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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Adds Brass Concert to Full Lineup of Holiday Performances

Tickets for new concert, IPL Yuletide Celebration, The Nutcracker, Handel's Messiah, and Christmas with Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith all available beginning Sept. 19

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has added a new Holiday Brass Concert to its month-long lineup of unforgettable holiday shows, which also includes the *IPL Yuletide Celebration*, *The Nutcracker*, *Handel's Messiah* and *Christmas with Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith*.

Single ticket sales for the Dec. 6 Holiday Brass Concert and for the *IPL Yuletide Celebration* series begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 19. Sales for all other holiday performances are already underway.

ISO Holiday Season at a Glance

The ISO's holiday season begins Nov. 26 with a special performance with multi-platinum GRAMMY® winners Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The month-long series of 29 fantastical *IPL Yuletide Celebrations* begins Dec. 2 at Hilbert Circle Theatre, hosted by Indianapolis' own Josh Kaufman. Actress Mandy Gonzalez, originally scheduled to co-host, will not be performing as she has recently been named the new female lead for "Hamilton: An American Musical" on Broadway. However, Broadway vocalist N'Kenge has been added to the cast as have identical twin tap dancers Sean and John Scott, who've performed with such superstars as Beyoncé, Stevie Wonder and Prince.

On Dec. 6, international horn player Dale Clevenger will lead members of the ISO brass section in a glorious performance of classic holiday music at Hilbert Circle Theatre.

From Dec. 16 – 18, for the first time ever, the Indianapolis School of Ballet will perform with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in its 10th anniversary production of *The Nutcracker* at the Murat Theatre. And on Dec. 22, the ISO and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will round of the month of unforgettable performances with *Handel's Messiah* at The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Dates and ticket information for all five ISO holiday season performances are below.

[Christmas with Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra](#)

Saturday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m.

Banker's Life Fieldhouse

Once again rekindling their holiday music magic, multi-platinum GRAMMY® winners Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith will co-bill their popular symphony-filled Christmas tour this year featuring a special performance with the ISO and Season 9 winner of NBC's *The Voice* Jordan Smith.

Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith boast a vast collection of critically-acclaimed holiday albums between them. The 2016 Christmas tour will showcase selections from their extensive Christmas repertoires.

IPL Yuletide Celebration

Dec. 2–23

Hilbert Circle Theatre—29 performances in 3 weeks!

Friday, Dec. 2, **8 p.m.** - Opening Night!

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. (*SymFUNy Sundays* presented by Dow AgroSciences) and **6 p.m.**

Wednesday, Dec. 7, **7:30 p.m.**

Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. (SOLD OUT)

Friday, Dec. 9, **2 p.m.** and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, **7:30 p.m.**

Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 16, **2 p.m.** and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20-23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Red = Six “SuperSaver” performances

Green = Premium Price Performances

Jack Everly, conductor

Josh Kaufman, host

Sean and John Scott, tap dancers

The ISO and Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly will be joined by *The Voice* winner Josh Kaufman for the 31st annual IPL *Yuletide Celebration*—the largest orchestra produced holiday presentation of its kind. Kaufman will perform traditional and contemporary holiday favorites, and audiences will of course see the beloved “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” and tap dancing Santas in addition to an all-new performance from revolutionary tap dancers Sean and John Scott.

ISO Holiday Brass Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Hilbert Circle Theatre

Tickets are \$25 Adults, \$10 Students

Dale Clevenger, principal horn of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1966 to 2013, will lead members of the ISO brass section in a glorious performance of classic holiday music celebrating the season.

Clevenger has given recitals and played as a soloist with orchestras worldwide. A professor of the practice of horn at Indiana University, Clevenger has also participated in dozens of international music festivals and was featured on the Grammy Award-winning recording *The Antiphonal Music of Gabrieli*.

[The Indianapolis School of Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* performed with the ISO](#)

December 16 – 18

Murat Theatre

Special pricing is available for students and seniors.

Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.

This timeless two-act ballet will feature an ensemble of 45 musicians, led by ISO assistant conductor Vince Lee, and these highlights:

- Prominent guest artists and principal dancers will be adorned with beautiful handmade, one-of-a-kind costumes.
 - Paul Vitali returns as “Herr Drosselmeyer,” the benevolent maker of magic who gives young Clara her beloved nutcracker.
 - Ballroom dancers from Riolo Dance will portray the adult partygoers in the first scene.
 - Local, Emmy Award-winning RTV6 news reporter Rafael Sanchez will make his annual appearance as the elegant gentleman in Act One’s “party scene.”
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Telamon *Classical Series at the Palladium*

[Handel’s *Messiah*](#)

Thursday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.

The Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts

\$10 student tickets are available.

Eric Stark, conductor

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

This majestic three-part oratoria composed by George Frideric Handel in 1741 has become one of the most celebrated instrumental pieces of all time. Handel’s poetic opera telling the story of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ culminates with a resounding Hallelujah chorus on stages worldwide each holiday season.

Handel’s *Messiah*, with its most powerful message of faith, will be conducted by Eric Stark and performed by the ISO and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, one of the most active symphonic choirs in the U.S., celebrating its 80th anniversary this season.

Ticket Information

Tickets for IPL *Yuletide Celebration*, *ISO Holiday Brass Concert* and *Handel’s Messiah* can be purchased at IndianapolisSymphony.org, the ISO Box Office, or by calling (317) 639-4300.

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Tickets for *The Nutcracker* and *Christmas with Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith* can be purchased at ticketmaster.com. *The Nutcracker* tickets are also available at the Murat Theatre box office at the Old National Centre.

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