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KEITH LOCKHART AND THE BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA
PERFORM IN SEVEN CITIES THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST THIS DECEMBER

KEITH LOCKHART LEADS 2019 HOLIDAY POPS CONCERTS—ONE OF NEW ENGLAND’S GREATEST CHRISTMASTIME TRADITIONS—IN PROVIDENCE, RI (11/30); SCHENECTADY, NY (12/1); WORCESTER, MA (12/6); STORRS, CT (12/14); NEWARK, NJ (12/15); MANCHESTER, NH (12/21); AND LOWELL, MA (12/22)

THESE SPECIAL CONCERTS—FEATURING THE METROPOLITAN CHORALE, LED BY LISA GRAHAM—INCLUDE CLASSIC BOSTON POPS ARRANGEMENTS OF HOLIDAY FAVORITES, A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF “THE POLAR EXPRESS,” AND A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF

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Continuing a longstanding tradition of sharing the magic of the holiday season with cities throughout New England and the Northeast, conductor Keith Lockhart takes the Holiday Pops concerts on the road this December with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra performing at the Providence Performing Arts Center in Providence, RI (11/30); Proctors Theatre in Schenectady, NY (12/1); Hanover Theater in Worcester, MA (12/6); Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts in Storrs, CT (12/14); New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ (12/15); SNHU Arena in Manchester, NH (12/21); and Lowell Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, MA (12/22).
The concerts will feature a host of familiar seasonal favorites ranging from “The Twelve Days of Christmas” to the Boston Pops’ signature piece “Sleigh Ride,” one of the most-played songs across the nation each holiday season. Concerts in New England and New York will also include The Metropolitan Chorale led by Director Lisa Graham. In addition to a special stage appearance by Santa Claus, the concerts will feature a performance of “The Polar Express”, an arrangement based on the children's classic by Chris Van Allsburg featuring musical excerpts from the score of the 2004 feature film of the same name, and the much-loved “Merry Little Sing-Along” to close out the show.

The 2019 Holiday Pops season will take place December 4-31 in world-renowned Symphony Hall, beautifully decorated- as it is each year- to evoke the holiday season. This season features 44 performances, including eight family-friendly Kids Matinees, the first-ever sensory-friendly Holiday Pops performance, and a New Year’s Eve celebration featuring The Hot Sardines—an eight-piece outfit co-led by singer Elizabeth Bougerol and pianist Evan Palazzo that performs jazz covers and originals that channel New York speakeasies, Parisian cabarets, and New Orleans jazz halls. This year’s Holiday Pops season also features three showings of 30th Anniversary Edition of "Bugs Bunny at the Symphony" accompanied by the orchestra and conducted by George Daugherty, December 28 and 29.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOLIDAY POPS
Founded in 1885, the Boston Pops has been presenting its special series of holiday concerts since 1973; they began under the leadership of Arthur Fiedler with a three-concert series at Symphony Hall. Since that time, public demand for the performances has continued to grow and the season has expanded to include over 40 performances each holiday season, though many of the concerts continue to sell out each year. The Holiday Pops season takes place in the special atmosphere of world-famous Symphony Hall—adorned with greenery and other seasonal décor—where Pops patrons sit at cabaret-style tables and order food and drink with family and friends, all while taking in the music and entertainment presented by the one and only Boston Pops. In 1978, the orchestra began a new Christmastime tradition of bringing its unique Holiday Pops concerts to venues throughout New England and the Northeast.

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BOSTON POPS ON TOUR, HOLIDAY CONCERTS, NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 22

Saturday, November 30, 8 p.m.
Providence, RI
Providence Performing Arts Center
Tickets: https://www.ppacri.org/events/detail/2019-holiday-pops-tour
Price: $58-$130

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Schenectady, NY
Proctors Theatre
Tickets: https://www.proctors.org/event/boston-pops-esplanade-orchestra/?doing_wp_cron=1569426725.3647201061248779296875
Price: $49-$99

Sunday, December 6, 8:00 p.m.
Worcester, MA
The Hanover Theater
Tickets: https://thehanovertheatre.org/holidaypops19
Price: $59 - $129

Saturday, December 14, 8:00 p.m.
Storrs, CT
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
Tickets: https://jorgensen.uconn.edu/Online/default.asp
Price: $65 - $75

Sunday, December 15, 4:00 p.m.
Newark, NJ
New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Tickets: https://www.njpac.org/event/the-boston-pops-on-tour/
Price: $49–$125

Saturday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.
Manchester, NH
SNHU Arena
Tickets: http://snhuarena.com/calendar/details/?event_id=626
Price: $43 - $78

Sunday, December 22, 2:30 p.m.
Lowell, MA
Lowell Memorial Auditorium
Tickets: https://lowellauditorium.com/calendar/2019/12/22/boston-pops-holiday-pops
Price: $49 - $129