

Make the Kansas City Symphony a 'Must-See' on Your Holiday List

Experience your favorite holiday music live with one of America's top 25 orchestras

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | Oct. 25, 2024 — Looking for the perfect holiday experience? The Kansas City Symphony is your destination for creating lasting memories with entertaining, family-friendly concerts that blend timeless classics and modern magic. Whether you're looking for an evening of wonder-filled live music or a new holiday tradition, these concerts are designed for families and fans of all ages.

Join the Kansas City Symphony for an unforgettable holiday series featuring the awe-inspiring Handel's *Messiah*, imagine you're building snowmen with your family while enjoying Frozen™ in concert, and even catch an appearance from Santa Claus at the Christmas Festival concert!

"We're creating memories that last a lifetime," says Danny Beckley, president and CEO of the Kansas City Symphony. "Whether you're here for live music accompanying classic films, live choirs, a visit from Santa, or singing along to Christmas carols, it's an unforgettable experience for everyone in Kansas City's most stunning concert venue, Helzberg Hall in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts."

Ranked as one of the top 25 orchestras in the United States, the Kansas City Symphony offers compelling concerts for all ages and musical backgrounds, proving that the symphony can be for everyone. Located in the prestigious Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Kansas City, an outing to the Symphony is a memorable holiday experience, both to hear and see.

Kansas City Symphony Holiday Lineup

Home Alone™ in Concert

November 29 - December 1, 2024

Watch *Home Alone* like never before! Enjoy this holiday favorite on the big screen while the Kansas City Symphony performs John Williams' heartwarming score live. Perfect for

a family movie night with a festive twist! Rated PG. Featuring: Caleb Young, guest conductor; Kansas City Symphony Chorus, directed by Charles Bruffy

• **Showtimes:** Friday, November 29, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 30, at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m.

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Handel's Messiah

December 6 - 8, 2024

This mosaic of the scriptures remains Handel's most famous work, and it is one of the most triumphant choral pieces ever written. The impeccable acoustics of Helzberg Hall together with your Kansas City Symphony and Chorus make this THE *Messiah* performance of the season! With nearly 150 musicians and inspired special guest vocalists on stage, *Messiah* is sure to impress and delight you.

• **Showtimes:** Friday, December 6, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 7, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m.

The Texas Tenors: Deep In The Heart Of Christmas

December 13, 2024

Emmy[®] Award-winners and Billboard No. 1 recording artists The Texas Tenors sleigh ride into town with their heartwarming and touching holiday concert, "Deep in the Heart of Christmas." From seasonal favorites like "O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World" to the crowd-pleasing original hit "Bootdaddy," The Texas Tenors bring a unique blend of music to the stage with thrilling harmonies and award-winning arrangements. Bring the whole family and make new and lasting Christmas memories with The Texas Tenors and your Kansas City Symphony.

• **Showtime:** Friday, December 13, at 8 p.m.

Christmas Festival

December 19 - 22, 2024

Celebrate the season with the Kansas City Symphony's *Christmas Festival*. This concert features your favorite carols, Christmas classics, and even a special appearance by Santa Claus! It is a magical, must-see event for the entire family. Featuring: Jason Seber, guest conductor; Dee Daniels, vocalist; Kansas City Symphony Chorus, directed by Charles Bruffy.

• **Showtimes:** Thursday, December 19, at 7 p.m.; Friday, December 20, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 21, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Frozen™ in Concert

December 23 - 24, 2024

Sing along with Anna, Elsa, and the whole *Frozen*™ gang as the Kansas City Symphony plays the film's score live while the movie is projected on the big screen. A perfect holiday outing for fans of all ages!

Featuring: Jason Seber, guest conductor

• **Showtimes:** Monday, December 23, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, December 24, at 11 a.m.

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Make plans to experience moments that delight, educate, and entertain families of all ages. See the full lineup and get your tickets today at kcsymphony.org.

About the Kansas City Symphony

In only its 42nd season, the Kansas City Symphony has already become one of America's most vibrant major orchestras and has gained national and international recognition. The symphony completed its inaugural European Tour in August 2024, with visits to Berlin, Amsterdam, and Hamburg. With the 2024/2025 season, the Symphony welcomes conductor and composer Matthias Pintscher as its music director. Pintscher regularly conducts many of the world's best orchestras and opera companies and ranks as one of the world's foremost composers of orchestral music.

Continually creating live music experiences in Helzberg Hall, located in the prestigious Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, the Symphony serves Kansas City's metro population of more than 2.2 million residents and welcomes visitors from around the globe. The 80 full-time musicians of the Kansas City Symphony from around the world and nearly 200 volunteer vocalists of the Kansas City Symphony Chorus bring a diverse and dynamic range of musical experiences to our audiences in both orchestral and chamber music formats each season. In addition to concerts in Helzberg Hall, Symphony musicians perform throughout the region on our portable stage, the Mobile Music Box. The Symphony also serves as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet and

the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, adding to the rich cultural experiences that these organizations offer to the community.

Top international soloists perform with the Kansas City Symphony every season, including brilliant classical musicians, popular singer/songwriters, rock bands and other creative performers. The Symphony performs live soundtracks for a variety of fan-favorite films, with the movie projected on a giant screen above the stage.

For more information, visit kcsymphony.org.