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NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC 2019 HOLIDAY CONCERTS

***HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE* IN CONCERT**
JOHN WILLIAMS's Score Performed Live to Complete Film
Conducted by JUSTIN FREER
December 11–14, 2019

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRASS
NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC BRASS AND PERCUSSION
Former Principal Trumpet PHILIP SMITH Returns To Conduct, Host, and Perform
With Trombone / Special Guest WYCLIFFE GORDON in His Philharmonic Debut
December 15, 2019

HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*
Presented by Gary W. Parr
Conducted by HARRY BICKET
With Louise Alder, Iestyn Davies, Joshua Ellicott, Dashon Burton, and the
HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY CHORUS
December 17–21, 2019

New Year's Eve: *Celebrating Sondheim*
Featuring Tony Award Winner KATRINA LENK
ALEXANDER GEMIGNANI To Conduct, LONNY PRICE To Direct
Nationally Telecast on *LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER*
December 31, 2019

The New York Philharmonic's 2019 holiday season presents beloved annual traditions featuring renowned performers, classical and seasonal hallmarks, and a family-friendly movie with the score performed live to the complete film.

- ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert (December 11–14, 2019)**
The New York Philharmonic will present *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert with John Williams's complete score performed live to the film, conducted by Justin Freer. Ticket holders are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite wizarding attire and will have the opportunity to take event-themed photos. Merchandise will be available for purchase.
- **Holiday Brass (December 15, 2019)**
The annual Holiday Brass concert will feature the New York Philharmonic Brass and Percussion and former Principal Trumpet Philip Smith, who returns to conduct, host, and perform a program of works from the brass canon, from the Baroque to the contemporary, and Christmas and Chanukah favorites. This year they will be joined by jazz trombonist Wycliffe Gordon — a founding member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra whose arrangement of

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NPR's *All Things Considered* theme song is heard daily across the globe — as special guest in his New York Philharmonic debut.

- **Handel's *Messiah* (December 17–21, 2019)**

Handel's *Messiah* returns for the 125th performance at the Philharmonic, this year conducted by Harry Bicket and featuring soprano Louise Alder in her Philharmonic debut, countertenor Iestyn Davies, tenor Joshua Ellicott (Philharmonic debut), and bass-baritone Dashon Burton (Philharmonic debut). The chorus will be the Handel and Haydn Society Chorus, directed by Harry Christophers, marking the first-ever collaboration between two of America's oldest musical ensembles: the New York Philharmonic (founded in 1842) and the Handel and Haydn Society (1815). The Philharmonic will offer an allotment of free tickets to young people ages 13–26 for the concert on Friday, December 20 as part of Philharmonic Free Fridays.

- **New Year's Eve: *Celebrating Sondheim* (December 31, 2019)**

The New York Philharmonic will present New Year's Eve: *Celebrating Sondheim*, featuring selections and suites from *A Little Night Music*, *Assassins*, *Company*, *Into the Woods*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Tony Award winner Katrina Lenk — who will star in the gender-blind Broadway revival of Sondheim's *Company* in 2020 — will perform *Losing My Mind* and *Could I Leave You?* from *Follies* in her New York Philharmonic debut. Alexander Gemignani (Philharmonic debut) will conduct, and Lonny Price will direct. The performance will be telecast nationally on *Live From Lincoln Center* on PBS stations at 8:00 p.m. (check local listings).

Biographies

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in Concert: [Justin Freer](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

Holiday Brass: [Philip Smith](#), [Wycliffe Gordon](#)

Handel's *Messiah*: [Harry Bicket](#), [Louise Alder](#), [Iestyn Davies](#), [Joshua Ellicott](#), [Dashon Burton](#), [Handel and Haydn Society Chorus](#) directed by [Harry Christophers](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

New Year's Eve: [Alexander Gemignani](#), [Katrina Lenk](#), [Lonny Price](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

Tickets

Single tickets for ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in Concert*** start at \$79 (ticket holders are encouraged to come in costume but asked to please avoid wearing masks and bringing mock weapons). Single tickets for **Holiday Brass** start at \$59. Single tickets for **Handel's *Messiah*** start at \$33. A limited number of \$18 tickets for Handel's *Messiah* may be available to **students** within 10 days of the performance at nyphil.org/rush, or in person the day of (valid identification required). The New York Philharmonic is offering an allotment of free tickets to young people ages 13–26 for the concert Friday, December 20 as part of Philharmonic Free Fridays; learn more at nyphil.org/freefridays. Single tickets for **New Year's Eve** start at \$110. (Ticket prices subject to change.)

Tickets to New York Philharmonic performances may be purchased online at nyphil.org or by calling **(212) 875-5656**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets may also be purchased at the **David Geffen Hall Box Office**. The Box Office opens at 10:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and at noon on Sunday. On performance evenings, the Box Office closes one-half hour after performance time; other evenings it closes at 6:00 p.m.

For press tickets, contact Lanore Carr at (212) 875-5714 or carrl@nyphil.org.

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Event Listing

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE IN CONCERT

David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Justin Freer, conductor

John WILLIAMS

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
(score performed live to complete film)

HOLIDAY BRASS

David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

New York Philharmonic Brass and Percussion

Philip Smith, conductor / host / trumpet

Wycliffe Gordon*, trombone / special guest

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Presented by Gary W. Parr

David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Harry Bicket, conductor

Louise Alder*, soprano

Iestyn Davies, countertenor

Joshua Ellicott*, tenor

Dashon Burton*, bass-baritone

Handel and Haydn Society Chorus*

Harry Christophers, director

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Messiah

NEW YEAR'S EVE: CELEBRATING SONDHEIM

David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Live From Lincoln Center telecast on PBS stations, 8:00 p.m. (check local listings)

Alexander Gemignani*, conductor

Katrina Lenk*, vocalist

Lonny Price, director

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Suite from *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*

Suite from *Into the Woods*

Multitudes of Amys, from *Company*

Suite from *Assassins*

Losing My Mind, from *Follies*

Could I Leave You? from *Follies*

Send in the Clowns, from *A Little Night Music*

Suite from *Sunday in the Park with George*

* *New York Philharmonic debut*

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Handel's *Messiah* is presented by **Gary W. Parr.**

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Programs for Families at the New York Philharmonic are presented by **Daria and Eric Wallach.**

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