

As we deck Kleinhans Music Hall with boughs of holly, audiences should prepare to be dazzled by the sights and sounds of the season, and spectacular memory-making moments with your Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Your Musical Home for the Holidays

On **Wed. Dec. 11**, your BPO presents the first of its Music and Movie Magic Series, with a special holiday screening of **'Home Alone,'** sponsored by KeyBank. Ron Spigelman conducts John Williams' delightful score performed live to the film on the big screen. This madcap, family-friendly favorite tells the story of an 8-year-old boy whose family leaves without him for Christmas vacation, leaving him to defend his home against two bungling thieves. An early 7 p.m. start time for this mid-week performance will get the kiddos back to their beds in time for sugar plums to dance in their heads.



**BPO Holiday Event
Home Alone in Concert**

JoAnn Falletta conducts the M&T Bank Classics Series holiday favorite JoAnn's **Classical Christmas** on **Fri. Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.** and **Sat. Dec. 14. At 8 p.m.** From Bach to Tchaikovsky, Corelli

to Vaughan Williams, and a new festive work for Hanukkah, the classical tradition is rife with wonderful music to get everyone in the holiday spirit. As a special treat, the

BPO's new concertmaster, Nikki Chooi, will be featured in Korngold's 'Prelude and Serenade from The Snowman,' and native Buffalonian, soprano Rachel Mikol, lends her lyrical voice to arrangements of "Gesu Bambino" and "O Holy Night."

On **Sun. Dec. 15**, the BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York BPO Kids Series celebrates the holidays with our **Jingle Bell Jam**, featuring favorite holiday stories. Our special guest, Santa Claus himself, will lead a sing-a-long and help conduct the concert, which includes selections from Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' with dancers from the Royal Academy of Ballet, music



**BPO
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Jingle
Bell Jam**



**BPO Holiday Event JoAnn's
Classical Christmas**

from 'Home Alone' with the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Vocal Symphony, and other holiday favorites including "Let it Snow" and "Christmas Time is Here" from the popular animated classic 'A Charlie Brown Christmas.' The U.S. Marine Corps will be on hand to help make cards for military members stationed far from home during the holidays, and milk and cookies with Santa will be served in the Mary Seaton Room as a post-concert treat. These fun Sunday afternoon concerts last approximately 45 minutes with an hour of pre-concert activity stations

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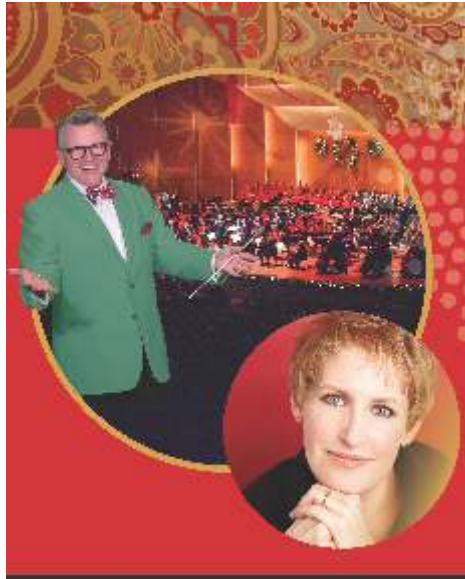
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(to get the wiggles out!); including crafts, stories, and games.

It all leads up to **Holiday Pops**,



BPO Holiday Event John Morris Russell's Holiday Pops

Western New York's number 1 holiday tradition! Maestro John Morris Russell, "Mr. Christmas" himself, is back on the podium for more holiday favorites and surprises. Liz Callaway, Tony nominee and Emmy Award-winning actress, singer and recording artist, joins your BPO for four perfor-

mances, **Thu. Dec. 19 and Fri. Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m., Sat. Dec. 21 at 8 p.m., and Sun. Dec. 22 at 2:30 p.m.** Liz is well-known for lending her vocals to the animated classic 'Anastasia' in which she sang the Academy Award-nominated song "Journey to the Past." She last performed with the BPO to sold-out audiences in 2017 with The Carole King Songbook. This year's Holiday Pops program also features a wintery mix of songs, everything from "Let It Snow" and "Skaters Waltz," to an



Firebird

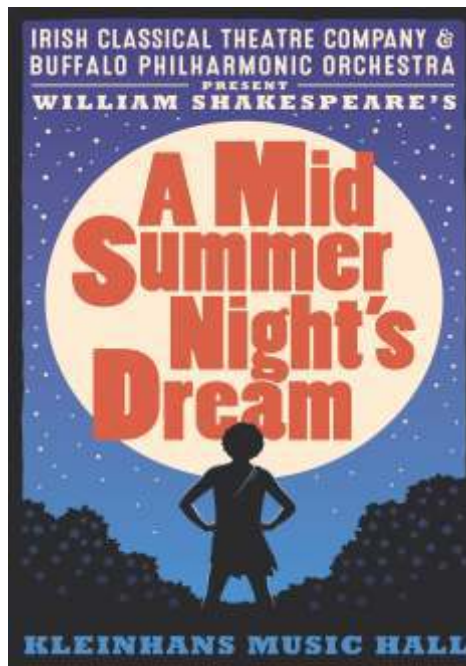
audience sing-along of holiday favorites. The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, prepared by music director Adam Luebke, joins your BPO with



A Tribute to Marvin Hamlisch



Tribute to Aretha Franklin



A Midsummer Night's Dream

exuberant holiday works, and the African American Cultural Center

lends their drumming talents to a new rendition of "Little Drummer Boy."

More Mesmerizing Classics, Unforgettable Pops, and Head-banging Rock on the Horizon

2020 brings the second half the BPO season with something for every taste, from classics masters, to popular songs of Broadway, Hollywood, and the radio, and even a few surprises.

On **Jan. 17, 18 and 19**, the BPO will reunite with Irish Classical Theater once again, presenting a semi-staged production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with incidental music composed by Felix Mendelssohn. Vincent O'Neill will star in the production to be held at Kleinhans, directed by Fortunato

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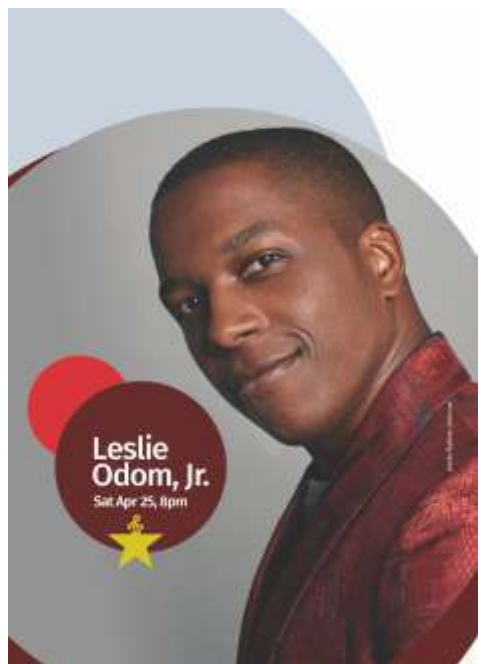


The Doo Wop Project

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On **Jan. 25 and 26**, the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus will join the orchestra for our annual celebration of the music of the great Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with a presentation of the transcendently beautiful **Mozart's Requiem**, the composer's final words.

Last autumn, the world mourned the loss of the Queen of Soul. On **Feb. 1**, your BPO pays tribute in



Leslie Odom, Jr.

'**Respect: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin**,' unfolding the rich story of this unforgettable icon through

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Mozart's Requiem

visuals and song performed by three vocalists.

On Valentine's Day weekend, **Feb. 14 and 15**, John Morris Russell leads a tribute to his predecessor with **The Music of Marvin Hamlisch**. Known for his scores to "The Sting," "A Chorus Line," and "Sophie's



Music of the Grateful Dead

Choice," Hamlisch served as the BPO's Principal Pops Conductor from 2000-2007. The BPO's annual Sweetheart Dance, open to all ticketholders, will follow the Feb. 15 performance.

The BPO is legendary among Deadheads for its role in the "lost show" of St. Patrick's Day, 1970. On that date, the **Grateful Dead** came to Buffalo to jam with the BPO at the invitation of Lukas Foss, the then-music director. It marked one of the first times that a rock band had per-

formed with a symphony orchestra. On **Feb. 25**, tribute band Crazy Fingers joins your BPO to commemorate the 50th anniversary of one of the most famous lost Grateful Dead shows.

The Doo-Wop Project is comprised of stars of 'Jersey Boys' and 'Motown: The Musical' and takes audiences on a journey from foundational tunes of groups like the Crests, Belmonts and Flamingos through their influences on the sounds of Smokey Robinson, The Temptations,

The Four Seasons, and even the songs of today. John Morris Russell leads the group in their BPO debut on **Mar. 27 and 28**.

Tony Award-winner **Leslie Odom, Jr.** electrified Broadway audiences as the original Aaron Burr in 'Hamilton.' He brings his highly successful symphonic show to your BPO, featuring the best of Broadway and the American songbook. You can be "in the room where it happens" on **Apr. 25**.

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Beethoven's Birthday

Stravinsky's 'Firebird Suite,' a staple of the orchestral catalog, is not-to-be-missed on **Apr. 18 and 19**, on a program that also features Buffalo native and Grammy Award-winning guitarist Jason Vieaux, who performs Piazzolla's "Four Seasons of Buenos Ares."

Finally, the classical music world unites in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of one of its masters: **Ludwig van Beethoven**. The BPO presents a festival of his music during the first two weekends in May, with book end performances of his Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral," and his triumphant Symphony No. 7, used to great effect in the final speech in the Academy Award-winning film 'The

King's Speech.' JoAnn Falletta conducts both weekends, **May 1 and 2, and May 9 and 10**.

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Holiday Magic Show

Kandy Kane's Holiday Magic Show Wednesday, December 11, 6pm at St. Francis Park, located at 5229 South Park Avenue in Hamburg. Enjoy a Christmas-themed magic show with Kandy Kane (The World's Largest Elf). Additionally, there will be a meet and greet photo opportunity, and give-a-ways for all children. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is FREE and open to the public. Reservations are required by calling 716-649-1205.

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