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## **CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE BOSTON POPS!**

**Boston Pops and Keith Lockhart Announce Details of  
2024 Holiday Pops Season, December 5–29**

**New this Year:**  
**Three Post-Christmas Screenings of *Home Alone* in Concert  
(Dec. 27–29)**

**Tickets on Sale:**  
**Tuesday, September 10 at 10 a.m. at [bostonpops.org](https://bostonpops.org) or 888-  
266-1200 or visit the Symphony Hall Box Office**

To view an online press kit with B roll and photos, [click here](#)



BOSTON — **Holiday Pops**, one of New England's most popular seasonal traditions for over 50 years, returns to Symphony Hall this December with **Keith Lockhart** leading the **Boston Pops** in festive and family-friendly concerts, December 5–29.

To extend the holiday spirit between the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Lockhart and the Pops will offer three screenings of the beloved family comedy **Home Alone in Concert** on December 27–29 with the orchestra performing the film's score composed by John Williams.

As always, Holiday Pops programs include the annual presentation of "**'Twas the Night Before Christmas**," David Chase's perennially popular arrangement of "**The Twelve Days of Christmas**," Leroy Anderson's "**Sleigh Ride**," a new arrangement of "**Jingle Bells**" by composer Mason Bynes, a festive sing-along — and, of course, a visit by **Santa Claus**.

A centerpiece of this year's program is a new work, featuring the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, by local composer David Coleman, based on **Ashley Bryan's book *Carol of the Brown King***, featuring the **poems of Langston Hughes** and projections of Bryan's wonderful illustrations.

The Holiday Pops afternoon and evening concerts feature the **Tanglewood Festival Chorus** led by **James Burton** in holiday favorites, alongside new and exciting arrangements of seasonal classics. **The Metropolitan Chorale**, directed by **Lisa Graham**, is the featured chorus for the December 18 and 22 Holiday Pops performances at Symphony Hall. The **Kids' Matinees** and the **Sensory-Friendly Concert** feature the **Holiday Pops Singers**, an eight-member vocal ensemble made up of professional singers from choirs throughout the greater Boston area.

#### **Special Holiday Pops Performances:**

- **Seven Kids' Matinees (Dec. 8, 14–15, and 21–24 at 11 a.m.):** Shorter programs with no intermissions designed for younger children, including a family-friendly food selection with special holiday treats, and an opportunity for photos with Santa Claus. For these seven performances, tickets are free for children under 2.
- **A Sensory-Friendly Concert (Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m.):** Designed for people of any age with an autism spectrum disorder or sensory sensitivity and their families, with a more relaxed atmosphere, reduced volume and lighting levels, extra space for movement, available noise-reduction headphones, designated quiet rooms and support spaces, and modified food concessions. Tickets for the sensory-friendly concert are offered starting at \$33.
- **A Company Celebration at Pops (Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.):** Annual Holiday Pops gala performance that celebrates the extraordinary partnership between the corporate community and the BSO. Celebrity guest artist to be announced!

## Post-Christmas Programs:

- ***Home Alone in Concert* (Dec. 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 29 at 3:00 p.m.)** This hilarious and heart-warming holiday classic features renowned composer **John Williams'** charming and delightful score performed live to picture by the Lockhart and the Pops. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. © 1990 Twentieth Century Fox

## STATEMENT FROM KEITH LOCKHART, JULIAN AND EUNICE COHEN BOSTON POPS CONDUCTOR:

"Holiday Pops has become one of Boston's most enduring traditions, a yearly occasion for families and friends to share in music and mirth. This year we are especially thrilled to present a new work by our friend and frequent collaborator David Coleman that celebrates the immortal poetry of Langston Hughes and the work of one of our favorite illustrators, Ashley Bryan. And of course, you'll hear plenty of the holiday favorites we all love! Plus, as a bonus, we're extending the season beyond December 25th, with three performances of family-favorite *Home Alone in Concert*. We can't wait to welcome all our Pops friends and family back to Symphony Hall this December."

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## Performances Beyond Boston

Sharing the joy of Holiday Pops with cities throughout New England, Keith Lockhart, the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and the Metropolitan Chorale take the show on the road for performances at the Hanover Theater in Worcester, Mass. (Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.); the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts in Storrs, Conn. (Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.); Southern New Hampshire University Arena in Manchester, N.H. (Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.); and the Lowell Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, Mass. (Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m.). Tickets to performances in other cities are available through the presenting venues and are on sale now.

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## Ticketing Information

Beginning September 10 at 10 a.m., tickets for Symphony Hall shows may be purchased through [our website](#), by calling 888-266-1200, or by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office ([see hours](#)).

Anyone attending a concert is required to have a ticket, regardless of age. For the 11 a.m. Kids' Matinees, children under the age of 2 are free, but their tickets must be requested in advance, at the time of purchase of adult tickets, by calling 617-266-1200. All ages are welcome at the 3 p.m. concerts, but all children require a full-priced ticket. Children must be age 5 or over to attend our evening performances.

## Food and Beverage Service

There are café tables for five on the orchestra (floor) level. All audience members may purchase food and drink to enjoy during the performances.

## Accessibility

Accessible seats and other accommodations are available for all Symphony Hall patrons. Accommodations can be made by calling 617-638-9431 or emailing [access@bso.org](mailto:access@bso.org). For more information, [visit our website](#).

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## About Holiday Pops

A favorite New England tradition, the Holiday Pops concerts were initiated by Arthur Fiedler with a three-concert series at Symphony Hall in 1973. Since that time, as public demand for the performances has grown, the number of performances has increased accordingly and attending a Holiday Pops concert has become an annual ritual for many families. Many of the Symphony Hall concerts sell out each year, and the orchestra regularly tours throughout the Northeast to share the Pops' holiday music with an even wider audience. Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra have released three albums of holiday music: *A Boston Pops Christmas—Live from Symphony Hall*, *Holiday Pops*, and *Sleigh Ride*. Further details about the orchestra's recordings can be found at [www.bostonpops.org](http://www.bostonpops.org)

## Titles for BSO Artistic and Executive Leadership

**Andris Nelsons**, Ray and Maria Stata BSO Music Director and Head of Conducting at Tanglewood

**Chad Smith**, Eunice and Julian Cohen BSO President and CEO

**Keith Lockhart**, Julian and Eunice Cohen Boston Pops Conductor

**Thomas Wilkins**, Artistic Partner, Education and Community Engagement and Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor

**James Burton**, Alan J. and Suzanne W. Dworsky BSO Choral Director and Conductor of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus

**Carlos Simon**, Deborah and Philip Edmundson Composer Chair

## Holiday Pops 2024 Sponsorships

The 2024 Holiday Pops Season is sponsored by **Fidelity Investments**. For over 50 years, Fidelity Investments and the Boston Pops have proudly worked together to bring wonderful performances to local audiences. As our partnership grows, so does our investment in the community we both share, including the Young Artists Competition which was created in 2009 for high school students to compete for

the opportunity to perform live at a Boston Pops concert during a Pops concert in the spring.

**Fairmont Copley Plaza** is the Official Hotel of the Boston Pops.

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