



Fireworks Spectacular



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Broadway Superstar Kelli O'Hara to Headline the 2024 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular for its 50th Anniversary Concert

**Also Joining Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for Boston's
Iconic Independence Day Concert are Eclectic Rock and Country
Group The Mavericks, Rock & Roll Legend Darlene Love, and the
Singing Sergeants from the United States Air Force Band**

*The concert is presented by The Herb Chambers Companies and will be
broadcast and streamed live nationally on Bloomberg TV and radio, and
locally in Boston on WHDH-TV Channel 7, on Thursday, July 4 from 8-11
P.M. ET*

[Visit the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular website](#) for complete event
information including resources to help you plan your trip.



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For a *Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular* press kit, [click here](#)

(Boston, MA) — The Boston Symphony Orchestra is thrilled to announce this year's musical program for its annual 4th of July *Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular*. Marking 50 years since fireworks were added to the free musical celebration of Independence Day, a beloved Boston tradition that began almost a century ago under conductor Arthur Fiedler, the event returns to the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade on Thursday, July 4, 8–11 p.m. with **Keith Lockhart** conducting the **Boston Pops** alongside an exciting lineup of guest performers headlined by Tony Award-winning actress **Kelli O'Hara**. The event also features performances by **The Mavericks**, **Darlene Love**, and the **Singing Sergeants from the United States Air Force Band**. The 2024 *Fireworks Spectacular* will include the Pops playing patriotic favorites, closing with

Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, followed by a fireworks display over the Charles River, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

The performance will be broadcast live on **Bloomberg TV and Radio** and **SiriusXM channel 119**, as well as locally on **WHDH-TV Channel 7** and online at **Bloomberg.com** ([click here](#) for additional tune-in details including how to live-stream the concert on Bloomberg online).

Statement from Keith Lockhart, Boston Pops Conductor:

"When philanthropist David Mugar introduced fireworks and cannons to the Pops annual July Fourth concert in 1974, he created an iconic tradition that would unite millions in music and celebration over the years and would showcase Boston as the birthplace of our democracy. I am grateful to be able to carry forward that legacy in this year's Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this extraordinary event, our orchestra's gift to the great city of Boston. I also look forward to celebrating several other milestones at the Fireworks Spectacular over the next couple years: my 30th anniversary as conductor of the Boston Pops in 2025 and the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 2026."

Statement from Chad Smith, BSO President and CEO:

"Since our beloved former Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler first began leading a free July 4 performance on the Esplanade back in 1929, the concert has become a signature Boston event, the unofficial start to summer. The Boston Symphony is again proud to host this year's celebration featuring Tony Award-winning, Broadway leading lady Kelli O'Hara, who just received her eighth Tony nomination as best actress in a musical. We are so grateful to Governor Healey and the Commonwealth, Commissioner Arrigo and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Mayor Wu and the City of Boston for their continued support. We also thank our presenting sponsor The Herb Chambers Companies, our media partner Bloomberg, Meet Boston, and Thomas and Winifred Faust for supporting this year's event."

Guest Artists Performing with the Boston Pops

The **2024 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular**, directed by Keith Lockhart, includes an exciting lineup of guest artists showcasing the best of American music

across genres: Kelli O'Hara (headliner), The Mavericks, Darlene Love, and the Singing Sergeants.

Kelli O'Hara has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. The Tony Award winner, Emmy and Grammy-nominated actress has appeared in eleven Broadway shows for which she has garnered eight Tony Award nominations, including in 2024 for Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical in *Days of Wine and Roses*. She won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League and Outer Critics nominations for her portrayal of Anna Leonowens in *The King and I*. O'Hara's other Broadway credits include *Kiss Me Kate*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *South Pacific*, *The Pajama Game*, *The Light in the Piazza*, *Sweet Smell of Success*, *Follies*, *Dracula*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*. O'Hara received an Emmy Award nomination for her portrayal of Katie Bonner in Topic's hit web series, *The Accidental Wolf*, and can currently be seen on HBO's *The Gilded Age*.

For decades, **The Mavericks** have created the kind of multicultural Americana that reaches far beyond America itself, blending their favorite stateside sounds — including rock & roll, country, and R&B — with Tex-Mex twang, Cuban rhythms, Jamaican ska, and other Latin influences. Band members Raul Malo (vocals and guitar), Eddie Perez (lead guitar), Jerry Dale McFadden (keyboard), and Paul Deakin (drums) have won a Grammy Award for Best Country Performance by a Group with Vocal (1996), multiple awards from the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association, and the Trailblazer Award at the 2021 Americana Music Honors & Awards. Their latest album *Moon & Stars* continues to push the envelope, exploring the outer orbits of an organic, otherworldly sound that remains entirely their own.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member **Darlene Love** continues to captivate audiences worldwide with her warm, gracious stage presence and superb performances. Her film *Twenty Feet from Stardom* won both an Oscar for Best Documentary Feature (2014) and a Grammy Award for Best Music Film (2015). Her Billboard hits include: "He's a Rebel," "The Boy I'm Gonna Marry," "Wait 'Til My Bobby Gets Home," "He's Sure the Boy I Love," and the legendary number one holiday classic "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)".

Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., the **Singing Sergeants** is one of six musical ensembles from The United States Air Force Band. The Singing Sergeant's 24 active-duty musicians support ceremonial and

diplomatic functions, education outreach events, and perform concerts throughout Washington, D.C., and the United States, using music to bridge language and cultural differences and to help advance positive diplomatic relations through song. The chorus is regularly featured at national music education conferences, including the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference, and Chorus America.

[Click here](#) for a press kit with full bios and photos of guest artists.

Bloomberg On-Air Talent

Carol Massey and **Romaine Bostick** of Bloomberg Television will co-host the 2024 *Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular* performance and concert television and radio broadcasts.

Sponsors

The Boston Pops is grateful to have the support of **The Herb Chambers Companies** as Presenting Sponsor, and for returning Media Partner **Bloomberg** for contributing resources and talent to create the live event broadcast of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, and to air it worldwide.

For those looking to attend live, Supporting Sponsor **Meet Boston** can assist with tourism information for visitors to extend their stay in Boston around July 4. Visit their [Plan a Trip to Boston](#) webpage for information on tourism information and accommodation packages at the **Fairmont Copley Plaza (the Official Hotel of the Boston Pops)** or at other area hotels.

Public Safety Information and Site Restrictions

The rehearsal on July 3 is closed to the public.

Gates will open to the public at 12 p.m. (noon) on July 4.

Alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis are prohibited on the Esplanade per Mass DCR rules.

More public safety information including details about when Storrow Drive will be closed to vehicles will be provided by state officials closer to the day of the show and will be posted on the [event website](#).

About the Boston Pops July 4 Fireworks Spectacular

Since 1929, the Boston Symphony's Pops orchestra has performed its free Independence Day concert on the Esplanade, a beloved Boston tradition first conceived by Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler and carried on by John Williams, and since 1995, Keith Lockhart. A fireworks display became part of the tradition in 1974 when the late David Mugar became the event's producer until 2016. In 2017, the Pops opened a new page in the BSO's history, presenting its first self-produced Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular. [Read more about the event's history](#).

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