



National Symphony Orchestra
The Kennedy Center

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**NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL
HOLIDAY POPS CONCERTS FEATURE NSO DEBUT OF
BROADWAY STAR ASHLEY BROWN,
DECEMBER 14 & 15**

**Special Free Performance for Military and Their Families on
December 13**

(WASHINGTON)—The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) performs its annual *A Holiday Pops!* concerts with Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke on [Friday, December 14 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 15, at 2 and 8 p.m.](#), at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Guest vocalist Ashley Brown, who originated the role of Mary Poppins on Broadway, makes her NSO debut in *A Holiday Pops!*. She joins the NSO and The Washington Chorus in this festive program for all ages, featuring seasonal favorites including “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Winter Wonderland,” and “Deck the Halls,” as well as an audience sing along, and perhaps a visit from a certain resident of the North Pole!

In addition, a special performance—*Home for the Holidays!*—exclusively for service members and their families takes place Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. Part of the NSO’s *Notes of Honor: NSO Salutes the Military* initiative, this performance is free and open to members of the military (including active, veteran, prior service, and retired service members) and their families; advance reservations are recommended. To reserve up to six (6) tickets, visit kennedy-center.org. Now in its third year, *Notes of Honor* is a series of performances offered by the NSO season to recognize the extraordinary service provided by members of the military.

Concert details follow:

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Ashley Brown, *vocals*

The Washington Chorus

Christopher Bell, *Artistic Director*

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Notes of Honor

Free to active duty, veterans, prior service, and retired service members and their families. Reservations of up to six (6) seats for this concert are available in person at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at

kennedy-center.org, or by calling (202) 467-4600 or (800) 444-1324.

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A HOLIDAY POPS! UNDER THE MISTLETOE

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 ASHLEY BROWN

ABOUT STEVEN REINEKE

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