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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Cleveland Pops Orchestra Continues Holiday Tradition at Playhouse Square

Family-Friendly Concert Features Holiday Favorites, Special Guests, Santa Claus, and Community Giving Opportunities

CLEVELAND, OH – For many Northeast Ohio families, the Cleveland Pops Orchestra's annual holiday concert has become a cherished part of the season. This year, the tradition continues with **Jingle Bell Pops!** on **Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Playhouse Square**, bringing audiences together for an afternoon of festive music, family fun, and holiday memories.

Under the direction of Maestro Carl Topilow, the Cleveland Pops Orchestra will perform a heartwarming mix of traditional and popular holiday favorites, creating the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Audiences will enjoy opportunities to sing along with the Cleveland Pops Chorus and experience an afternoon filled with music, joy, and holiday spirit.

Special guests include the **Cleveland Pops Chorus, Cleveland Pops Youth Orchestra, Christina Lindhout & Artists**, acclaimed guitarist **Neil Zaza**, and vocalist **Darryl Lewis**. The concert will also feature a special narration of *The Night Before Christmas*, bringing a beloved holiday classic to life for audiences of all ages.

The festivities begin before the curtain rises. Guests can visit **Santa Claus** and meet adorable, adoptable pets from local shelters in the lobby. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys and games to benefit **The City Mission**, helping spread holiday cheer to local children and families in need.

As the Cleveland Pops Orchestra celebrates its 30th Anniversary Season, **Jingle Bell Pops!** continues a longstanding tradition of bringing generations of families together through music and shared holiday memories.

Concert Information

Jingle Bell Pops!

Sunday, November 29, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.

KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square

Kick off the holiday season with festive favorites, beloved holiday classics, special guests, and fun for the entire family.

Tickets and additional information are available at <https://www.playhousesquare.org/events/detail/jingle-bell-pops>

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About the Cleveland Pops Orchestra

Now celebrating its 30th Anniversary Season, the Cleveland Pops Orchestra presents entertaining, accessible performances that blend the power of a full symphony orchestra with Broadway, film, jazz, popular music, and beloved holiday traditions. Under the leadership of Maestro Carl Topilow, the Cleveland Pops enriches Northeast Ohio through performances, educational initiatives, and community engagement programs that inspire audiences of all ages.

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Playhouse Square, the nation's premier home for touring Broadway, is a globally recognized arts district. A not-for-profit presenter and producer of performing arts experiences, Playhouse Square is a champion of arts education and the vitality of downtown Cleveland. It proudly serves as home to eight resident companies: The City Club of Cleveland, Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland International Film Festival, Cleveland Play House, Cleveland State University Department of Theatre and Dance, DANCE Cleveland, Great Lakes Theater, and Tri-C JazzFest.