, and family for their love throughout her journey to returning to the stage

Doug King is an Indianapolis director, choreographer, and equity actor. This is Doug's sixth *Yule-tide*. He recently directed and choreographed his twelfth production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He also was part of the national tour with Donny Osmond. On stage, Doug primarily works locally at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre and as been in more than 100 productions. Some of his credits include: Will Parker in *Oklahoma*; The Scarecrow in *Wizard of Oz*; Frank Shultz in *Show Boat*; Cosmo Brown in *Singin' in the Rain*; and Joy in *Cinderella*. Additional credits include multiple runs of *South Pacific*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *42nd Street*. Aside from *Yuletide Celebration* Doug has also danced with Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre. He is on the dance faculty at Anderson University teaching tap, jazz, and musical theatre. Doug works with numerous high schools and universities with their choral and theatre departments.

Danny Kingston graduated from the American Musical and Dramatics Academy (NYC) and is a local professional performer. This year marks Danny's eleventh *Yuletide Celebration!* Other Symphony concerts include *South Pacific in Concert, Hello, Dolly!, Hairspray, Anything Goes*, and *Kander & Ebb, On Broadway.* Danny is a proud member of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus and a regular performer at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Special thanks to the amazing cast and crew, and to the one and only Sandi Patty!

Alie Kryder, an Indiana native, is beyond excited to join the 2024 *Yuletide* team! Back home, she trained with The Dance Refinery and Center Grove Choirs, and in 2022, she graduated from California's Chapman University with degrees in BFA Dance Performance, BA Psychology, and a Musical Theatre minor. Represented by Go2Talent, and residing in both the Big Apple and Sunshine State, she is further pursuing her performing career. At Chapman, she was a leader in many dance organizations, including the Dance Team (14x national champions), and served as president of Chapman Dance Alliance. Alie has performed at the ISO, Steps on Broadway, Core Training Techniques, The Storyteller's Intensives, Tremaine Dance, and both performed and choreographed

for numerous collegiate productions. She has trained with many professional choreographers including Marinda Davis, Traci Reszetylo, Emily Zachary, Lloyd Culbreath, Alicia Guy, Steven Sofia, Wilson Mendieta, Ido Tadmor, Derrick Schrader, the TDR staff, and more. Alie would like to thank her family and mentors! aliekryder.com

Jameelah Leaundra is delighted to make her *Yuletide* debut! Favorite Credits: *Cinderella* (Ella), Princess Tiana (Shanghai Disney), *Beauty & the Beast* (Belle), *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel), and *AIDA* (Aida). She would like to thank God, her Mom, Dad cheering his baby girl on from above, and Yuri Lee for their constant love and support! @lovely.leaundra on IG/TikTok/FB/YouTube

Amanda McCarthy is excited to be performing in her 10th year of *Yuletide!* Favorite credits include: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dream Coat, Million Dollar Quartet,* and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.* She graduated in 2014 with a degree in Voice Performance and since moving to Indianapolis, she has been recording demos for print music publishing and is a lifestyle model across the Midwest. All my love to Sean and Arlo!

Charlie Metzger is thrilled to be back for his ninth AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*! Past credits include *Cirque de la Symphonie Goes Broadway!* with the ISO, and Juan in *Man of La Mancha* with the Indianapolis Opera. He holds a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Charlie lives in Avon with his wife Darlene, son Chaz, and daughter Sylvia. www.charliemetzger.com.

Indianapolis-based soprano Christina Nicastro began singing at a young age while growing up in her hometown of Dunellen, New Jersey. She attended William Paterson University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Voice Performance. She made her role debut as Pamina in The Magic Flute while at the university. Christina received her master's degree in Voice Performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, where she studied with the legendary soprano Carol Vaness. While there, she performed the role of Ellen Orford in Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes. Other notable performances at Indiana University include soloist roles in Honegger's King David and Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass. Now residing in Indianapolis, Christina has performed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as a featured soloist in their Pops series concerts Cirque Goes to the Movies and Broadway Under the Stars, under the baton of Maestro Jack Everly. She has also been featured in the Symphony's Yuletide Celebration in 2018 and is back for her sixth year. In addition, she represented the ISO at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, singing the National Anthem at the Gallagher Grand Prix in 2023. Nicastro has returned on multiple occasions as the soprano soloist with the Choral Art Society of New Jersey, most recently performing Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass. Her latest credits include appearances as a guest soloist with the Ronen Chamber Ensemble and the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. You can hear her on Apple Music, performing the songs of composer Martin Sedek in Art Songs Vol. I.

Jared Norman is excited to join the cast of *Yuletide* for the first time. He is in his thirteenth year of choral directing at Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Ind. Additionally, he is a private vocal instructor and freelance choreographer. He most recently was in the ensemble for the ISO's production of *South Pacific in Concert*. He hopes that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and enjoys the show!

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Amy Owens' national tour credits include Monty Python's Spamalot and Jubilee! in Las Vegas. Regional productions include Cats, Cabaret, Chicago, Joseph, Sister Act, South Pacific, Dreamgirls, The Addams Family, and The Little Mermaid. Amy has performed in numerous Pops concerts with the Indianapolis, Baltimore, Jacksonville, and Raleigh Symphony Orchestras. Amy spent five wonderful holiday seasons as a Rockette in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and is also the former Face of MyINDY-TV (2013–2015). In 2012 she was part of the Super Bowl halftime show featuring Madonna. Other credits include Cabaret at Chicago's Paramount Theatre and Chicago the Musical at Chicago's Drury Lane Theatre. Represented by Helen Wells Agency and Heyman Talent, she has been seen in numerous regional and national commercial and print ads. Love to Kris and our little loves Phoebe and August. www.amyowens.biz.

Phoebe Owens is excited to be joining the *Yuletide* cast, following in her big brother's footsteps. She is 6 years old and in kindergarten. She was last seen on stage in *The King and I* and *Joseph* at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre. She has been in several print and commercial ads including Indiana Member's Credit Union, Delta, and Broyhill. Love to mom, dad, and August!

Joyeux Noel! Joseph Perkins, Jr., is festively celebrating 13 years of performance with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration. Other symphonic credits include: Ashley Brown's Broadway, world premieres of Hello, Dolly! In Concert, On Broadway with Kander & Ebb, Anything Goes, and Hairspray in Concert! with both the Indianapolis and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras. As a featured vocalist and dancer, Joseph has performed with the Fort Worth and Dallas Symphonies, and appeared as a guest artist with the Naples Philharmonic. An Indianapolis native, Joseph was most recently seen on stage with ISO in South Pacific in Concert, and can also be seen as a performer with the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. Shoutout to "The Voice," Ms. Sandi Patty, for always sharing and sending your beautiful music, performance, love, and wisdom over our Yuletide journey! Special thanks to all my family and friends for all their constant love and support. Instagram: @ubetrgojoe

Natalie Renee is excited to be back for year eight with the ISO for Yuletide! And what a bonus that she gets to share the stage with her cousin, Joseph Perkins, Jr.! She has performed with several symphonies around the country, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in their productions of Hairspray In Concert! with John Waters and in select post-show concerts with Divas of Song. She recently played the Voice of Audrey II in Little Shop of Horrors (Mason Street Warehouse) and has been seen as Deloris Van Cartier in Sister Act (Arts Center of Coastal Carolina). Other credits include Hairspray (Cindy, Pearl, Dynamite) and Rent ("Seasons of Love" soloist) national and international tours, and The Drowsy Chaperone as Trix (St. Michael's and Gateway Playhouses). Natalie is also an ordained UCC minister who works with extracanonical texts. She has recorded an EP of her original music that uses The Odes of Solomon as text. The album, Songs of Your Truth, is available on any digital platform. She also co-authored a book, In Trembling Boldness: Wisdom for Today from Ancient Jesus People, which is now available. You can follow her and her work on Instagram: @divadoesdivinity, X: @divadoesdiviniT, or on Facebook: Diva Does Divinity. Love to her family and thanks to Josh! Proud member of AEA. John 14:20

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Allen Sledge is excited to be part of *Yuletide* with the ISO for the first time. He is a local actor and singer whose recent credits include Uncle Henry in *The Wizard of Oz* (Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre), the voice of Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Indiana Repertory Theatre), and Coalhouse Walker Jr. in *Ragtime* (Footlite Musicals). He has vocal training in a variety of styles, including musical theatre, jazz, and classical. Allen trained at the Chicago College of Performing Arts and worked with talented coaches in New York, Chicago, and Indianapolis. He sends his sincere thanks to the team at the ISO for inviting him to join this cherished tradition. <3 Brandon. Merry Christmas!

A passionate performer, **Mallorie Singh** holds a BFA in Dance Performance from Ball State University and has spent many years sharing her talents on the worship team. This year marks her sixth *Yuletide Celebration*, and she is excited to continue the tradition of spreading holiday joy. Outside of performance, she works in the beauty industry as Director of Operations and Marketing at Tyler Mason Salon & Spa. She is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this festive season through music and community.

Annie Smith is thrilled to be part of the *Yuletide Celebration* for the first time! Having grown up attending *Yuletide*, she is honored to be part of the cast this year. Annie graduated from Anderson University, where she earned her BA in Elementary Education and Dance Pedagogy, along with a minor in Special Education. She is very thankful for all the experiences and performances that Anderson University provided her. Currently, Annie is a second-grade teacher and also teaches dance classes at Anderson Young Ballet Theater. She is forever grateful for her amazing family and community, who always support her!

Katie Scarlett Swaney is thrilled to be back for her fourth *Yuletide* with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra! She graduated from Indiana University with a BFA in musical theatre and a minor in arts management. She has performed as a featured artist with the ISO in multiple concerts including *A Sondheim Celebration* and *Broadway Under the Stars*. Regional credits include: Arizona Broadway Theatre, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Phoebe) | The Palace Theatre, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Featured Ensemble) | The Argyle Theatre, *West Side Story* (Graziella) | Bigfork Summer Playhouse, *Bonnie and Clyde* (Bonnie) | Constellation Stage and Screen, *Newsies* (Katherine/Dance Captain). Katie would like to thank her family for their support! | www.katiescarlettswaney.com |

Sarah Tewes is a Butler University alumna and an Indianapolis local. She is thrilled to return for her third year of *Yuletide*. She was most recently seen in *Bowie Forever!* with Strive Dance Company. Her other favorite credits include Kristine (*A Chorus Line*), ChaCha (*Grease*), and ensemble/tap-dancing egg (*Something Rotten*). Additionally, she shares her love for dance by choreographing musicals and summer camps around the central Indiana area. Most recently she choreographed for Herron High School's fall musical and continued to serve as an assistant choreographer for Mt. Vernon High School. She thanks her parents for all of their love and endless support.

Madeleine Trent is so excited to be a part of *Yuletide Celebration* for the first time. She loves gymnastics and also enjoys singing, dancing, and reading. Madeleine lives in Indianapolis and is in second grade. She is looking forward to being in *Yuletide* with her "Nani."





The Teddy Bear Series presents five different original stories written by ISO violinist Victoria Kintner Griswold. Each one introduces young children (ages 3–6) to the instruments of the orchestra through story, movement, and live music. Concerts take place at area libraries and registration may be required.

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Thatcher Trent is excited to be making his *Yuletide Celebration* debut this year. Thatcher is in fifth grade and lives in Indianapolis with his family. He enjoys music, art, and swimming. Thatcher is also preparing to be the role of Simba in his school's production of *The Lion King, Jr.* this coming spring. Thatcher is grateful to be sharing the stage with his "Nani" during her final year as *Yuletide* host.

Logan Webber, a Colorado native based in North Carolina, is overjoyed to be performing in his third *Yuletide!* Logan has performed with other companies such as Hawaii Opera Theatre, Opera Carolina, Virginia Opera, Opera Orlando, Charlottesville Opera, The Princeton Festival, Chautauqua Opera, Piedmont Opera, Pacific Opera Project, Amelia Island Opera, The Richmond Symphony and more. He also serves as the Communications Manager for Opera Carolina and The Smith in Lexington, NC. Logan holds degrees from UNCSA and UMD at College Park. He is incredibly thankful and grateful for his amazing, supportive, and wonderful mother, Suzie!

J Tyler Whitmer returns for his fifth holiday season with the ISO! As a Butler graduate, he always loves having a reason to spend some time in Indy. Select Theatre Credits: The Guthrie Theatre, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire, Paramount Theatre, Mercury Theatre Chicago, Victory Gardens Theatre, Mason Street Warehouse. Next up: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire. AEA. Gray Talent Group. For Sadie, Leighton, J Truitt, Eleanor, Jane, Johnny, and Meredith. Happy Holidays!

Chris Wiper is a pop vocalist, songwriter, producer, and recording artist from Nashville, Tenn. Since completing his degree in voice and music business at Belmont University in December of 2022, he has been performing as a lead singer with various bands and vocal groups in Nashville and around the country, all while continuing to write and record his own original music. This is his first year with *Yuletide Celebration*; he is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of an incredible production.

This will be **Addison Yanney's** second *Yuletide*. She is a first grader in Carmel Schools. She loves to make people smile and laugh and enjoys dancing and Girl Scouts. Love to my Mom, Dad, and big sis, Cameron.

Erin Yanney is excited to be back on stage with the ISO. As an Indianapolis native, *Yuletide Celebration* has been a staple in her life for as long as she can remember. This will be Erin's tenth *Yuletide*. She is a member of Indianapolis Players Club and is a former Indiana Pacemate. She has many years of experience competing and coaching, but performing with the ISO is her favorite. She is grateful for the opportunity to perform amongst some of the most talented performers. This year is extra special as she takes the stage again with her youngest daughter, Addison. Love to my Mom, husband Scott, and oldest daughter, Cameron.



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Thirty-six people, twelve box truck loads, and five full days of nonstop work is the recipe to make the visual magic of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* come to life on the Hilbert Circle Theatre stage. But that's not even the true beginning. Before the *Yuletide Celebration* set can be assembled on stage, everything else has to be cleared out. The ISO has four full-time stagehands including Stage Manager Kit Williams, Sound Technician and Co-Yuletide Production Sound Designer Alan Alford, Production Electrician Steve Martin, and Video Technician Patrick Feeney, and they spend days putting away lights, screens, doors, and

even the clouds above the stage that assist with the balance of sound. Everything is emptied out and ready. "When move-in day arrives," explains Kit, "It's all about knowing what needs to be done first and getting things accomplished in a very specific order."

The truckloads began to arrive at Hilbert early on November 18, full of stage pieces, flooring, the portal, props, lobby decorations, and more, all stored at an offsite warehouse the rest of the year. It's a beehive of activity on the stage, backstage, downstairs, and in the lobby. The flooring is assembled, and carpenters and

ABOVE PHOTO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

KIT WILLIAMS, STAGE MANAGER

TOM ORTMAN, HEAD CARPENTER

KYLE COCHRAN, ASSISTANT PRODUCTION ELECTRICIAN

DAVE ROBIE, PROPERTY MASTER

electricians and stagehands begin the tedious process of assembling all parts of the set including the proscenium, the shell on stage, the lighting bars that are hung above the stage, sound and video equipment, and so much more.

Many tasks have to wait until others have been completed. "The Friday after Thanksgiving, after the stage is assembled and lights have been focused, there are 8 of us who work for about four hours just on the stage setting up chairs, music stands, stand lights, and microphones and wiring everything up," says Alan.

Work continues over the Thanksgiving weekend as lighting designer Stuart Duke, lighting programmer Topher Stumreiter, associate lighting designer Travis McHale, and sound designer Matt Kraus all arrive in Indianapolis to work with the ISO stagehands. They have been working remotely on creating the show for months, but this is the time to see it finally their plans and work come to life. By the time the technical dress rehearsal happens on Tuesday night, just four days before the opening night, thousands of hours of planning, prep, and manual labor have been logged by the stagehands and the production staff throughout the whole year.

When the curtain rises on opening night and the gowns sparkle on stage and the sound of music fills the theatre, the work for the stage-hands settles into a more predictable schedule. "During a show, I'm responsible for all the audio and video playback and recordings," explains Patrick, who works in a video room away from the stage with dozens of screens. He



STEVE MARTIN. PRODUCTION ELECTRICIAN

takes cues from the production stage manager Ken Saltzman. Ken spends the show at the lighting booth in the balcony, giving directions to stage managers, sound, lighting, and more. Steve sits just a few feet away, controlling more than 250 lighting cues per show and working with a deck electrician. "I've worked with visual lighting plots and spent days working with Stuart, Travis, and Topher to make sure everything is programmed correctly and I can just click the 'go' button for the next cue," says Steve. "I think I've hit 'go' more than 100,000 times during my 16 years of working *Yuletide Celebration*," he adds with a laugh.

Alan sits at the audio console on the main floor, listening and adjusting the sound throughout the show, and staying in communication with his audio assistants. There are more than 110 audio input sources that he can control, ranging from microphones on the stage, on the performers, and some even built into the set. "It's an ebb and flow of the ensemble and how we have to balance individual voices," says Alan.

Kit spends each show near stage right, where he can quickly troubleshoot any issue that may arise. He manages the needs of not only the entire production, but of the musicians as





well. He also has built many of the props and equipment used on stage during a show, such as the ladders that became part of the train in *The Polar Express*, the kabuki drop used in the show last year for Toy Shop, and even the pixel tree being used in this year's show. "I love it when the Pops Department gives me an insane project to work on and I get to make it come to life," says Kit. "It's fun getting to work on challenging projects and getting the results they want."

When the show is over and the curtain is dropped, the stagehands still aren't finished. There are cast microphone systems to be gathered, props to be restaged, snow machines to

be refilled, and lighting and video feeds checked and turned off. Not to mention cleaning the stage and sweeping away the endless amounts of glitter. But even in the midst of all the work, they all love and respect the show, the Pops Department, the talent, and the musicians.

"I like the little things about Yuletide Celebration, like seeing Santa's sleigh fly past the moon every night in 'Twas the Night Before Christmas," says Patrick, "and seeing the new additions to the show that get made every year." All four stagehands enjoy working with the talented cast and guest hosts, especially when they get to see some of the same people year after year. "Our talent is spectacular," says Steve. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's great to be able to work with Jack Everly and Ty Johnson and it's cool to be a part of this. The show that everyone puts together is amazing. There's nothing like it."





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Ty A. Johnson, Executive Producer, is proud to be producing Yuletide Celebration for its 38th year of creating unforgettable holiday magic for the Indianapolis community and beyond. In addition to his year-round Yuletide responsibilities, Ty is the producer of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Printing Partners Pops Series and the Film Series presented by Bank of America, notably brokering deals with major Hollywood film studios to successfully premiere the entirety of Harry Potter: In Concert series, the Star Wars trilogy, and the world premiere of An American in Paris as live films with orchestra. His countless theatrical concept productions have been in great demand and continue to be seen all over North America. Ty received his BA from Indiana University before completing his master's work at the University of Illinois. Prior to producing shows in orchestral settings, Ty worked in both not-for-profit and commercial theatre environments, including time at Disney and Paper Mill Playhouse where he served as the Associate General Manager. Ty would like to thank the musicians of the ISO for their collaborative spirit and their amazing world-class musicianship! He is looking forward to spending Christmas Eve with his husband and their 16-month-old Golden Retriever Roxie Noel. PS: And no, Ty never ever gets tired of Christmas music.

Anne Beck, Creative Assistant, directs, teaches, judges, and choreographs locally and globally. Performance credits with ISO include Hairspray in Concert (John Waters/Micky Dolenz), Hello, Dolly! in Concert (Gary Beach/Sandi Patty), Guys and Dolls in Concert (Hal Linden), On Broadway with Kander and Ebb (Beth Leavel), Anything Goes in Concert (Rachel York /Judy Kaye), and many of their touring Pops productions. This marks Anne's 19th year involved with Yuletide Celebration. Broadway/national credits include Saturday Night Fever (Original Broadway Cast), The Who's Tommy (Sally Simpson), Cats (Bombalurina), A Chorus Line (Cassie), Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (Barbara Eden), and West Side Story (Anita). Presently Anne is Associate Director at The Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre under Executive Director Michael Lasley, and is an Associate Teaching Professor at Ball State University in Theatre and Dance. She was the recipient of this year's Outstanding Teacher for the entire University. She feels blessed to do what she loves, is grateful for a loving husband and daughter who support her, and is thankful to audiences for supporting the arts. Thank you Jack, Ty, Jen, and Brandy for loving me and supporting me all these years.

Lina Benich, *Stage Manager*, is excited to be back for her splendid seventh year with *Yuletide Celebration!* She has previously worked with Paramount Theatre, American Players Theatre, Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Drury Lane Theatre, First Folio Theatre, Kokandy Productions, and A Crew of Patches Theatre Company. Lina is a proud AEA member and graduate of Emerson College. Much love to Mom & Dad.

Stuart Duke, Lighting Designer, has been a member of the Yuletide creative team for more than three decades. He served as resident lighting designer for Dance Kaleidoscope for ten years and received Indy's Corbin Patrick Award for his work at the Indiana Repertory Theatre where he designed over twenty productions. Recent designs include Otello and Falstaff for Maryland Lyric Opera, Daughter of the Regiment for Opera Orlando, and The Tales of Hoffmann for Palm Beach Opera. Other designs include Orwell in America Off-Broadway, Fun Home at Weston Playhouse, and Matilda at Walnut Street Theatre. In New York, Stuart has designed lighting for The Rothschilds, Cast of Characters, Home Games, The Matchmaker, Broadway Jukebox, Frankie (directed by George Abbott) and jon & jen. His regional credits include the world premiere of The Night Seasons, written and directed by Horton Foote, Kathleen Battle, and Grover Washington Jr. in concert at Carnegie Hall, a revival of Rags for the Paper Mill Playhouse, and Christopher Lloyd in Death of a Salesman. He has designed for Indianapolis Opera, Boston's Huntington Theatre,

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Portland Stage, McCarter Theatre, Goodspeed Musicals, Washington's Shakespeare and Studio Theatres, North Shore Music Theatre, and Opera Company of Philadelphia. He taught lighting design at Oberlin College and Washington College and has been a frequent presenter for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Aaron Fuksa, *Head Writer.* Writing credits include ISO's *Yuletide Celebration*, Playbill's 'Twas the Night Before the Tonys, and Playbill—the Game Show, Sandi Patty's Very Merry Virtual Christmas, and 2Scoops Live. Performance credits include Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's *Hairspray in Concert*, Indianapolis, Seattle, and Oregon Symphonies *Yuletide Celebration* as Santa, and the national tours of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. www.aaronfuksa.com

Clare Henkel, Costume Designer, has designed the costumes for the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration for the past 22 years. She also designed the Symphonic Pops Consortium's Leading Men of Broadway, Cirque Goes to the Movies, Broadway Cirque, Classic FM, Broadway Divas, Anything Goes In Concert, On Broadway with Kander and Ebb, Hairspray In Concert, Irving Berlin: From Rags to Ritzes (Carnegie Hall), Ashley Brown's Broadway, Pops Goes Vegas!, Disco Days and Boogie Nights, Guys and Dolls In Concert, Sandi Patty's Broadway, and South Pacific in Concert. She has designed costumes for theatres across the country, including the Denver Center Theatre Company, San Diego's Old Globe Theatre, the Arvada Center, La Jolla Playhouse, Arizona Theatre Company, Geva Theatre, Dallas Theatre Center, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Sacramento Theatre Company, North Shore Music Theatre, Aurora Theatre, and Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, Alaska. Clare has also designed extensively for Shakespeare at the Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Idaho, and San Francisco Shakespeare Festivals. Her work for dance includes 3rd Law Dance, Frequent Flyers Productions, Isaacs McCaleb and Dancers, among others. She has been on the faculty at UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and CU Boulder. She has won numerous awards for her work, including the Bay Area Critics Circle Award, Dallas Critics Circle Award, Denver's Henry Award and the Denver Post Ovation Award. clarehenkel.com

Jennifer Ladner, Director & Choreographer, danced in the companies of Arizona Ballet Theatre, Dance Kaleidoscope, and Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre. She has performed with orchestras across North America in Sophisticated Ellington Symphony and Swing and Pops Goes Vegas. She was a guest artist in symphonic pops concerts at Carnegie Hall with the Cincinnati Pops and the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, in addition to working with the Detroit, Alabama, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Seattle, Portland, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestras. Local credits include Starlight Musicals and being a familiar face at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Pyramid Players, Phoenix Theatre, and Indiana Repertory Theatre. She was on the faculty at Butler University for 25 years and currently serves as a national emcee/judge for CRU Dance Competitions, Power of Dance, and the United States Tournament of Dance. Jennifer was assistant director for *Tradition—Gala for the Dancers Fund at Lincoln Center*. Symphonic choreography and staging credits include: ISO's Yuletide Celebration, The BSO's Holiday Spectacular, Broadway Blockbusters, Leading Men of Broadway, Broadway Divas, Cole, Baby Boomers, Disco Days & Boogie Nights, Pops Goes Vegas, Sandi Patty's Broadway, Hello, Dolly! Guys and Dolls, Hairspray, Ashley Brown's Broadway, Irving Berlin, On Broadway with Kander and Ebb, Anything Goes, Classic FM, Cirque Goes to the Movies, and A Sondheim Celebration. This past spring Jen happily returned to Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre to choreograph *The King & I* and with the ISO as Director/ Choreographer for South Pacific in Concert.



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Matthew Meeks, Stage Manager, is happy to return to the ISO and Yuletide Celebration families. He is an AEA Stage Manager based in the Twin Cities and has worked with The Guthrie Theater (Little Shop of Horrors, The Importance of Being Earnest, Into the Woods, A Christmas Carol, SITI Company's The Bacchae, and many others), South Coast Repertory (JOAN) a world premier, American Players Theatre (Three seasons in the woods, most recently: Hamlet, The River Bride, and Stones in His Pockets), Ten Thousand Things Theater (The Hatmaker's Wife, Mlima's Tale), and Minnesota Orchestra (Home for the Holidays). Thanks to you for supporting and celebrating live art! All my love to Hannah and the family.

Travis McHale, Associate Lighting Designer, is excited for his eleventh Yuletide! Broadway: associate lighting designer on eleven shows including Something Rotten!, Sunset Boulevard, War Paint, and Hello, Dolly! Recent lighting designs include Is There Still Sex In The City, #DateMe, Mister Miss America? (Off-Broadway) and over 25 shows on cruise ships for Regents Seven Seas, Oceania, and Carnival Cruise Lines. His award-winning designs have been seen at major regional theatres, and on PBS for Great Performances, at Carnegie Hall, in dozens of fashion shows for NY Fashion Week, and on tour internationally. Travis is on faculty at SUNY New Paltz and is a proud member of United Scenic Artists Local 829. www.travismchale.com

Ken Saltzman, *Production Stage Manager*, is pleased to return to the ISO for his 24th *Yuletide Celebration* after stage managing *South Pacific In Concert* for the ISO. Previously, he stage managed *Aida In Concert* with Detroit Opera, his 73rd production with the Company. He is also deeply honored to be collaborating with the incomparable Sandi Patty on her 10th *Yuletide Celebration*. Ken and his husband of 33 years, Duane Prill, make their home in New York's Finger Lakes region where they manage the Lamoka Hideaway. Healthy food is fundamental to well-being and the foundation of a strong, vibrant society. Support your local food bank!

Greg Sanders, *Vocal Director*, finished his master's degree in conducting at Butler University in May 2011. He currently serves as the artistic director of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus and is on staff at the Center Grove High School Choral Department. Greg is in demand as an arranger and orchestrator. He is also a pianist, vocal coach, and chamber musician, preparing and performing extensively for concerts and festivals in Indianapolis and regionally. He returns to the ISO production team after serving as the vocal director for many Printing Partners *Pops Series* productions. This is his eleventh year with AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*.





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The artistic and cultural connection between France and Russia is explored in Ronen's third program of the season, featuring Prokofiev's first violin sonata.

March 23, 2025, 4 p.m.: Our Lady of Lourdes Church March 24, 2025, 7:30 p.m.: Indiana Historical Society

Season Finale

The season wraps up with some Ronen firsts and a piece by Ronen's friend and local composer, Michael Schelle.

May 11, 2025, 4 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church May 12, 2025, 7:30 p.m.: Indiana Historical Society

Artistic Directors: Gregory Martin, Piano; Jayna Park, Violin; Alistair Howlett, Flute; Jennifer Christen, Oboe





Indianapolis Ballet

An Indianapolis holiday tradition continues with Tchaikovsky's masterpiece *The Nutcracker*. Make special memories this holiday season as you follow Clara on her magical journey to the Land of Sweets. Experience *The Nutcracker*, **December 19–22**, at The Murat Theatre at Old National Centre!

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For information about the 24–25 season and tickets, visit indyballet.org.

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It's holiday time in the city of Indianapolis! Add another timeless tradition to your list this year with the annual Indianapolis Children's Choir holiday concerts. Singers from across the city will share songs that bring you back to wonderful holiday vignettes from years past. All concerts take place at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Get tickets at icchoir.org/tickets



- December 13, 2024, at 7 p.m. Angels Sing: A Vintage Holiday
- December 14, 2024, at 3 p.m. Celebrate the Season: A Vintage Holiday
- December 14, 2024, at 7 p.m. Angels Sing: A Vintage Holiday (Candlelight Performance)
- December 15, 2024, at 4 p.m. Sounds of the Season: A Vintage Holiday
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Friday, December 20, Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22* The Palladium, Carmel

Monday, December 23* Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University, Indianapolis

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If you are a subscriber and have any ticketing needs, please email the ISO at subscriber@ IndianapolisSymphony.org. One of our Customer Care Representatives will return your email as soon as possible.

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Coat checks are located on the main floor and on the Oval Promenade on the second floor. The second floor can be reached by staircases on the east and west end of the theater or elevators near the main entrance. Accessible restrooms are located on both floors. Changing tables are available in most restrooms in the accessible stall. A family/gender-neutral restroom is also available; please ask an usher for access.

Ushers

For questions about Hilbert Circle Theatre accessibility, first aid, and lost and found, please see an usher. Hearing enhancement devices are available in the coat room, and larger print programs can be made available upon request ahead of the event. Ushers are here to answer your questions and to make your concert experience enjoyable.

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Beyond the Concert

Attend The J. K. Family Foundation *Words on Music* one hour before every IU Health Plans *Classical Series* concert to hear from classical music experts.

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Other parking options include:

- Valet Service is offered for the IU Health Plans Classical Series, Printing Partners Pops Series, the Film Series presented by Bank of America, and select AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration performances. Available one hour before the performance begins.
- Circle Centre Mall Parking Garages (recommended for Coffee Concert patrons because of limited parking).
- Metered parking is available downtown near the theatre. Visit parkindy.net for details.
- Visit downtownindy.org for additional parking options.

For more information, contact the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at 32 East Washington Street, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204, visit us online at IndianapolisSymphony.org or call the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at 317-639-4300.

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