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## Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: December Concerts and Events

December 1, 2011: Buffalo, NY-- The [Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra](#) presents the following concerts and events for the month of December, 2011.

During the month of December, the BPO will collect non-perishable food items for the [Food Bank of WNY](#). Look for the tree in the lobby to drop off your contribution. In addition, for a \$5 donation to the BPO Giving Tree you can [send a student to Kleinhans to hear the orchestra perform a live youth concert](#). Please visit the Giving Tree table in the lobby prior to each concert and during intermission.

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 8 PM

Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 2:30 PM

[M&T Bank Classics Series: Baroque Masters](#)

Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY

Piotr Gajewski, guest conductor (National Philharmonic Orchestra, Washington, D.C)

Jason Vieaux, guitar

Handel: Overture to Samson

Vivaldi: Guitar Concerto in D

Rodrigo: Fantasy for a Gentleman

Handel: Water Music Suite No.2

Bach: Orchestral Suite No.3

[Community Spotlight](#) performances will be held 45 minutes prior to each concert in the Mary Seaton Room by the following ensembles: Saturday, December 3: Canisius College Band and Sunday, December 4: Buffalo Suzuki Strings. Musically Speaking, a pre-concert talk sponsored by Uniland, is free to ticket holders and will take place in the main hall one hour before the Saturday and Sunday performances.

Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 8 PM

[Handel's Messiah with Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus](#)

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY

[Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus](#), Doreen Rao, music director

Holly Bewlay, soprano

Allison Sanders, mezzo

Joseph Mikolaj, tenor

Brian Zunner, bass

From the opening orchestral chords to the final resounding "Amen," immerse yourself in the

beauty of this moving work. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the BPO Box Office (716) 885-5000 or [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org).

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 - 7:30 PM

[Holiday Concert at Hilbert College](#)

Hilbert College, William E. Swan Auditorium, Hamburg, NY

Paul Ferington, conductor

Diane Dick, handbells

Jennifer Stafford, soprano

Reserved seats are \$25.00 Senior and student tickets are \$20.00 To purchase tickets, call Hilbert College at 926-8884 or contact Alaina Houseknecht at [ahouseknecht@hilbert.edu](mailto:ahouseknecht@hilbert.edu).

Friday, December 9, 2011 - 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 8 PM (SOLD OUT!)

Sunday, December 11, 2011 - 2:30 PM

[First Niagara Holiday Pops with Debby Boone](#)

Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY

Support provided by: Catholic Health

Matthew Kraemer, conductor

Debby Boone, guest artist

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, Doreen Rao, music director

Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus, John Fleischman, music director

Grammy-award winning singer Debby Boone will light up Kleinhans Music Hall in this special Christmas presentation, performing holiday favorites such as "White Christmas" the classic song from the movie which starred Debby's late mother-in-law, Rosemary Clooney.

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 1 PM

[Free Holiday Concert at the M&T Gold Dome](#)

M&T Gold Dome, Buffalo, NY

Paul Ferington, conductor

Diane Dick, handbells

Jennifer Stafford, soprano

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 - 8 PM

[Genesee Community College Encore 2011: A Winter Wonderland](#)

Stuart Steiner Theatre, Batavia, NY

Paul Ferington, conductor

Diane Dick, handbells

Jennifer Stafford, soprano

The festivities begin with a gala reception and continue with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performing in the Stuart Steiner Theatre at the college's Batavia Campus. For tickets, please call the GCC foundation at (716) 345-6809.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 - 8 PM

[Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration](#)

Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY

John Page, conductor

The enchanting Irish sensation Celtic Woman perform beloved Christmas songs in a unique, traditional symphonic setting. A Christmas Celebration - The Symphony Tour showcases the pure angelic voices of Celtic Woman accompanied by the stirring instrumentals of the BPO.

Friday, December 16, 2011 - 10:30 AM

Saturday December 17, 2011 - 8 PM

[M&T Bank Classics Series: A Classical Christmas](#)

Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Sebnem Mekinulov, soprano

Pierre Roy, oboe

[Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus](#)

The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus joins the BPO for this seasonal delight, traditionally featuring music from The Nutcracker and Messiah alongside JoAnn Falletta's personal selection of holiday classics.

Saturday December 17, 2011 - 1 PM

[A Visit with St. Nick - Niagara Holiday Market](#)

Conference Center, Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Paul Ferington, conductor

The BPO led by conductor Paul Ferington performs a family-friendly extravaganza as a part of the [Niagara Holiday Market](#). Tickets can be purchased at [www.niagaramarket.com](http://www.niagaramarket.com)

Sunday, December 18, 2:30 PM

[BPO Family Series supported by Bank of America: A Visit with St. Nick](#)

Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY

Concert Sponsor: Fisher-Price

Paul Ferington, conductor

Mario Martinez, baritone

Royal Academy of Ballet

The BPO annual children's holiday tradition continues with a festive program of holiday classics including music from The Polar Express. Visit Santa Claus in the Mary Seaton Room post-concert for milk and cookies!

For more information about all our concerts and events call the BPO Box Office at (716) 885-5000 or visit [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org)

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As Buffalo's cultural ambassador, the Grammy Award-winning Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under the leadership of music director JoAnn Falletta presents more than 120 Classics, Pops and Youth Concerts each year and reaches over 40,000 students per year (K-12) across all eight counties of Western New York. Since 1940, the orchestra's permanent home has been Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Site with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls in the United States.

The BPO has toured widely across the United States and Canada including the recent Florida Friends Tour with JoAnn Falletta in March 2010, the first multi-city tour since the 1988 European tour. The BPO has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall as a participant in the prestigious Spring for Music festival in 2013. This will be the orchestra's 24th appearance at Carnegie Hall and its first since Music Director JoAnn Falletta led the orchestra in a much heralded appearance there in June 2004.

During the tenure of current music director JoAnn Falletta, the BPO has rekindled its distinguished history of NPR broadcasts and recordings, including the release of 18 new CDs of a highly diverse repertoire on the NAXOS and Beau Fleuve labels. The Philharmonic's Naxos recording of composer John Corigliano's "Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan," featuring soprano Hila Plitmann, won Grammys in two categories of the three for which it was nominated: Classical Vocal Performance and Classical Contemporary Composition.

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