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THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT SEASON, NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 31, 2016

The SFS welcomes special guest performers Gladys Knight, Patti Austin, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and Mariachi Sol De México® de José Hernández

**Film presentations include *Singin' in the Rain*, *The Snowman*, and
an evening with Rogers and Hammerstein**

Family-friendly performances include *A Charlie Brown Christmas—Live!*, *Cirque de la Symphonie*, the Symphony's annual Deck the Hall celebrations, and the SFS Youth Orchestra performing *Peter and the Wolf* with guest narrator Linda Ronstadt

Enjoy traditional Christmas music performed by the Orchestra and SFS Chorus with *Messiah*, Holiday Brass, and A Classic Christmas

The Symphony's New Year's Eve concert features television and Broadway stars Jane Krakowski and Tituss Burgess in their first-ever concert performance together

SAN FRANCISCO (October 18, 2016) – The San Francisco Symphony's 2016 holiday season at Davies Symphony Hall offers a festive array of concerts for all ages, from its traditional Christmas classical concerts to classic pop vocalists Gladys Knight and Patti Austin performing with the Orchestra; favorite films including *Singin' in the Rain*, *The Snowman*, and a Rodgers and Hammerstein music and film night; family-friendly events including *A Charlie Brown Christmas—Live!*, the circus feats of Cirque de la Symphonie, and the Orchestra's annual Deck the Hall concerts for children. Traditional Christmas and holiday music lovers can enjoy presentations such as Handel's *Messiah*, Holiday Brass, and A Classic Christmas. Linda Ronstadt narrates Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* with the SF Symphony Youth Orchestra, Mariachi Sol De México® de José Hernández presents A Merri-achi Christmas, and the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock brings its unique and uplifting holiday show. To ring in the new year, television and Broadway stars Jane Krakowski and Tituss Burgess (of *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* and *30 Rock* fame) join the SF Symphony in their first-ever concert collaboration.

The festivities start when vocalist Patti Austin brings the iconic music of Ella Fitzgerald to Davies Symphony Hall on November 30, with conductor Edwin Outwater leading the Orchestra. R&B legend Gladys Knight sings her classic hits and holiday songs December 12 and 13 with the Orchestra, led by Gail Deadrick. Sweet Honey in the Rock brings its soulful a cappella blend of inspiring songs on December 23. As they have done for over 30 years, Sweet Honey in the Rock's performances include a Sign Language interpreter in order to make their music and message accessible to the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

For those who love the classical music associated with the Christmas season, on December 7 and 8 the SF Symphony performs A Classic Christmas, which offers works by some of the greatest composers reflecting on holiday traditions, including selections from Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, Tchaikovsky's Suite from *The Nutcracker*, and selections from Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*. The SFS is led by SFS Resident Conductor Christian Reif, and is joined by the Pacific Boychoir. Other classical music holiday concerts include Holiday Brass featuring members of the SF Symphony brass section led by Edwin Outwater on December 11, and performances of Handel's *Messiah* December 15–17, conducted by Patrick Dupré Quigley and featuring soprano Lauren Snouffer, countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo, tenor Zachary Wilder, and bass-baritone Christian Van Horn.

As always, the Symphony's holiday line-up also includes several programs particularly well-suited for children and families, starting with two Deck the Hall concerts on December 4. This festive children's concert and party features Symphony musicians and special guests, including the San Francisco Boys Chorus, San Francisco Ballet School trainees, members of Beach Blanket Babylon, TURFInc. dancers, and the Young Women's Choral Project. On December 11, the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO) performs Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* with guest narrator Linda Ronstadt, who returns to perform with the SFSYO for the first time since 2009. Led by new Wattis Foundation Music Director Christian Reif, the SFSYO will also perform favorite holiday repertoire. Also on December 11, the ever-popular presentation of A Merri-Achi Christmas returns, with Mariachi Sol De México® de José Hernández performing its blend of Mexican and American holiday favorites.

On December 14, the acrobats, strongmen, and performing artists of Cirque de la Symphonie join the SF Symphony musicians for a special holiday show, executing their jaw-dropping feats to the thrilling music of composers like Tchaikovsky, Vivaldi, Bizet, and others, mixed with plenty of holiday hits. The 1982 animated film from Dianne Jackson, *The Snowman*, plays on the big screen as the Orchestra performs the live score in accompaniment in the Christmas Spectacular concerts December 16-18. Tony Award-winning actress and vocalist Ruthie Ann Miles joins the Orchestra and conductor Randall Craig Fleischer for holiday songs and sing-a-longs, and the Pacific Boychoir also performs.

A Charlie Brown Christmas—Live! returns December 21–24 with seven performances by the Orchestra of Vince Guaraldi's score for this special stage show, with singers, actors, and dancers all bringing Charles Schulz's beloved *Peanuts* characters and the Christmas classic animated TV special to life. Ruthie Ann Miles sings holiday songs with the Orchestra and Chorus

and joins in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols with the audience. The decked-out lobby of Davies Symphony Hall features kid-friendly refreshments and *Peanuts*-themed activities.

Holiday season film presentations start with Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Movies December 2 and 3, when Tony nominee and vocalist Laura Osnes sings with the Orchestra to film clips from *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma!* and *Carousel* on the big screen, and songs from *The Sound of Music* and *Cinderella*. Ted Sperling conducts and co-hosts. The Orchestra also performs live along with the classic movie *Singin' in the Rain*, starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds, December 9 and 10.

The Symphony's annual New Year's Eve Celebration December 31 is headlined musical theater and television stars Jane Krakowski and Tituss Burgess, both of *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* and *30 Rock* fame. This performance marks the co-stars' first ever full-length concert collaboration together.

Throughout the month of December, the lobbies of Davies Symphony Hall are transformed into a holiday wonderland, complete with towering trees decorated with handmade ornaments made by children and volunteers from local schools and community groups.

Tickets for all holiday concerts are on sale now at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall box office on Grove Street between Franklin Street and Van Ness Avenue.

Calendar editors, please note:

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S 2016 HOLIDAY CONCERTS

All concerts are at Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco

PATTI AUSTIN SINGS ELLA FITZGERALD

[Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:30 pm](#)

Patti Austin

Edwin Outwater conductor

San Francisco Symphony

Jazz singer Patti Austin, whose exploration of greats such as George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Ella Fitzgerald have earned acclaim, helps the SFS kick off the Centennial celebration of Ella Fitzgerald's birth with fully orchestrated charts of great American Songbook favorites.

Tickets: \$25-\$95. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN AT THE MOVIES

[Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

Ted Sperling conductor and co-host

Laura Osnes vocalist and co-host

San Francisco Symphony

Overture from *The Sound of Music* [orchestra only]

"The Sound of Music" from *The Sound of Music* [Osnes]

Selections from the film *Carousel* [with film clips]

The *Carousel* Waltz

"If I Loved You"

"June Is Bustin' Out All Over"

“I Have Confidence” from *The Sound of Music* [Osnes]

“Mister Snow” from *Carousel* [Osnes]

“Wonderful Guy” from *South Pacific* [Osnes]

Selections from the film *South Pacific* [with film clips]

Overture

“There is Nothin’ Like a Dame”

“Some Enchanted Evening”

“Dites-Moi”

Finale

“In My Own Little Corner” from *Cinderella* [Osnes]

Selections from the film *The King and I* [with film clips]

The March of the Siamese Children

“Getting To Know You”

“Shall We Dance?”

“Hello, Young Lovers” from *The King and I* [Osnes]

Selections from the film *Oklahoma* [with film clips]

Main Title

“Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’”

“Surrey with the Fringe on Top”

“Oklahoma”

The Orchestra accompanies a selection of film clips from *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma!* and *Carousel*. Laura Osnes performs additional live selections from the above films, as well as songs from *The Sound of Music* and *Cinderella*. Osnes starred in the recent revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* on Broadway, for which she earned a Tony nomination, and played Nellie Forbush in the acclaimed Lincoln Center Theater production of *South Pacific*.

Tickets: \$25-\$85. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

DECK THE HALL

[Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 11am and 3pm](#)

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, conductor

San Francisco Boys Chorus

Ian Robertson, director

San Francisco Ballet School Trainee Program dancers

Helgi Tomasson, director

Patrick Armand, associate director

Young Women’s Choral Project

Susan McMane, director

TURFinc dancers

Johnny Lopez, leader

Beach Blanket Babylon

Members of the San Francisco Symphony

GARY FRY

Christmas Morning

San Francisco Boys Chorus

Young Women’s Choral Project

San Francisco Symphony

TCHAIKOVSKY

Spanish Chocolate from *The Nutcracker*

SF Ballet School Trainee Girls

San Francisco Symphony

Traditional, arr. KESSLER “O Chanukah”

San Francisco Symphony

- TCHAIKOVSKY** Russian Dance (Trepak) from *The Nutcracker*
SF Ballet School Trainee Boys
San Francisco Symphony
- MOZART** *The Sleigh Ride* from *Three German Dances*, K. 605
San Francisco Symphony
- arr. HUFF AND ROBERTSON** "Swing a Christmas Carol"
San Francisco Boys Chorus
San Francisco Symphony
- TCHAIKOVSKY** *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* from *The Nutcracker*
TURFinc
San Francisco Symphony
- Various, arr. KECK /** Selections with *Beach Blanket Babylon*
Beach Blanket Babylon
San Francisco Symphony
- MARKS, arr. NORRIS** "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
ROLLINS/NELSON "Frosty the Snowman"
Traditional, arr. FINNEGAN "Deck the Halls"
All Guest Artists
San Francisco Symphony

This annual children's holiday concert and party has become a favorite SF family tradition. Performers from children's choruses, characters from *Beach Blanket Babylon*, the SF Ballet School trainee boys and girls, and the SF Symphony join together to make magical holiday memories. This year, TURFinc joins the Orchestra for the first time. Turfing is a form of street dance that originated in Oakland.

Tickets: \$42-\$60 (concert only). Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco. VIP Packages begin at \$300 and offer a special way to experience Deck the Hall that includes premium concert seats, early entry in to the hall, a VIP reception with kid-friendly treats and drinks and a keepsake photo with Santa! Packages at the Archangel level and above include tickets to attend the intimately charming Tree Lighting Ceremony, a special event on November 30, 2016 when we light the trees in Davies Symphony Hall for the first time. Call the Volunteer Council for details at 415-503-5500.

Proceeds from this event support Deck the Hall Community Day on Monday, December 5, which treats over 4,000 children from public programs to this holiday concert, free of charge, providing many of them with their first opportunity to visit a concert hall and hear a live orchestral performance.

Recommended for ages 7 and older. Group discounts not available.

A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

[Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

[Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

Christian Reif conductor
The Pacific Boychoir, Kevin Fox, director
Doug Rieth harp
Julie Adams soprano (Gretel)
Renée Rapier mezzo-soprano (Hansel)
Catherine Cook soprano (The Witch)
San Francisco Symphony

BRITTEN Selections from *A Ceremony of Carols*
TCHAIKOVSKY Suite from *The Nutcracker*
HUMPERDINCK Selections from *Hansel and Gretel*

MASON (arr. Finnegan) *Joy to the World* [audience sing-along]

Classic carols and holiday cheer from the symphonic canon. Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* Suite, Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, and a condensed version of Humperdinck's storybook opera *Hansel and Gretel* (in English). Adams and Rapier return to the SF Symphony after their performances with the Orchestra in scenes from *Hansel and Gretel* in the 2016 Stern Grove Festival free concert.

Tickets: \$15-\$90. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN – FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

[Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:30pm](#)

Sarah Hicks conductor
San Francisco Symphony

BROWN & FREED *Singin' in the Rain* [with film]

Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds star in the classic 1952 film, directed and choreographed by Kelly and Stanley Donen. The Orchestra, led by Sarah Hicks, performs the film score live along with the film.

Tickets: \$20-\$79. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

PETER AND THE WOLF with the SFS YOUTH ORCHESTRA and LINDA RONSTADT

[Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 11 am](#)

Christian Reif conductor
Linda Ronstadt narrator
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

PROKOFIEV *Peter and the Wolf*, Opus 67
Additional Holiday repertoire TBD

Vocalist Linda Ronstadt's career in popular music has spanned decades, with hits like "Different Drum," "Blue Bayou" and "You're No Good," and she has been influential in genres ranging from pop to country and Mexican music. Although she retired from singing in 2011 and publicly announced her diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease in 2013, she has been making regular speaking engagements; this is her fourth time narrating *Peter and the Wolf* with the SFS Youth Orchestra and her first appearance with them since 2009. The newly-appointed SF Symphony Youth Orchestra Music Director, Christian Reif, conducts the SFSYO in *Peter and the Wolf* and other holiday classics.

Tickets: \$15-\$70. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

HOLIDAY BRASS

[Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3 pm](#)

Edwin Outwater conductor
Members of the SFS Brass Section

Robert Ward, Bruce Roberts, Jonathan Ring, Jessica Valeri, Jeff Garza, Chris Cooper horns
Mark Inouye, Doug Carlsen, Guy Piddington, Jeff Biancalana, Scott Macomber trumpets
Timothy Higgins, Nicholas Platoff, Paul C. Welcomer, John Engelkes trombones

Jeffrey G. Anderson, tuba
Edward Stephan timpani
Jacob Nissly, James Lee Wyatt III percussion

J.S. BACH (arr. Higgins)	"Nun seid ihr wohl gerochen" from <i>Christmas Oratorio</i> , BWV 248
GABRIELI (arr. Higgins)	Three Selections from the <i>Sacrae symphoniae</i> Canzon per sonar septimi toni No. 1 Sonata pian' e forte Canzona per sonar in echo due decimi toni
POULENC (arr. Higgins)	Quatres petites prières de Saint François d'Assise Salut, Dame Sainte Tout puissant Dieu Seigneur, je vous en prie O mes très chers frères
BRUCKNER (arr. Kreines)	<i>Ave Maria</i>
Timothy HIGGINS	Fantasy on Traditional Carols
J.S. BACH (arr. Higgins)	Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582
TCHAIKOVSKY (arr. Higgins)	Selections from <i>The Nutcracker</i> , Opus 71 Overture March Arabian Dance Russian Dance
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (arr. Higgins)	Fantasia on <i>Greensleeves</i>
GRUBER (arr. Ring)	"Silent Night"
TRADITIONAL (arr. Kazdin)	"The Twelve Days of Christmas"
ANDERSON (arr. Wasson)	<i>Sleigh Ride</i>
HANDEL & MASON (arr. DiLorenzo)	"Joy to the World"

Tickets: \$15-\$70. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

A MERRI-ACHI CHRISTMAS WITH MARIACHI SOL DE MEXICO® DE JOSE HERNANDEZ
[Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 8 pm](#)

The ever-popular *A Merri-Achi Christmas* returns, with Mariachi Sol De México® de José Hernández performing its rousing blend of Mexican and American holiday favorites.

Note: The San Francisco Symphony does not perform on this concert.

Tickets: \$15-\$90. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

GLADYS KNIGHT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY
[Monday, December 12, 2016 at 8pm](#)
[Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 8pm](#)

Gladys Knight
Gail Deadrick conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Gladys Knight, "The Empress of Soul," is still bringing it at 72: her classic hits like "Midnight Train to Georgia," "Save the Overtime for Me," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "I've Got to Use My Imagination," and her favorite holiday songs will bring back old-school smiles when she sings them along with the San Francisco Symphony.

Tickets: \$40-\$130. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CIRQUE DE LA SYMPHONIE HOLIDAY SHOW

[Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 8pm](#)

Randall Craig Fleischer conductor
San Francisco Symphony

A talented team of acrobats and other performers descends upon Davies Symphony Hall for acts in coordination with composers like Tchaikovsky, Vivaldi, Bizet, and others, mixed with plenty of holiday hits.

Tickets: \$25-\$80. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

MESSIAH, PATRICK DUPRÉ QUIGLEY CONDUCTING

[Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, December 16, 2016 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 8 pm](#)

Patrick Dupré Quigley conductor
Lauren Snouffer soprano [SFS debut]
Anthony Roth Costanzo countertenor [SFS debut]
Zachary Wilder tenor [SFS debut]
Christian Van Horn bass-baritone [SFS debut]
San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Ragnar Bohlin director
San Francisco Symphony

HANDEL *Messiah*

Tickets: \$15-\$169. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, FEATURING *THE SNOWMAN*

[Friday, December 16, 2016 at 4pm](#)

[Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 2pm](#)

[Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 11am and 2pm](#)

Randall Craig Fleischer conductor
Ruthie Ann Miles vocalist
Pacific Boychoir, Kevin Fox, director
San Francisco Symphony

Jazzy Christmas favorites with Ruthie Ann Miles, the SF Symphony, and the SFS Chorus
Selections sung by Pacific Boychoir

Howard BLAKE *The Snowman* (film)

Children of all ages claim this 26-minute animated made-for-television film as one of their all-time holiday favorites. Actress and vocalist Ruthie Ann Miles, who won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her performance as Lady Thiang in the Lincoln Center Theater production of *The King and I* on Broadway, joins the Orchestra and conductor Randall Craig Fleischer in a selection of holiday songs. Miles's other notable successes include her roles off Broadway in *Avenue Q* (Christmas Eve) and *Here Lies Love* (Imelda Marcos). The Pacific Boychoir joins these performances in Christmas and holiday-inspired music.

Tickets: \$25-\$70. Children 18 and under receive a 50% discount (subject to availability). Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, FEATURING A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS—LIVE!

[Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 2pm and 8pm](#)

[Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 11am and 2pm](#)

[Friday, December 23, 2016 at 11am and 2pm](#)

[Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 2pm](#)

Randall Craig Fleischer conductor

Ruthie Ann Miles vocalist

The Cast of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

San Francisco Symphony Chorus, David Xiques assistant director

Charlie Brown Christmas Cast

Liza Gennaro director and choreographer

Dan Scully video designer

Carmina de Dios costume designer

Elena Zahlmann répétiteur

Narrators

Michael Covert (Narrator)

Colin Bires (Charlie Brown)

Sophia Cameron (Lucy)

Tucker Gold (Linus)

Dancers

Michael Starr (Charlie Brown)

Natasha Adorlee Johnson (Snoopy)

Kelsey McFalls (Lucy)

Stephen DiBiase (Linus)

Juliann Witt (Sally)

Seth Weinfield (Schroeder)

Sybelle Bradley (Sad Tree)

Justin Andrews, Doran Butler, Elena Zahlmann (Charlie's Gang)

Jamielyn Duggan, Alexandra Fitzgibbon, Elena Zahlmann, Katerina Wong (Christmas Trees)

arr. Erik JEKABSON

BERLIN (arr. Blank)

HERMAN

COOTS/GILLESPIE (arr. O'LOUGHLIN)

arr. Sean O'LOUGHLIN

Christophe BECK

MILLER & MILLER (arr. Jekabson)

R.A. ANDERSON (arr. Stephenson)

Glen BALLARD & Alan SILVESTRI (arr. Fry)

Holiday Bells

"Snow" from *White Christmas*

"We Need A Little Christmas" from *Mame*

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

Christmas By the Bay

Choral Selections from *Frozen*

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

"Mele Kalikimaka"

"Believe" from *The Polar Express*

GUARALDI (arr. Firth)

A Charlie Brown Christmas—Live!

Arr. Thomas KENNEDY

Christmas Sing-alongs

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, and the whole *Peanuts* gang return to Davies Symphony Hall and bring this television classic to life. With live actors, an animated backdrop, and Vince Guaraldi's timeless music performed by the San Francisco Symphony. This family-friendly concert begins with favorite carols and holiday songs performed by the SF Symphony and SF Symphony Chorus with vocalist and Tony Award winner Ruthie Ann Miles.

Tickets: \$30-\$80. Children 18 and under receive a 50% discount (subject to availability). Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CELEBRATING THE HOLYDAYS WITH SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

[Friday, December 23, 2016 at 8pm](#)

Sweet Honey in the Rock:

Nitanju Bolade Casel

Aisha Kahlil

Carol Maillard

Special Guests:

Rochelle Rice vocalist

Romeir Mendez acoustic and electric bass

Barbara Hunt American Sign Language interpreter

Six powerful and inspiring African American women—including a Sign Language Interpreter—make up Sweet Honey in the Rock, an a cappella vocal ensemble with a mission of combining empowerment, education, and entertainment. *Celebrating the Holydays* is their signature Christmas show. As they have done for over 30 years, Sweet Honey in the Rock has counted a Sign Language Interpreter as part of their group for over 30 years, illustrating their commitment to making their music and message accessible to the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Note: The San Francisco Symphony does not perform on this concert.

Tickets: \$15-\$75. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION WITH JANE KRAKOWSKI, TITUSS BURGESS, AND THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 8pm](#)

Edwin Outwater conductor

Jane Krakowski vocalist

Tituss Burgess vocalist

San Francisco Symphony

Selections with the San Francisco Symphony:

BERNSTEIN (arr. Mason) Selections from *West Side Story*

A Salute to Carmen Dragon!

ABREU (arr. Dragon) "Tico Tico"

FOSTER (arr. Dragon) "Beautiful Dreamer"

TRAD. (arr. Dragon) "Turkey in the Straw"

Selections with Tituss Burgess and Jane Krakowski, and the San Francisco Symphony

Jane Krakowski and Tituss Burgess, well known to fans of Tina Fey and Robert Carlock's *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* Netflix series (Burgess plays Schmidt's roommate, Titus Andromedon, and Krakowski is her out-of-touch boss, Jacqueline Voorhees) and *30 Rock* (Krakowski starred as Jenna Maroney and Burgess guest starred as D'Fwan), display their musical theater talents in the 2016 New Year's Eve concert and celebration with the San Francisco Symphony. Burgess is a well-established and lauded Broadway actor and singer, and joins Krakowski and the Orchestra in a broad range of repertoire in their first ever full-length concert collaboration. The concert ends at 10 pm, allowing guests plenty of time to watch fireworks or celebrate around San Francisco or at home with friends and family.

Tickets: \$60-\$180. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

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The Patti Austin (November 30), Peter and the Wolf (December 11), Mariachi Sol De México® de José Hernández (December 11), Gladys Knight (December 13), and Sweet Honey in the Rock (December 23) performances are presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission.

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