

Kevin McBeth, conductor
Dianne Reeves, vocalist
Peter Martin, piano
Romero Lubambo, guitar
Reginald Veal, bass
Terreon Gully, drums
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus
Kevin McBeth, director

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:30PM

CRAIG COURTNEY "Festival Gloria"
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

STEVEN AMUNDSON *Rejoice!*

DAN FORREST "A Christmas Lullaby"
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

TIM HOSMAN "A King Is Born"
arr. Robert Sterling
Reginald Davis, bass
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

STYNE "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!"
arr. Peter Martin

GUARALDI "Christmas Time Is Here"
arr. Martin/Maness

STYNE "Christmas Waltz"
arr. Peter Martin

WAYNE SHORTER "Infant Eyes"
arr. Peter Martin
Dianne Reeves, vocalist
Peter Martin, piano
Romero Lubambo, guitar
Reginald Veal, bass
Terreon Gully, drums
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

PAUL DAVID WILSON
arr. Warren/Jackson/
Kibble/Hey/Chinn

“Hallelujah” from Handel’s *Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*
Curtis McGruder, tenor
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

INTERMISSION

ISRAEL HOUGHTON
arr. Camp Kirkland

“You Are Good”

arr. Bradley Knight

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
Karen Hylton, soprano
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

ADAM
arr. Smith

“O Holy Night”
Robert Jackson, tenor
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

arr. Floyd

“Oh What a Wonderful Child (Glory to the Newborn King)”
Cassandra Gilyard, alto
Charles Stancil, bass
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

THAD JONES
arr. Peter Martin

“A Child Is Born”

KENT
arr. Peter Martin

“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”

TORMÉ
arr. Peter Martin

“Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)”

DAVIS
arr. Peter Martin

“The Little Drummer Boy”
Dianne Reeves, vocalist
Peter Martin, piano
Romero Lubambo, guitar
Reginald Veal, jazz bass
Terreon Gully, drums
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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DIANNE REEVES

Five-time Grammy winner Dianne Reeves is the preeminent jazz vocalist in the world. As a result of her breathtaking virtuosity, improvisational prowess, and unique jazz and R&B stylings, Reeves received the Grammy for best jazz vocal performance for three consecutive recordings—a Grammy first in any vocal category.

Featured in George Clooney's six-time Academy Award-nominated *Good Night, and Good Luck*, Reeves won the best jazz vocal Grammy for the film's soundtrack.

Reeves has recorded and performed with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. She has also recorded with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim and was a featured soloist with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic. Reeves was the first creative chair for jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the first singer to ever perform at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Reeves's most recent release, *Beautiful Life*, features Gregory Porter, Robert Glasper, Lalah Hathaway, and Esperanza Spalding. Produced by Terri Lyne Carrington, *Beautiful Life* won the 2015 Grammy for best jazz vocal performance. Reeves is the recipient of honorary doctorates from the Berklee College of Music and the Juilliard School. In 2018, the National Endowment for the Arts will designate Reeves a jazz master—the highest honor the United States bestows on jazz artists.



KEVIN MCBETH

Kevin McBeth was appointed director of the IN UNISON Chorus in January 2011. He is the director of music at Manchester United Methodist Church in suburban St. Louis. He serves as full-time administrator for the Music Ministry, which includes 18 choral and handbell ensembles, involving nearly 500 children, youth, and adults. He has also recently served as adjunct professor in choral music at Webster University.

Over the past 20 years, he has conducted honors, festival, and touring choirs (choral and handbell) in the United States and Canada. Previous appointments include assistant conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus and music director of the St. Louis Metro Singers. His 30-year career in church music has included appointments in churches in Houston and Cedar Rapids

McBeth recently conducted concerts at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. His orchestral conducting credits include performances with the Indianapolis Symphony, Houston Civic Symphony, the New England Symphonic Ensemble, and members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring Garrison Keillor. Most recently, McBeth conducted a festival chorus in a concert tour to Italy, and prepared choruses for a concert at Lincoln Center. He is the founding director of the St. Louis Symphony Holiday Festival Chorus.

ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY IN UNISON CHORUS 2017/2018

Kevin McBeth
Director

Harry Cecil
Assistant Director

Beth Enloe Fritz
Assistant Director

W. Christopher White
Accompanist

Susan D. Patterson
Manager

Carlotta Algee-Stancil

Cassandra Allen

Damon N. Ambus

Carl L. Anderson

Brian Andrews

Gregory Bailey

Laketia A. Beasley

Alison Bell

Sean Betts

Juanita Blackshear

Pamela L. Bolden

Amelia Boler

Daeryl Booker

Preston R. Bosley

Candice R. Boyd

L.R. Bracy

Jacquelyn Brown

Lynette G. Brunson

Marvin C. Brunson

Denise Brunson-Harris

Michelle Byrd

Rochelle Calhoun

Harry Cecil

Beverly Charisse

Denise Clothier

Jazmyn Cole*

Doris M. Coleman

Vernetta P. Cox

Cynthia Davis

Joyce L. Davis

Reginald Davis

Zachariah Davis

Janet L. Dickerson

Maggie Dorsey

Elaine P. Dowdle

Darius K. Duncan*

Isaac Edwards

Glenn Ellis

Michael Engelhardt

Vivian Fox

Beth Enloe Fritz

Grace Lee Fulford

Ruth A. Gilliam

Cassandra Gilyard

Gregory Green

Deborah Grupe

Leslie Hanlin

Ja'Quis Hardin

Carol D. Henley

Jared Hennings

Dorothy T. Heyward

Natalie Hill

Veda Hill

Sarah Hoth

Carole Anne Hughes

Don Hutcherson

Karen E. Hylton

Annie Mae Jackson

Erika Jackson

Robert Jackson

Pearline Jamison

Joyce Jefferson

Lisa Johnson

Stanley R. Johnson, Jr.

Barrie C. Jones

Tericida L. Jones

Patricia Land

Margaret Ann McCabe

Wilberline Viola McCall

Curtis McGruder

Daniel McRath

Samantha Minor

Vickie Minter

Harry V. Moppins, Jr.

Mary A. Morgan

Thomas A. Morgan

Calvin Parker

Susan D. Patterson

Diane J. Peal

Harry Alexander Penelton III

Patricia Penelton

Eric W. Pitts

AJSR

John Reed

Sam Revilla

Wilatrell B. Rice

Jackie W. Richardson

Linda S. Richie

Mary Kathleen Schroeder

Christopher Scott

Teresa Simmons

Denise Sleet

Dwyane Smith

Diane Smoot

Charles D. Stancil

Wynton Stuart

Karen E. Stuart-Thomas

Althelia Powell Thomas

Sharon Thurman

Lisha Tucker

Cheryl Walker

Kwamina Walker-Williams

Martyl Webster

Gwendolyn J. Wesley

Jeanette White

Elsa Whitfield

Edward Whittington

Glen E. Williams

Michele Sue Williams

Aileen Wynne

*Young Artist

Gemma New, conductor
Doug Labrecque, tenor
Holiday Festival Chorus
Kevin McBeth, director

Friday, December 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM
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Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM
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Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM

ANDERSON

A Christmas Festival

arr. Wilberg

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

Holiday Festival Chorus

arr. Wilberg

“Still, Still, Still”

Kevin McBeth, conductor

Holiday Festival Chorus

WYLE

arr. Kessler

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Doug LaBrecque, tenor

BERLIN

arr. Bennett

“White Christmas”

Doug LaBrecque, tenor

TCHAIKOVSKY

Selections from *Nutcracker*

March

Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy

Trepak

arr. Wilberg

“Carol to the King”

Holiday Festival Chorus

INTERMISSION

ALAN SILVESTRI

arr. Brubaker

The Polar Express Suite

ADAM
arr. Barker

“O Holy Night”
Doug LaBrecque, tenor
Holiday Festival Chorus

JOHN RUTTER

Christmas Lullaby
Holiday Festival Chorus

GERSHWIN
arr. Berman

“S Wonderful” from *Funny Face*
Doug LaBrecque, tenor

RANDOL ALAN BASS

The Night before Christmas
Doug LaBrecque, narrator

ANDERSON

Sleigh Ride

TORMÉ/MARTIN
arr. Pippin

“The Christmas Song”/“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”
Doug LaBrecque, tenor

BERNARD
arr. Hermann

“Winter Wonderland”

arr. Stephenson

A Holly and Jolly Sing-Along!
Introduction –
Deck the Hall –
Jingle Bells –
Frosty the Snowman –
Up on the Housetop –
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer –
Joy to the World –
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
Holiday Festival Chorus

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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The concert of Sunday, December 17 is supported by **PNC Bank**.



GEMMA NEW

Resident Conductor and Director of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Sought after for her insightful interpretations and dynamic presence, New Zealand-born conductor Gemma New was appointed in 2016 as resident conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and director of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. She also holds the position of music director for the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra in Ontario and enjoys guest engagements this season with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra,

Helsingborgs Symfoniorkester, Filharmonia Szczecin, and Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne in Europe; the Omaha, Albany, and Berkeley Symphonies in the United States; and the Auckland Philharmonia and Christchurch Symphony in New Zealand.

In St. Louis, New leads education, family, community, and Live at Powell Hall performances, covers for Music Director David Robertson and guest conductors, and leads the Youth Orchestra.

She moved to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra from her successful time with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra as its associate conductor. In recent seasons, she has guest conducted the Atlanta, San Diego, Grant Park, Toledo, Orlando, and Long Beach Symphonies, as well as the Christchurch Symphony and Opus Orchestras in New Zealand.



DOUG LABRECQUE

Doug LaBrecque thrilled theatre audiences as the Phantom and Raoul in the Harold Prince production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. He has also starred on Broadway as Ravenal in the Hal Prince revival of *Showboat*, a role he also performed in Canada and Chicago. One of the most prolific concert performers of his generation, LaBrecque has been a soloist with some of the world's finest symphony orchestras including the National Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland

Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the San Francisco Symphony, among many others. In the last few years, LaBrecque's U.S. appearances have included the Minnesota Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Houston Symphony, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, and Utah Symphony.

ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CHORUS 2017

Kevin McBeth
Director

Michelle Byrd
Coordinator

Rocoya Anglin
Matthew Arana
Quentajah Bailey
Koran Bailey
Nick Bashaw
Sadie Bettcher
Riley Brawn
Philip Brown
Logan Burgess
Beth Burton
Noah Buxton
Rhea Caldwell
Ida Chen
Sarah Collins
Jordan Daughtrey
Aislinn Davis
Taylor Davis
Emily Dobey
Olivia Felty
Sean Ferguson
Natalia Ferreira
Maria Fitzgerald
Claire Fitzgerald
Lydia France
Sophia Garavalia
Aaryn Gardner
Aaron Garner
Brandon Gee
Alonna Gibson
Madison Gilliana
Trinity Gleghorn
Emily Glenn
Kyree Hamilton
JaQuis Hardin
Lawanda Harris
Faizah Harris
Seth Harris
Gabriel Hartzel
Emily Hefferle
Sophia Henderson
Mariah Hengehold
Alyssa Henson
Everett Hicks
Gen Hoelscher
Alexis Hoffman
Sydney Hollins-Lewis

Bethany Huinker
Taylor Jamison
Tremayia Johnson
Sierra Jones
Abigail Jordan
Ethan Kindle
Caroline Knapp
Grace Koester
Julie Koharik
Nathan Kovacs
Micah Lee
Lauren Leetch
Alex Lenhardt
Antwone Leroy
Vanessa Lorenzana
Elyse Luecke
Nadia Maddex
Luke Mandeville
Caleb Matthews
Brian Matthews
Noel Maxwell
Sydney McDaniel
Jimmy McFan
Mason McGuire
Zoe Meyer
Katlyn Miller
Dale Miller
Joseph Miller
Breeanna Moore
Abigail Morris
Rachel Mueller
Drake Nagle
Chloe Neal
Louis Nguyen
Jack Nichols
Brianna Parker
William Pirrie
Maggie Pole
Katherine Poynter
Savana Presson
Johnathan Prichard
Olivia Pursley
Madelyn Radican
Devin Randolph
Grace Rasche
Blake Renken
Evante Rickman
Anna Rimar
Amani Roberts
Josh Royal
Tetyana Rozhko
Jesse Sarabia

Samuel Schaffer
Jessica Schiffhauer
Andrew Schmitz
Clint Schoellman
Sam Shull
Nicholas Smith
Jeron Smith
Hunter Snow
Hannah Stern
Shaniya Story
Colin Swan
Vanessa Tessereau
Leo Thomas
Selena Tucker
Tamia Tyler
Travis Tyler
Teoni Walker
Noah Walls
Ashlyn Walls
Jordyn Walz
Molly Wease
Elizabeth Webster
Natalie Welborn
E'Lana Williams
Zhenelle Winston
Hannah Wozniak
Kasey Yancey
Elleni Yeshiwas
Kaila Young
Isaac Zimmerman

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High School
Clayton High School
Collinsville High School
Edwardsville High School
Fort Zumwalt East High School
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Highland High School
Jennings Senior High School
Ladue Horton Watkins High School
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Academy
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Saint Louis University High School
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