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BROADWAY STAR MEGAN HILTY JOINS NSO POPS FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERTS LED BY STEVEN REINEKE

December 8 & 9, 2017

**Special Free Performance for Military Members and Their Families
on December 7**

(WASHINGTON)—Broadway star and Kennedy Center favorite **Megan Hilty** joins the NSO Pops and Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke for the National Symphony Orchestra's annual *A Holiday Pops!* concerts on [Friday, December 8 at 8 p.m.](#) and [Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.](#) in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Known for her performances on Broadway's *Noises Off*, *9 to 5*, and *Wicked*, as well as NBC's *Smash*, Hilty was also recently seen at the Kennedy Center last year as part of the Renée Fleming *VOICES* series. Special guests for this concert created by Reineke and Hilty also include The Washington Chorus, and possibly Santa Claus!

In addition, a special performance of *A Holiday Pops!* exclusively for service members and their families takes place Thursday, December 7, at 7 p.m. Part of the NSO's *Notes of Honor: NSO Salutes the Military* initiative, this performance is presented in collaboration with the USO of Metropolitan Washington, and is free and open to members of the military (including active, veteran, prior service, and retired service members) and their families; advance reservations are required. To reserve tickets, visit <http://Tkc.co/military17> or kennedy-center.org. Now in its second year, *Notes of Honor: NSO Salutes the Military* is a series of performances offered during the regular

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NSO season to recognize the extraordinary service provided by members of the military. This program is generously supported by PenFed Credit Union.

Concert details follow:

Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Notes of Honor

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 p.m.

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Kennedy Center Concert Hall

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Steven Reineke, *conductor*

Megan Hilty, *vocals*

The Washington Chorus

Christopher Bell, *Artistic Director*

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets (\$24–\$99) are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at kennedy-center.org, and via phone through Instant Charge, (202) 467-4700; toll-free at (800) 444-1324. For all other ticket-related customer service inquiries, call the Advance Sales Box Office at (202) 416-8540.

ABOUT THE NSO POPS

Show-stopping pops concerts have been a staple of the National Symphony Orchestra's more than 80 years of performances. These concerts have ranged from performances on a barge on the Potomac River, to concerts on the Ellipse, and in National Parks around the greater Washington area. The 2000–2001 season saw the creation of the post of Principal Pops Conductor specifically for Broadway great Marvin Hamlisch, who held the position until the 2010–2011 season. The 2011–2012 season was the first with Steven Reineke as Principal Pops Conductor. NSO Pops performances take place at all the NSO's principal performance venues: Wolf Trap, the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, and in the NSO's primary home, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with a subscription season featuring the Orchestra with guest artists from a variety of musical genres.

[ABOUT STEVEN REINEKE](#)

[ABOUT MEGAN HILTY](#)

[ABOUT THE WASHINGTON CHORUS](#)

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