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Reindeer Rush is back for 2024 AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration

Don't miss Sandi Patty's farewell year as host!

AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Circle, Indianapolis December 6–23, 2024 Tickets available at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office (317-639-4300) or the <u>Indianapolis</u> <u>Symphony Orchestra website</u>

INDIANAPOLIS—Tickets are going fast for AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration,* Indiana's most anticipated event of the holiday season. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes back Grammy winner Sandi Patty in her final year as host of the beloved tradition at Hilbert Circle Theatre. Maestro Jack Everly, Principal Pops Conductor of the ISO, leads the 38th annual *Yuletide Celebration* beginning this Friday, December 6, 2024, for a magical holiday production featuring Broadway-level singers and dancers, dazzling choreography, and stunning costumes.

With many performances close to selling out, there's still a chance to score tickets with Reindeer Rush! Here's how it works:

- Two hours before each performance, the ISO Box Office will sell any remaining *single* seats at 50% off.
- Purchases must be made in person. Reindeer Rush tickets will not be sold online or over the phone.
- Reindeer Rush tickets are subject to availability. The ISO cannot guarantee that they will be available for every performance.

- Patrons may buy multiple Reindeer Rush tickets at the 50% discount; please note that parties of two or more will not be seated together.
- Follow the ISO's "stories" feed on Facebook or Instagram for Reindeer Rush updates.

About AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration

A ten-time host of *Yuletide Celebration*, Sandi Patty will charm and delight fans of all ages with her highly acclaimed vocal excellence and expressive flexibility. As one of the most renowned 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. She is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history, with 40 Dove Awards. Sandi was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2004 and as an Indiana Living Legend in 2007.

Joining Sandi Patty and the orchestra on stage will be featured artist Curtis Bannister. Curtis is an award-winning, multi-talented performer who has excelled on the stage, on television, and in film. In addition to Sandi, Curtis, and the orchestra, the ISO is pleased to welcome back nationally acclaimed dance troupe Expressenz and the ISO's own Sherry Hong performing another show-stopping violin solo. Star of stage, film, and television Susie Mosher will also light up the stage with holiday joy. Experience the timeless tale of '*Twas the Night Before Christmas*, delight in the return of the Toy Soldiers, and cheer for the renowned tap-dancing, high-kicking Santas. Maestro Jack Everly will lead the ISO through this fantastic musical journey that will delight and surprise audiences at every turn.

AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* begins in the historic Hilbert Circle Theatre lobby, where the holidays come alive with festive decorations, hot chocolate and Christmas-themed cookies, photo opportunities with costumed characters, and melodies from the Wurlitzer organ. Take a photo by the grand tree in the lobby that sparkles with lights and ornaments, and gather around for the timeless tale of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

About Sandi Patty

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About Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly

Maestro Jack Everly has served as the ISO's Principal Pops Conductor for more than 20 years and as the Music Director of the AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration, now entering its 38th year. Each year, he composes original music for the Yuletide performances, along with conducting familiar favorites. Throughout the season, whether he's leading the ISO through memorable Broadway melodies for the Printing Partners *Pops Series* or a *Star Wars* score for the popular *Film Series* presented by Bank of America, Maestro Everly is beloved by fans for his musical expertise and charismatic personality. He has led the ISO in its first Pops recording, Yuletide Celebration, Volume One, which included three of his own orchestrations.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educational, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved performances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the IU Health Plans *Classical Series*, the Printing Partners *Pops Series*, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* and the popular *Film Series* presented by Bank of America. For more information, visit the <u>ISO website</u>.