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A heartwarming Sounds of the Season with Tacoma Youth Chorus

Sounds of the Season

Tacoma Youth Chorus
Sunday, December 3, 2017, 2:30 pm
Sarah Ioannides, conductor
Pantages Theater

TACOMA, WA – The Pantages Theater stage will be brimming with musicians and instruments, including singers from 4th grade through high school, when Symphony Tacoma presents the annual *Sounds of the Seasons* program, featuring the Tacoma Youth Chorus. A cherished tradition in Tacoma, the pageant-style concert—conducted by Sarah Ioannides and Judy Herrington—features beloved carols, hymns and songs, including “The Little Drummer Boy,” “My Favorite Things,” “Joy to the World” and “Greensleeves,” among many others. Held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, the performance is sponsored by Columbia Bank, Aetna, and Stadium Thriftway; *The News Tribune* is the media sponsor. For tickets, starting at \$19.50, call 800-291-7593 or 253-591-5894, or visit www.symphonytacoma.org.

Joining Ioannides and Herrington will be soprano Leann Conley-Holcom, who directs the TYC Concert Choir and is active internationally as a freelance singer, clinician and guest conductor. She will be featured in the *Domine Deus* from Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, the *Coventry & Sussex Carol* by 17th century priest Luke Wadding, “My Favorite Things,” and more.

The program is studded with other great names and titles in choral and seasonal music: Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker Dance*, Vaughan Williams’s *Fantasia on “Greensleeves,”* Eric Whitacre’s “Glow,” John Rutter’s “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day,” Prokofiev’s “Troika,” and Leroy Anderson’s “Christmas Festival.” Symphony Tacoma’s frequent collaborator Bo Ayars has created arrangements of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “My Favorite Things” and Richard Kountz’s “The Sleigh.” Sarah Ioannides has orchestrated Judy Herrington’s composition for women’s choir, “Stars Tonight,” which will receive its premiere during the performance!

“Tacoma Youth Chorus is looking forward to once again sharing our music with Symphony Tacoma and its audience for *Sounds of the Season!*” Judy Herrington stated. “Sarah Ioannides is a remarkable conductor, and I know our singers will be inspired by her artistry and technique. We are excited and honored to share in this collaboration!”

The Tacoma-based choral arts program, now in its 26th season, is a place for kids to be themselves and have fun with music. It includes seven ensembles, from the introductory Music Makers to the advanced Chorale. Featured in this performance will be the Concert Choir for grades 4-5, the Chamber Choir for grades 6-8, the Women's Choir for grades 9-12, and the Chorale for grades 9-12.

About Symphony Tacoma:

Building community through music. Inspiring audiences with live musical experiences that transcend tradition, Symphony Tacoma has been a vital part of Tacoma's cultural landscape for 70 years. In 2014, Symphony Tacoma welcomed music director Sarah Ioannides, whom the *Los Angeles Times* called "one of six female conductors breaking the glass podium." Today's Symphony Tacoma is a metropolitan professional symphony orchestra with more than 80 orchestral musicians and a volunteer chorus of 70. Keeping live musical performance alive in the heart of the region, Symphony Tacoma concertizes for an annual audience of nearly 20,000 citizens throughout Pierce County and the Greater Puget Sound area.

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