

CONCERT PROGRAM  
Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:30pm

A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Kevin McBeth, conductor  
Thomas Young, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus  
Kevin McBeth, director

**HANDEL** Selections from *Messiah*

Symphony  
Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People

Thomas Young, tenor

**HANDEL/arr. Christianson and Anderson** “Every Valley” from *Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah*

Thomas Young, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**CAROL CYMBALA/arr. Goss** Carol Medley from *Light of the World*

St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**ELLINGTON/arr. Ellington/Strayhorn; orch. Tyzik** Selections from the *Nutcracker Suite (After Tchaikovsky)*

Overture  
Sugar Rum Cherry (Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy)

**arr. Hogan** “Hold Out Your Light”

St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**arr. Binion/Davis** “Joy to the World”

Patricia Land, alto  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**arr. de Paur** “Ride On, King Jesus”

Thomas Young, tenor

**ADAM/arr. Smith** “O Holy Night”

Thomas Young, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

INTERMISSION

**arr. Goss/Lawrence**     *Overture of Joy (A Christmas Medley)*

**STEVEN A. TAYLOR/**     “Hallelujah, You’re Worthy to Be Praised”  
**arr. Cymbala**

St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**arr. McElroy/Joubert/Red**     “Away in a Manger” from *Great Joy*

Kimmie Kidd, alto  
Glen Williams, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**JOHNNY MOORE/**     “Merry Christmas, Baby”  
**arr. Waddles**

Thomas Young, tenor

**arr. Hayes**     “Sister Mary Had But One Child”

Thomas Young, tenor  
Alvin Waddles, piano

**arr. Hayes**     “Little Boy, How Old Are You?”

Thomas Young, tenor  
Alvin Waddles, piano

**arr. Dawson**     “Mary Had a Baby”

Thomas Young, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

**HANDEL/**     Selections from *Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah*  
**arr. Christianson**  
**and Anderson**

And Suddenly There Was with the Angel—  
Glory to God

Thomas Young, tenor  
St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus

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This concert is supported by Monsanto Fund.

*Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah* is co-arranged by Bob Christianson & Gary Anderson. Original concept by Marin Alsop.

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## THOMAS YOUNG

Grammy- and Cleo-award winning lyric tenor Thomas Young has appeared as a principal soloist in the major concert halls and opera houses of some thirty countries, and under the baton of, among others, Zubin Mehta, Roger Norrington, Simon Rattle, and Esa-Pekka Salonen. In addition to his distinguished performance career, Young serves as a tenured Professor of Music at Sarah Lawrence College and is in demand as a conductor, clinician and master class specialist.

Known for his unique dramatic and musical intelligence, as well as beauty of tone and exceptional technique, Young is recognized as today's foremost interpreter of tenor roles in contemporary opera. Young made his Chicago Lyric Opera debut in the world premiere of Anthony Davis's *Amistad* as the Trickster God, a role written for him by the composer. Young made his New York City Opera debut singing the dual roles of Street and Elijah Muhammad in his first collaboration with Davis for the world premiere of *X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X*. After this performance New York City Opera invited him back to sing Aron in Schoenberg's *Moses und Aron* and then Desportes in Zimmermann's *Die Soldaten*. Anthony Davis went on to compose another role for Young in the science-fiction opera *Under the Double Moon*, which premiered at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

Young's recordings include the Grammy-nominated *X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X*, on Gramavison; John Adams's Grammy-nominated *The Death of Klinghoffer* on Elektra/Nonesuch; Tan Dun's *Marco Polo* on SONY, named Opera of the Year by *Opera Magazine*; and George Gershwin's *Blue Monday* on Telarc. He can also be heard on the multi-Grammy award winning recording of William Bolcom's *Songs of Innocence and Experience*, Leonard Slatkin conducting, and *Too Hot to Handel*, Marin Alsop conducting, both on Naxos.

## ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY IN UNISON CHORUS 2015-2016

Kevin McBeth

*Director*

Beth Enloe Fritz

Harry Cecil

*Assistant Directors*

Henry Palkes

*Accompanist*

Susan D. Patterson

*Manager*

Damon N. Ambus

Carl L. Anderson

Brian Andrews

Willetta S. Atkinson

Gregory Bailey

Laketia A. Beasley

Alison Bell

Pamela L. Bolden

Amelia Boler

Daeryl Booker

Preston R. Bosley

L. R. Bracy

Charles Brown

Jacquelyn Brown \*

Lynette G. Brunson

Marvin Brunson

Denise Brunson-Harris

Michelle Byrd

Rochelle Calhoun

Harry Cecil

Beverly Charisse

Doris M. Coleman

Vernetta Cox

Joyce Davis

Reginald Davis

Zachariah Davis

A. J. Dickerson

Janet L. Dickerson

Maggie Dorsey

Elaine P. Dowdle

Jacqueline G. Dyer

Isaac Edwards

Glenn Ellis

Nelda Floyd

Vivian Fox

Beth Enloe Fritz

Grace Fulford

Ruth Gilliam

Cassandra Gilyard

Gregory Green

Deborah Grupe

Leslie Hanlin

Salethia Harris

Carol D. Henley

Khayri Herron \*

Dorothy T. Heyward

Joyce S. Hicks

Natalie Hill

Sarah Hoth

Carole Hughes

Don Hutcherson

Karen E. Hylton

Annie Mae Jackson

Erica Jackson

Nathaniel Jackson

Robert Jackson

Pearline Jamison

Joyce Jefferson

La'Matra Johnson

Stanley Johnson

Barrie Jones

Tericida Jones

Kimmie Kidd

Patricia Land

Lawrence E. Lewis

Margaret Ann McCabe

Curtis McGruder

Samantha Minor

Vickie Minter

Montel Moore \*

Mary Moorehead

Harry Moppins

Mary A. Morgan

Calvin Parker

Susan D. Patterson

Diane J. Peal

Lance Peebles

Harry Alexander Penelton III

Patricia Penelton

Talya Reneé Perry  
Eric W. Pitts  
John Reed  
Wilatrel B. Rice  
Jackie Richardson  
Linda S. Richie  
Michael H. Rubin  
Mary Kathleen Schroeder  
Anthony Scott  
Christopher Scott  
Michele Sue Shumake-Keller  
Teresia Simmons  
Chauncey Sims \*  
Denise Sleet  
Dwyane Smith  
Terrisila Smith  
Diane Smoot  
Bwayne Smotherson

Karen Thomas Stuart  
Althelia Powell Thomas  
Sharon Thurman  
Kwamina Walker-Williams  
Martyl Webster  
Gwendolyn Wesley  
Jeanette White  
Elsa Whitfield  
Edward Whittington  
Glen Williams  
Jennifer Williams  
Margie Atkinson Williams  
D'Marco Wise  
Aileen Wynne

\* St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON  
Chorus Young Artist

# CONCERT CALENDAR

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David Robertson

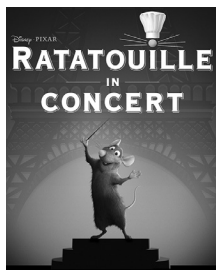
## **BMO PRIVATE BANK NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: December 31**

David Robertson, conductor

Join David Robertson and the STL Symphony for the 10th annual New Year's Eve Celebration! End the year on a high note with an evening full of magical music and festive surprises! Don't miss this widely popular and most entertaining celebration of the New Year.

*Presented by BMO Private Bank*

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## **RATATOUILLE IN CONCERT: January 2-3**

Bring the whole family to experience the Academy Award-winning film *Ratatouille* on the big screen while the beloved score by composer Michael Giacchino is performed live by the STL Symphony.

*Supported by L'École Culinaire*

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Moonrise by Deborah O'Grady

## **FROM THE CANYONS TO THE STARS: January 16**

David Robertson, conductor; Peter Henderson, piano;  
Deborah O'Grady, video artist

MESSIAEN *Des canyons aux étoiles...*  
(*From the Canyons to the Stars...*)

*Sponsored by Washington University*

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Timothy McAllister

## **MAHLER 5: January 22-23**

David Robertson, conductor; Timothy McAllister, saxophone

JOHN ADAMS Saxophone Concerto  
MAHLER Symphony No. 5

*Presented by St. Louis College of Pharmacy*

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Friday, December 18, 2015, 2:00pm

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Saturday, December 19, 2015, 2:00pm

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Sunday, December 20, 2015, 2:00pm

## MACY'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Steven Jarvi, conductor

Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist

Kevin McBeth, conductor

Holiday Festival Chorus,

Kevin McBeth, director

**MENDELSSOHN/** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"  
**arr. Ted Ricketts**

**PIERPONT/** "Jingle Bells"  
**arr. Gold/Paich/Hayes**  
Holiday Festival Chorus

**HUMPERDINCK** Prelude to *Hänsel und Gretel*

**BERNARD/** "Winter Wonderland"  
**arr. Hermann**

**WYLE/arr. Prechel** "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"  
Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist

**BERLIN/arr. Bass** "White Christmas"  
Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist  
Holiday Festival Chorus

**KORNGOLD/** *Der Schneemann (The Snowman) Overture*  
**orch. Zemlinsky**

**VIVALDI** "Gloria in excelsis" from Gloria  
Holiday Festival Chorus

**JEFF TYZIK** *The Twelve Gifts of Christmas*  
Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist

INTERMISSION



**arr. Wilberg** "Joy to the World"

Holiday Festival Chorus

**ANDRÉ THOMAS** "African Noel"

Kevin McBeth, conductor

Holiday Festival Chorus

**TIOMKIN/** "The First Christmas"

**arr. Patrick Russ**

Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist

**COOTS/arr. Holcombe** "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town"

Whitney Claire Kaufman, vocalist

**ANDERSON** *Sleigh Ride*

**F. GRUBER/** "Silent Night"

**arr. Wilberg**

Holiday Festival Chorus

**TIOMKIN/** Prologue and Theme from *It's a Wonderful Life*

**arr. Russ/Henning**

**ALAN SILVESTRI/** *The Polar Express Suite*

**arr. Brubaker**

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The Macy's Holiday Celebration Concerts are presented by Macy's.



Steven Jarvi leads the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra at Powell Hall on March 18.

## STEVEN JARVI

Steven Jarvi is Resident Conductor of the St. Louis Symphony and Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. He won the Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation Award in 2009 while he was Associate Conductor of the Kansas City Symphony. He previously spent several years as the Conducting Fellow with Michael Tilson Thomas and the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, as well as an Associate Conductor for New York City Opera at Lincoln Center, and Apprentice Conductor with the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

As Resident Conductor of the St. Louis Symphony, Jarvi leads a wide range of events including Live at Powell Hall concerts, Family and Education concerts, and other selected orchestral events throughout the season. He also assists Music Director David Robertson, and serves as Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. While Associate Conductor of the Kansas City Symphony, Jarvi led over 150 concerts and performed during the opening season of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. He made his Classical Series debut filling in on short notice with violinist Midori as Music Director Michael Stern awaited the birth of his second child. The following season, after studying in Vienna with principal members of the Vienna Philharmonic, Jarvi led a highly praised subscription weekend of Viennese music featuring pianist Simone Dinnerstein.

Raised in Grand Haven, Michigan, Jarvi holds a bachelor's degree in Music Theory from the University of Michigan where he studied with Kenneth Kiesler, Martin Katz, and Jerry Blackstone, along with a master's in Orchestral Conducting from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, where he studied with the legendary conducting pedagogue, Gustav Meier.

Steven Jarvi lives in St. Louis with his wife Joanne, son Noah, and new-born daughter Alice.

## WHITNEY CLAIRE KAUFMAN

Whitney Claire Kaufman recently completed two years with the North American Tour of the Broadway smash-hit *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble, Understudy for Sophie and Lisa). Her performance as Sophie garnered rave reviews from the *Boston Globe*. Kaufman has performed as guest soloist with the Malaysian Philharmonic in Kuala Lumpur, Calgary Philharmonic, Atlanta Symphony, Blossom Festival Orchestra, Florida Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in Australia, National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, and many other renowned symphony orchestras. She has appeared in *Cabaret* (Sally Bowles), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Peaseblossom), *Marisol* (June), the Los Angeles Theatre Ensembles' production of *Wounded*, as well as many other theatrical productions. TV credits include *General Hospital* and the hit ABC series *Modern Family*. As both a singer and voice-over performer in film and television, Kaufman has been heard in productions including *That Championship Season*, *The Secret of NiMH 2*, and two MGM animated series: *All Dogs Go to Heaven* and *Noddy*. She can be heard on the recent recordings of songs written by Oscar-winning composer Dimitri Tiomkin.

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Henry Palkes  
*Accompanist*

Susan D. Patterson  
*Manager*

Lauren Adams  
Laniya Anderson  
Abigail Ankrom  
Allison Arana  
Melissa Atkins  
Mary Austin  
Amy Azwell  
Tyler Balk  
Macie Baugher  
Nicole Beaubian  
Bailey Becker  
Caleb Bertels  
Alexandria Betts  
Katelyn Bilin  
Elijah Bivins  
Kirsty Bland  
Madison Bradshaw  
Emma Brand  
Jack Brannan  
Riley Brawn  
Madison Bruns  
Lexi Brunsma  
Logan Burgess  
Christian Burns  
Eldrick Bush  
Emma Butcher  
Rayna Campbell  
Jordan Carr  
Chelsea Carrera  
Anna Casey  
Mary Chamberlain  
Gavin Cole  
Johanna Commish  
Brady Conley  
James Cowan  
Conner Creswell  
Aevion Dancy  
Kendall Darnell  
Taylor Davis

Julia DeBeir  
Caroline Deck  
Jordan Dennis  
Lia Dent  
Kelly DeShurley  
Marissa Dickman  
Sarah Dobson  
Makayla Eason  
Steven Eicholz  
Dawson Fairall  
David Fears  
Maria Fitzgerald  
Olivia Flores  
Bekah Ford  
Brittany Foust  
Samuel Fredericksen  
Chloe Frisby  
Olivia Fuehne  
Aaron Garner  
Brandon Gee  
Taylor Gerstenecker  
Hannah Geurkink  
Ryan W. Giesing  
Emily Glenn  
Madison Goetzke  
Kailyn Goodrich  
Nicholas Green  
Kara Greenwood  
Olivia Gregory  
Micaela Griffin  
Paige Grissom  
Lawrence Haliburton  
Kyree Hamilton  
Seth Harris  
Hannah Harrison  
Jacob Harting  
Collin Haungs  
Kayla Hefferle  
Lauren Hefferle  
Kurtis Heinrich  
Alyssa Henson  
James Heubner  
Sydney Hollins-Lewis  
Abby Holmes  
Enyae Holsey  
Russell Horner  
Alexandria Howard  
Rachel Hunter

Connor Hutchison  
Gabrielle Ishmon  
Alyssa Jackson  
Emani Jennings  
Devyn Joellenbeck  
Gabriella Jordan  
Chloe Kaempfe  
Catarina Kalamboukas  
Tiffany Katka  
Sydney Kayser  
Elizabeth Kearns  
Amber Kelso  
Chris King  
William Knowles  
Elizabeth Koester  
Grace Koester  
Madison Kraemer  
Kyle Kriegbaum  
Jacob Krznar  
Naomi Leach  
Ryan Lenger  
Vanessa Leone  
Elyse Luecke  
Christopher Malone, Jr.  
Kristen Manchenton  
Rachelle Martin  
Roger Mathis  
Jerell McCole  
Connor McDonald  
Jack McFarling  
Micheal McGarrity  
Nadeya McMiller  
Caleb Mehring  
Graham Meyer  
Zoe Meyer  
Shannon Miller  
Georgia Miranda  
Abby Mirikitani  
Breeanna Moore  
Grace Murray  
Madeline Narducci  
Shruti Natarajan  
Chloe Neal  
Hailey Panek  
Kara Parks  
Madelyn Perren  
Joel Perstrophe  
Micah Perstrophe  
William Pirrie

Dustin Politte  
Katherine Poynter  
Faith Pranger  
Stephen Pray, Jr.  
Bryce Prichard  
Opal Pursley  
Devin Randolph  
Jacob Reese  
Taylor Rehmus  
Katie Richter  
Amani Roberts  
Anthony Roberts  
Madeleine Rodriguez  
Kayla Rollins  
Zoë Rollins  
Josh Royal  
Katherine Rubush  
Kenzie Ruff  
Megan Scharfinski  
Jessica Schiffhauer  
Hannah Schultz  
Shannon Semar  
Miranda Sherman  
Rachel Simon  
Autumn Spilker  
Elizabeth Sterling  
Victoria Symonds  
Harrison Tate  
Courtney Taylor  
DeTony Thomas  
Amarae Timms  
Erin Tippit  
Anika Van Lieshout  
Nathan Vemmer  
Chloe Viner  
Rachel Wagner  
Lesley Walker  
Noah Walls  
Caroline Ward  
Furat Wdaa  
Jasmine Webber  
Emma Wickland  
Abbey Wilhelm  
Camille Williams  
Shaquana Williams  
Stephen Williams  
Heather Williford  
Whitney Wolcott

## AREA SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN THE 2015 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CHORUS

Belleville East High School  
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Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School  
Collinsville High School  
Edwardsville High School  
Eureka High School  
Fort Zumwalt East High School  
Fort Zumwalt West High School  
Grand Center Arts Academy  
Highland High School  
Jefferson College  
Knox College  
Ladue Horton Watkins High School  
Lafayette High School  
Lindenwood University  
Lutheran High School South  
Mascoutah High School  
McKinley Classical Leadership Academy  
Metro East Lutheran High School  
O'Fallon Township High School  
Pattonville High School  
Red Bud High School  
Triad High School  
Twin City Christian Academy  
Wesclin High School

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## ROMANTIC FAVORITES

**Friday, January 22, 8:00pm**

David Robertson, conductor; William James, xylophone

An entertaining evening of familiar romantic hits, with David Robertson delivering a few jokes along with his insights.

SMETANA *The Bartered Bride Overture*

FAURÉ *Pelléas et Mélisande Suite*

BOB BECKER *Girlfriends Medley* for Xylophone and Strings

MENDELSSOHN *Wedding March* from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

MAHLER *Adagietto* from *Symphony No. 5*

FALLA *The Three-Cornered Hat Suite No. 2*

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