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**BOSTON POPS AND KEITH LOCKHART ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF 2021 HOLIDAY POPS SEASON AT SYMPHONY HALL, DECEMBER 2-24, MARKING THE FIRST LIVE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES WITH AUDIENCES SINCE DECEMBER 2019**

**TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL CHORUS ALSO MAKES A LONG-ANTICIPATED RETURN TO SYMPHONY HALL FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY POPS SEASON**

TICKETS STARTING AT \$35 ON SALE NOW AT [BOSTONPOPS.ORG](http://BOSTONPOPS.ORG) OR 888-266-1200

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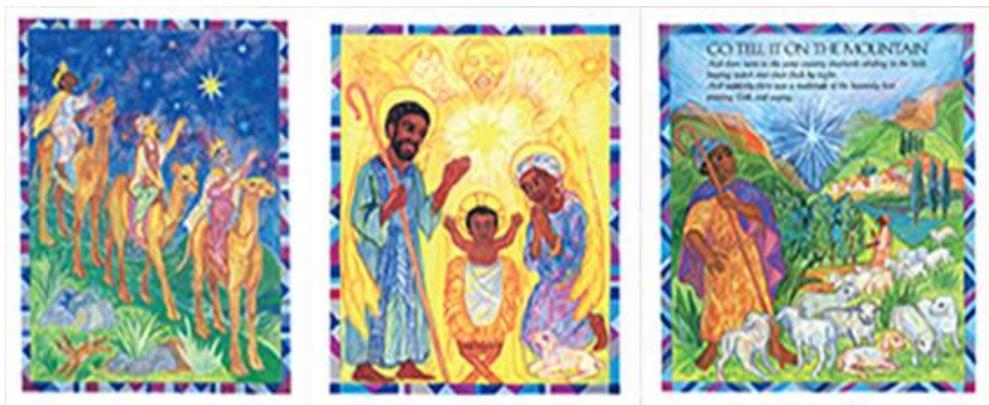
*The Tanglewood Festival Chorus, Keith Lockhart and Santa Claus, Children Attend a Holiday Pops Concert*

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### Highlights of the 2021 Holiday Pops Season Include:

- **Boston Pops holiday favorites** include **Duke Ellington's** jazzy version of Tchaikovsky's **Nutcracker Suite**; the annual presentation of "**'Twas the Night Before Christmas**," "**Santa Claus Is Coming to Town**," signaling the arrival of Santa to Symphony Hall, David Chase's perennially popular arrangement of "**The Twelve Days of Christmas**", "**Sleigh Ride**", and "**Let There Be Peace on Earth**".

- **New additions** to the Pops' holiday offerings include two popular Mexican Christmas songs composed by **Silvino Jaramillo**, arranged by orchestrator and conductor **Arturo Rodriguez**, and a new medley of holiday spirituals, **The Good News Voyage**, by **David Coleman** with evocative images by **Ashley Bryan** projected on screens above the orchestra



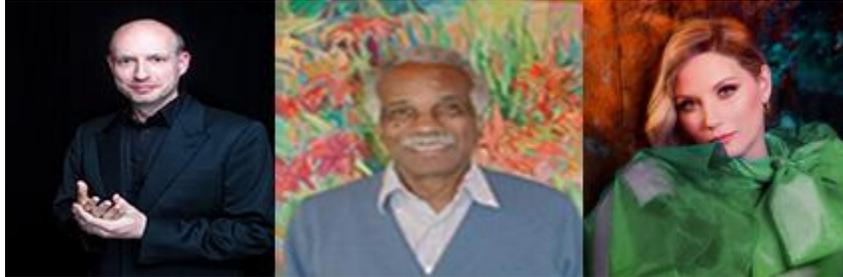
*Ashley Bryan Illustrations from the songbook "What a Morning"*

- **Seven Kids' Matinees**—a shorter program with no intermission—featuring a much-loved arrangement of Dr. Seuss's "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**," 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 5 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

- **Jennifer Nettles**, part of the multi-Grammy winning country duo Sugarland, will be featured in the corporate Holiday Pops fundraiser, **A Company Celebration at Pops** on December 14

- Holiday Pops concerts, with the **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra**, with **Keith Lockhart** conducting, in Worcester, MA (12/3), Storrs, CT (12/4), Manchester, NH (12/11), and Lowell, MA (12/19)



*James Burton, Ashley Bryan, Jennifer Nettles*

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**Health and Safety Protocols for the 2021 Holiday Pops Season;**  
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- Holiday Pops patrons are required to show proof of full vaccination or a negative covid test result; a negative test result will be required for children under age 5
- Protocols also require mask-wearing but do not include physical distancing; floor patrons seated at tables will be required to wear masks whenever they are not actively eating or drinking
- Symphony Hall ventilation and filtration systems have been upgraded and meet or exceed standards recommended by health and building experts
- The most up-to-date information about Symphony Hall protocols is available at [bso.org/safety](https://www.bso.org/safety)

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

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**Keith Lockhart** and the **Boston Pops Orchestra** are grateful and delighted to perform once again for live audiences at Symphony Hall for the 2021 Holiday Pops season, December 2-24. They welcome back the **Tanglewood Festival Chorus**, who will make their long-awaited return to Symphony Hall after a two-year hiatus from performing as an ensemble. The 48th annual Holiday Pops season features a festive spectrum of music, with classic seasonal favorites performed alongside exciting new arrangements of both familiar and less familiar holiday works, all capped by a stage visit from Santa Claus, who will be available to take photos with young concertgoers after the **Kids' Matinees** and **Sensory Friendly Concert**.

Symphony Hall will be specially decorated for the season and patrons on the orchestra level can order food and drink from their café-style tables, though all patrons will be required to wear masks whenever they are not actively eating or drinking. The orchestra's commitment to returning to performances with audiences is matched by an equally strong commitment to the health and safety of everyone associated with Holiday Pops, including patrons, staff, and musicians.

This year's **Kids' Matinees** and the **Sensory-Friendly Concert** (12/5) 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 12 and 17 Holiday Pops performances.

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



"The musicians of the Boston Pops Orchestra join me in expressing our sheer joy in presenting the upcoming Holiday Pops season for a live audience at Symphony Hall.

While re-opening Symphony Hall this fall, so many of us have felt the power and meaning of the live concert experience more than ever before. We bring the music of the holiday season to our audiences, but it's our audiences—by their participation, enthusiasm, and expressions of gratitude—who bring all of us a sense of purpose and inspire a deep appreciation of community that enriches all our lives.

We so look forward to sharing the music of the holiday season and remembering how special it is to be together experiencing the inspirational messages of hope, love, and peace that resonate so powerfully this time of year and remind us of the importance of celebrating the beauty of life."

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[Click here](#) to watch the 2015 Holiday Pops Perform "Sleigh Ride" with Keith Lockhart and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus

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**BSO NOW Holiday Concert Stream Available as of December 17, at [bso.org/now](http://bso.org/now)**

The 2021 Holiday Pops Concert, under the direction of **Keith Lockhart**, will be available as a **BSO NOW** on-demand stream starting December 17, 2021, at noon through January 16, 2022. To enjoy the Holiday Pops at home, patrons can buy either a *BSO NOW* Access Pass for the 2021-22 season, or the concert as a standalone purchase for themselves or as a gift. 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 2021–22 *BSO NOW* online performance series.

**New this year:** The Holiday Pops program book will be offered for the first time at Symphony Hall in a digital format available through [bostonpops.org](http://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.

**Artist Websites for Further Information:**

[Keith Lockhart](#), [James Burton](#), [Tanglewood Festival Chorus](#), [Ashley Bryan](#), [Jennifer Nettles](#), [Metropolitan Chorale](#)

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## Holiday Pops 2021 Sponsorship

The 2021 Holiday Pops Season is sponsored by **Fidelity Investments**. For over fifty 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. In 2009, the Young Artists Competition was created for high school students to compete for the opportunity to perform live at a Boston Pops concert during a regular spring concert.

The **Arbella Insurance Foundation** is the Music for All Sponsor, supporting the Holiday Pops season and Kids' Matinee performances. Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. continues its support of the Boston Pops as supporting sponsor of the Holiday Pops season. The concert on Thursday, December 9, is sponsored by American Airlines, the Official Airline of the Boston Pops. The Wednesday, December 15, concert is sponsored by Fairmont Copley Plaza, the Official Hotel of the Boston Pops.

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