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## Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra DECEMBER CONCERT SCHEDULE

### ***IPL Yuletide Celebration***

Dec. 5-23

Jack Everly, Conductor

Angela Brown, Host

Ben Crawford, Host

Time for Three, Special Guest Stars

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year on the Hilbert Circle Theatre stage, *IPL Yuletide Celebration* continues to be Indiana's greatest holiday tradition. Renowned soprano and Indiana native, Angela Brown, will join Broadway star, Ben Crawford, to co-host this year's performances. Highlights include a tribute to Disney's *Frozen*, the Yuletide Jukebox featuring pop holiday tunes and, of course, the Tap Dancing Santas!

Story ideas:

- The Tap Dancing Santas and the puppets of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" have performed in every single performance of *Yuletide Celebration*. That's well over 500 shows!
- The ISO will perform a medley from Disney's hit *Frozen*, which also is featured during the [Circle of Lights on Friday, Nov. 28](#).
- This is the second year Angela Brown and Ben Crawford have teamed up as hosts for *Yuletide Celebration*. They first hosted together in 2012.
- New this year, the ISO is offering limited VIP seating on select dates, which includes reserved parking on Monument Circle, cookies and Wassail brought to your seat, and a Meet and Greet with cast members.

### ***Classical Christmas***

Saturday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.

At the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts of Butler University

Raymond Leppard, Conductor  
Jessica Beebe, *Soprano*  
Brian Stucki, *Tenor*  
Samuel Spade, *Baritone*  
Apollo's Voice

Join Indianapolis favorite Raymond Leppard in the intimate setting of the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts for *Classical Christmas*. Hear works by Bach and Debussy, plus Leppard's own arrangement of *Lullaby for the Children of Christel House*.

### **Audra McDonald**

Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. - RESCHEDULED

Due to an unanticipated scheduling change related to a film project, Audra McDonald has postponed her Indianapolis concert and now will be performing with the ISO at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015. In her rescheduled appearance in April, Ms. McDonald and the ISO will present a program of Broadway hits, familiar favorites and songs from her newest album, *Go Back Home*, led by conductor Andy Einhorn.

Purchased tickets for the Dec. 15 concert date will be re-issued for the April 25 concert date. Patrons may also request refunds. Tickets for the rescheduled performance will go on sale Monday, Dec. 8. Purchases can be made online at [www.IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://www.IndianapolisSymphony.org) or by calling the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300.

### **Handel's Messiah -- Limited seating available**

Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.

At the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts (Carmel, Ind.)

Eric Stark, Conductor

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

The ISO, along with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will perform one of music's most powerful messages of faith and some of the most majestic music ever conceived.

Story ideas:

- While Handel's *Messiah* is performed on a large scale, George Frideric Handel composed the piece in 1741 for more modest vocal and instrumental forces. The work was not adapted for larger performances until after his death.
- The *Hallelujah Chorus* is one of the best-known pieces of orchestral music. In many parts of the world, it is traditional for the audience to stand during the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Legend has it that King George II was so moved by the music that he stood during the performance, meaning his subjects all had to stand as well.
- This will be the eighth consecutive year the ISO has performed this timeless holiday tradition. Prior to 2008, the ISO last performed it in December 1986.

*Looking ahead to 2015*

### **Fantasy, Fate and War: A Midwinter Russian Music Festival**

The ISO is proud to present a series of three concerts, honoring three of the most famous Russian composers, including an ISO premiere of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 ("Leningrad").

Several concert enhancements are being planned to provide context to the pieces as well create a better understanding of the Russian culture.

The Festival includes:

*Lilly Classical Series*

**Scheherazade**

Krzysztof Urbański, Conductor

Philippe Quint, Violin

Friday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 3 p.m. at Hendricks Regional Health Performing Arts Center of Avon High School as part of the ISO's *317 Series*.

*Lilly Classical Series*

**Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony**

Han-Na Chang, Conductor

Vadym Kholodenko, Piano (Winner 2013 Van Cliburn Piano Competition)

Thursday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.

*Lilly Classical Series*

**Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony ("Leningrad")**

Krzysztof Urbański, Conductor

Friday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 8 p.m. at The Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts as part of the *Palladium Series*

For tickets for any of the above performances, contact:

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