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Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Announces Program and Performers for '18 Holiday Concert

Little Rock, ARK, November 26, 2018 - The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Philip Mann, Music Director and Conductor, presents the first concert of the 2018-2019 Acxiom Pops Live! season: ***Home for the Holidays***, Friday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Robinson Center. ASO presents a family-friendly program of popular holiday music, including *Sleigh Ride*, *Silver Bells*, *O Holy Night*, *White Christmas*, selections from *The Nutcracker*, and a singalong medley of carols, along with Winter-themed orchestral selections from Rimsky-Korsakov, Mancini, and Bizet. Guest performers for *Home for the Holidays* are vocalists Maria Fasciano and Vernon di Carlo, the Arkansas Chamber Singers, and the Episcopal Collegiate School Steel Drum Band.

Music performances from various ensembles will be featured in the pre-concert and intermission lobby spaces at Robinson Center throughout the weekend of performances. Visit ArkansasSymphony.org/holidays for details. The Annual ASO Holiday Children's Fair features holiday-themed arts and crafts from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Robinson Center's Historic Lobby. Santa Claus will attend the Saturday and Sunday performances, and will be seen in the lobbies before the concerts and at intermission.

The Pops Live! Series is sponsored by Acxiom. Home for the Holidays is sponsored by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. The media sponsor for the Pops Live! Series is The Point 94.1.

Tickets are \$16, \$36, \$57, and \$68; active duty military and student tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.ArkansasSymphony.org; at the Robinson Center street-level box office beginning 90 minutes prior to a concert; or by phone at 501-666-1761, ext. 1. All Arkansas students grades K-12 are admitted to Sunday's matinee free of charge with the purchase of an adult ticket using the Entergy Kids' Ticket, downloadable at arkansassymphony.org/freekids. Please note: the Entergy Kids' Ticket Voucher must be redeemed for a reserved seat by calling the Box Office or presenting it at the Box Office beginning 90 minutes prior to a concert.

Artists

Philip Mann, conductor
(bio: arkansassymphony.org/the-orchestra/philip-mann)

Maria Fasciano, soprano
(bio: arkansassymphony.org/maria-fasciano)

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Vernon di Carlo, tenor
(bio: arkansassymphony.org/vernon-di-carlo)

Arkansas Chamber Singers, John Erwin, Artistic Director
(ar-chambersingers.org)

Episcopal Collegiate School Steel Drum Band, Erick Saoud, director

Program

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| ANDERSON | Sleigh Ride |
| RIMSKY-KORSAKOV | Dance of the Tumblers from <i>The Snow Maiden Suite</i> |
| Arr. Holcombe | Silver Bells (<i>feat. Vernon Di Carlo</i>) |
| MANCINI | Joy |
| ADAMS/Ryden | O Holy Night (<i>feat. Maria Fasciano</i>) |
| BERLIN/Moss | White Christmas (<i>feat. Vernon Di Carlo</i>) |
| BIZET | Farandole from <i>L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2</i> |
| TYZIK | Twelve Gifts of Christmas (<i>feat. Maria Fasciano</i>) |

INTERMISSION

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| MANCINI/Hayes | Christmas Rhapsody |
| TCHAIKOVSKY | Selections from <i>The Nutcracker</i> (<i>feat. Episcopal Collegiate School Steel Drum Band</i>) |
| RICHMAN | Hanukkah Festival Overture |
| STYNE/Hayes | The Christmas Waltz (<i>feat. Arkansas Chamber Singers</i>) |
| COURTNEY | Festival Gloria (<i>feat. Arkansas Chamber Singers</i>) |
| HERMAN/Hayes | We Need a Little Christmas (<i>feat. Arkansas Chamber Singers</i>) |
| FINNEGAN | Singalong |

About Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 53rd full season in 2018-2019, under the leadership of Music Director Philip Mann. ASO is the resident orchestra of Robinson Center Music Hall, to which the ASO returned in November of 2016 after a two-year renovation of the historic structure. ASO performs more than sixty concerts each year for more than 165,000 people through its Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks Series, ACXIAM Pops LIVE! Series, River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series, Intimate Neighborhood Concerts, and numerous concerts performed around the state of Arkansas, in addition to serving central Arkansas through numerous community outreach programs and bringing live symphonic music education to over 26,000 school children and over 200 schools. ASO is a member of the League of American Orchestras.

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Program notes, artist bios and high resolution headshots available upon request.

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