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**BOSTON POPS AND KEITH LOCKHART ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF 2022 HOLIDAY POPS SEASON, DECEMBER 1–24, A FESTIVE SERIES OF 34 PERFORMANCES AT SYMPHONY HALL, AS WELL AS FOUR CONCERTS IN WORCESTER, LOWELL, STORRS, CONN., AND MANCHESTER, N.H.**

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BOSTON — One of New England's most popular Christmastime traditions, the 2022 **Holiday Pops** season, under the direction of **Keith Lockhart**, offers 34 evening and matinee concerts, December 1–24, at Symphony Hall, festively decorated for the season. Programs will feature the **Boston Pops Orchestra** and **Tanglewood Festival Chorus** (led by **James Burton**) in holiday favorites, alongside new and lesser-known arrangements of seasonal classics—as well as a highly anticipated visit by **Santa Claus**. As with past seasons, patrons on the orchestra level can order food and drink from their café-style tables.

Extending a longstanding tradition of sharing Holiday Pops with cities throughout New England, the 49th annual Holiday Pops season will take Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra on the road for performances in Worcester, Mass. (Dec. 2); Storrs, Conn. (Dec. 3); Manchester, N.H. (Dec. 10); and Lowell, Mass. (Dec. 18).

Highlights of the season include—

- **Boston Pops holiday favorites:** 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," Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, and a festive sing-along
- **New program additions:** "On Christmas Night," composed by Tanglewood Festival Chorus conductor **James Burton**; a poignant pairing of **traditional Ukrainian carols**; and **Arturo Rodriguez's** musical setting of *Noche de Posadas* (*The Night of Las Posadas*), featuring narration and beautiful imagery from author and illustrator **Tomie dePaola's** children's book projected on screens above the orchestra
- **Six Kids' Matinees** on Dec. 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, and 24: shorter programs with no intermissions, including a special presentation of the classic "**Parade of the Wooden Soldiers**" with accompanying animated film, a family-friendly food selection with special holiday treats, and an opportunity for photos with **Santa Claus**
- A Holiday Pops **Sensory-Friendly Concert** on December 3, at 10:30 a.m.: for kids and others on the autism spectrum and their families, with relaxed house rules, reduced volume and lighting levels, extra space for movement, available noise-reduction headphones, designated quiet rooms and support spaces, and modified food concessions
- **A Company Celebration at Pops:** Broadway star **Heather Headley** is the vocal soloist for the corporate Holiday Pops fundraiser on Wednesday, December 7

This year's **Kids' Matinees** and the **Sensory-Friendly Concert** (12/3) both feature the **Holiday Pops Singers**, an eight-member vocal ensemble made up of professional singers from choirs throughout the greater Boston area. **The Metropolitan Chorale**, under the direction of **Lisa Graham**, will be the featured chorus for the December 17 and 21 Holiday Pops performances at Symphony Hall, as well as in the performances in Worcester, Storrs, Manchester, and Lowell.



#### Quote from Keith Lockhart, Julian and Eunice Cohen Boston Pops Conductor

"It is with incredible joy that we announce the programming for our 2022 Holiday Pops season as we look forward to sharing the extraordinary gift of music with our audiences at this special time of year. We welcome families, friends, and newcomers to celebrate the great music traditions, encompassing orchestral and choral favorites, that enrich our lives during the holidays. We cherish this opportunity to bring our very best music-making to all who join us this December at Symphony Hall."

#### ***BSO NOW* Holiday Concert Stream Available as of December 16, at [bso.org/now](https://www.bso.org/now)**

The 2022 Holiday Pops Concert, under the direction of **Keith Lockhart**, will be available as a **BSO NOW** on-demand stream starting December 16, 2022 through January 15, 2023. To enjoy the Holiday Pops at home, patrons can purchase the stream for themselves or as a gift for \$25. The **BSO NOW** Holiday Pops concert will be accessible to deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, and low-vision audiences through closed captioning and audio description. [Click here](#) for further details about the 2022-23 **BSO NOW** online performance series.

Similar to last season, the Holiday Pops program book will be offered in a digital format available through [bostonpops.org](https://bostonpops.org). In addition, patrons sitting on the floor of the hall will be able to order food through their mobile phones by using a QR code visibly displayed on each table throughout the hall. A paper menu will be available for those who need it.

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The 2022 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 regular spring concert.

The Boston Pops is also grateful for our other long-term sponsors that support our holiday season:

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>> [2022 Holiday Pops programming in Symphony Hall and throughout New England](#)

>> [A 2022 Holiday Pops Concert Listing](#)

>> [The Boston Pops Presents a Sensory-Friendly Holiday Pops Concert, December 3 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

>> [Six Kids' Matinee concerts with special kid-friendly menus and holiday treats](#)

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