

Special Holiday Events

Capture the joyous heart of the holidays with The Philadelphia Orchestra's beloved concerts and timeless traditions. Top off the season with the annual New Year's Eve Celebration! Share the spirit of the season with family and friends by adding these concerts on to your subscription today!

Christmas Kids Spectacular!

Saturday, December 13 11:30 AM

Cristian Măcelaru Conductor

Michael Boudewyns Narrator

Sara Valentine Narrator

Rock School for Dance Education

Bojan Spasoff President and Director

Deck the halls and come-a-caroling with The Philadelphia Orchestra for a festive celebration of your favorite sounds of the season, sing-alongs, and of course, a visit from Santa! Dancers and actors help the Orchestra bring pieces like *The Nutcracker* and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* to life. It'll be lovely weather to hear *Sleigh Ride* together, so reserve your seats now and jingle all the way down to the Kimmel Center!



The Glorious Sound of Christmas

Thursday, December 18 7 PM

Friday, December 19 7 PM

Saturday, December 20 7 PM

Bramwell Tovey Conductor

Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia

Alan Harler Artistic Director

On the heels of a rousing appearance with the Orchestra in 2012, the charismatic Tovey returns this season for three nights to lead a cheerful mixture of traditional favorites, his own arrangements and improvisations, and a special brand of storytelling. From Leopold Stokowski's Christmas Day radio broadcast in 1930 to Eugene Ormandy's best-selling 1962 recording, *The Glorious Sound of Christmas*, to Bramwell Tovey's unforgettably moving recitation of Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas") just two years ago, The Philadelphia Orchestra has been making Christmas memories for generations. Bring the whole family and start a new holiday tradition. Happy Christmas to all!

Messiah

Sunday, December 21 2 PM

The Philadelphia Singers Chorus

David Hayes Music Director

Handel *Messiah*

A cornerstone of Philadelphia's holiday tradition! Handel's *Messiah* and the resounding joy of the "Hallelujah" Chorus have been performed by The Philadelphia Orchestra for over five decades. Get your tickets early: One performance only and it's guaranteed to sell out.

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31 7:30 PM

Yannick Nézet-Séguin Conductor

Leading the city's best New Year's Eve celebration, Yannick returns to the podium to ring in the New Year together with the Fabulous Philadelphians. Start your evening under the sparkling dome of the Kimmel Center. The concert ends early enough to make it home—or to your next party—by midnight!