

Winter Classics & Holiday Favorites

Celebrate the magic of the season. This program blends the enchanting charm of winter-inspired classical music with the heartwarming sounds of beloved holiday and Christmas tunes. Two highlights of the afternoon will be the winner of our annual Golden Baton raffle taking the podium to conduct Leroy Anderson's lively Sleigh Ride and Jody Madaras narrating 'Twas the Night Before Christmas with live orchestra.

Program

The Bells of Christmas

Bob Krogstad

Christmas Overture

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

The Polar Express Suite

Alan Silvestri

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

Dr. Jack Mason, guest conductor

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Jerry Brubaker

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst/Smith

A Most Wonderful Christmas

Robert Sheldon

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Bill Holcombe

Jody Madaras, narrator

A Mad Russian's Christmas

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

About Us

Formed in 2013, the Hampton Roads Philharmonic brings together musicians from across the community to present four concert programs each season. Under the direction of Steven Brindle, the orchestra is committed to artistic excellence, diverse programming, and making classical music an accessible and vibrant part of the region. In addition to full-orchestra performances, the HRP hosts an annual Young Artist Competition and offers chamber ensembles for local events.

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Musicians

Violin I

Peggy Watson

Alice Cryer

Mary Huber

Luke Heddle

Janet Nelson

Keri Houser

Violin II

Steve Wood

Lauren Bristow

Kimberly Lorenz

Carlie Gabbert

Myfanwy Morgan

Margaret Mastbrook

Jack Murray

Viola

Bryan Williams

Jan Ryan

Sarah Quemada

Charlie Whittaker

Will Hederer

Cello

Joanna Pearson

Shea Matthews

Daniel Williams

DJ Whittaker

Becky Smithson

Bass

Kevin Garner

Harp

Melvin Lauf, Jr.

Flute

Cathy Francis

Tristan Morris-Mann

Piccolo

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Oboe

Todd Worsham

Jenna Eppink

English Horn

Todd Worsham

Clarinet

Gene Chieffo

Camiel Sims

Bass Clarinet

Jennifer Lambert

Bassoon

Mike Marshall

Jan Bjorklund

Horn

Chelsey Hamm

Emily Judd

Mason Smith

Christin Lundgren

Trumpet

Christian Van Deven

Hayden Cameron

Shahana Keisler

Trombone

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Tuba

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Timpani

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Steven Brindle, Music Director

Steven is a conductor, cellist, and music educator who works with students and ensembles of all ages. He earned his degree in Music Education from Christopher Newport University and has also attended conducting workshops at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati and the Peabody Conservatory.

Since 2013, Steven has served as the founding Music Director for the Hampton Roads Philharmonic and as the conductor for Bay Youth Concert Orchestra since 2016. He regularly appears throughout Hampton Roads as a guest conductor and adjudicator for district events and has served as the Music Director for Tidewater Opera Initiative, conductor for Symphonicity's productions of The Nutcracker, and conductor for Capitol Opera Richmond.

Steven lives in Ghent, Norfolk, teaches music at Ghent Montessori School and maintains a private lesson studio. He is a member of the National Association for Music Education, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Kappa Lambda, Alpha Chi, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.



Jody Madaras, Narrator

Jody Madaras is an award-winning producer, actor, director, choreographer, educator, and playwright. He has served as Artistic Director for Hampton Coliseum/Hampton Arts since 2024. An experienced artistic and producing director, he is known for developing innovative performances and managing large-scale productions, with a strong record of collaboration across diverse creative teams.

An Ohio native and graduate of the University of Michigan, Madaras has enjoyed a 35-year career as a professional singer, actor, and dancer, 30 years as a professional director and choreographer, and 15 years as an executive producer. His performance and production credits span Broadway, Off-Broadway, daytime television, regional theatre, European theatre, cruise entertainment, and educational theatre.

Highlight credits include the 1st National Broadway Tour of The Drowsy Chaperone, the 1st European production of Crazy For You, the 1st National Tour of I Love Lucy Live Onstage, and the Broadway concert version of Finian's Rainbow with Lauren Bacall. He is also the creator and star of the All Hands On Deck! show and has appeared on CBS-TV's As The World Turns.

Madaras's awards include the 2023 Bob Bender Leadership Excellence Award, the 2017 Branson Terry Music Show Award (Outstanding Morning Show Creator/Producer), and the 2007 ariZoni Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical. Outside the theatre, he enjoys quiet evenings at the piano, presidential history, and collecting vintage record albums. He dedicates his work with love to Valerie Ann and Lucy the Cat.

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