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**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT SYMPHONY CENTER  
WITH FESTIVE CONCERTS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**

CHICAGO — Symphony Center (220 S. Michigan Ave.) transforms into Chicago’s home for the holidays as it decks the halls and invites concertgoers to experience a festive array of seasonal concerts in November and December:

- Tchaikovsky Swan Lake ([November 21-23](#))
- The Wizard of Oz in Concert ([November 29-December 1](#))
- Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna ([November 30](#))
- A Chanticleer Christmas ([December 10](#))
- Elf in Concert ([December 13-15](#))
- Merry, Merry Chicago! ([December 18-23](#))

The highlight of holiday programming at Symphony Center each season is Merry, Merry Chicago!, a beloved holiday tradition. The festive concert is presented six times on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Monday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m. The program features members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Chorus conducted by Alastair Willis in a program of delightful orchestral selections, familiar carols, holiday songs and several surprises, including a rousing encore of the cherished local favorite “Christmas in Chicago.”

As an extra treat before each Merry, Merry Chicago! performance and during intermissions, choirs from Chicago area schools and community ensembles will share music with concertgoers throughout the lobby spaces of Symphony Center.

[Explore](#) additional December concert offerings.

## **Holidays at the Symphony Store**

The Symphony Store is a one-stop shop for music-inspired gifts and treasures, including the 2024 commemorative holiday ornament, critically acclaimed recordings of the CSO, kid-friendly books and toys, apparel for the whole family and more. Visit the store during your next trip to Symphony Center or shop online at [symphonystore.com](https://symphonystore.com).

## **Gift Certificates**

A Symphony Center gift certificate is another wonderful way to share the joy of music with your loved ones this holiday season. Gift certificates may be used toward concert tickets or subscription packages and never expire. Order online at [cso.org](https://cso.org) or call [312-294-3000](tel:312-294-3000).

## **Food and Beverage**

The Thomas Club, located on the ninth floor of Symphony Center with sweeping views of Lake Michigan, offers a prix fixe menu featuring traditional American fare for a seamless preconcert dining experience. View seasonal menus, make reservations, and learn more about dining at the Thomas Club at [cso.org/dining](https://cso.org/dining).

## **Parking and Transit Options**

Exclusive parking rates are available through Millennium Garages, the Preferred Parking Partner for Symphony Center. The closest parking garage is the Grant Park South Garage, located at 325 S. Michigan Ave. Valet parking is located at Symphony Center's 67 E. Adams St. entrance, and is available for select performances. A round-trip North Shore Shuttle service is available for Friday matinees. Visit [cso.org/parking](https://cso.org/parking) for more parking and transit options.

## **Patron Information**

Contact Patron Services for personalized assistance online at [cso.org/contact](https://cso.org/contact) or by calling [312-294-3000](tel:312-294-3000), Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The walk-up Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave. is open Monday-Saturday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

## **Group Sales**

Symphony Center is the perfect place to share the joy of music with friends and family this December. Groups of 10 or more enjoy special pricing, reduced ticket fees and flexible payment options. Visit [cso.org/groups](https://cso.org/groups) for more information or call [312-294-3040](tel:312-294-3040).

All artists and programs are subject to change.

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**Chicago Symphony Orchestra: [cso.org](https://www.cso.org)**

Founded by Theodore Thomas in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the world's great orchestras. In April 2024, Klaus Mäkelä was named the Orchestra's 11th music director, and he will begin an initial five-year tenure as Zell Music Director with the 2027/28 Season. Riccardo Muti, the Orchestra's distinguished 10th music director from 2010 until 2023, became Music Director Emeritus for Life at the beginning of the 2023/24 Season. Daniil Trifonov is the CSO Artist-in-Residence for the 2024/25 Season.

The CSO commands a vast repertoire, from baroque through contemporary music. Its renowned musicians perform more than 150 concerts annually, in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center in downtown Chicago and each summer at the Ravinia Festival in suburban Highland Park. The ensemble regularly tours nationally, and since 1892, has made 64 international tours, performing in 29 countries on five continents.

Patrons around the globe enjoy weekly radio broadcasts of CSO concerts and recordings via the WFMT Radio Network and online at [cso.org/radio](https://www.cso.org/radio). Launched in 2007, [CSO Resound](https://www.cso.org/resound) is the ensemble's Grammy Award-winning independent record label, featuring live performances with world-class conductors and guest artists. Since 1916, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus have amassed an extensive discography that has earned 65 Grammy awards from the Recording Academy.

The CSO is part of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA), which also includes the Chicago Symphony Chorus, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Symphony Center Presents, and the Negaunee Music Institute. The [Chicago Symphony Chorus](https://www.cso.org/chicago-symphony-chorus), founded by Margaret Hillis in 1957, is the country's largest professional chorus. Founded by second music director Frederick Stock during the 1919/20 Season, the [Civic Orchestra of Chicago](https://www.cso.org/civic-orchestra-of-chicago) is a training ensemble for emerging professionals with Ken-David Masur serving as its principal conductor. [Symphony Center Presents](https://www.cso.org/symphony-center-presents) features guest artists and ensembles across an expansive array of genres, including classical, jazz, world and contemporary. The [Negaunee Music Institute](https://www.cso.org/negaunee-music-institute) offers community and educational programs that annually engage more than 200,000 people of diverse ages and backgrounds throughout the Chicagoland area.

Through the Institute and numerous other activities — including annual free community concerts in Chicago neighborhoods — the CSO is committed to using the power of music to strengthen bonds with its longtime patrons and create connections with new audiences.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association is supported by thousands of patrons, volunteers and institutional and individual donors. The Negaunee Foundation provides generous support in perpetuity for the work of the Negaunee Music Institute.