PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ROBERT MOODY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Magic of Christmas
Robert Moody, conductor

December 13 - 22, 2013
Merrill Auditorium
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS 2013

- Robert Moody and Norman Huynh, conductors
- Richard Nickerson, chorus master
- Magic of Christmas Chorus
- Jessica Cates and Jonathan Blalock, soloists
- Newton Curtis, dancer

JIM BECKEL
A Christmas Fanfare

LEROY ANDERSON
A Christmas Festival Overture

JERRY HERMAN
We Need a Little Christmas
MS. CATES

WALTER KENT
I'll be Home for Christmas
MR. BLALOCK

MARTY GOLD, arr.

PYOTR ILYICH
Waltz of the Snowflakes from The Nutcracker
TCHAIKOVSKY

IRVING BERLIN
White Christmas
PAUL WESTON, arr.
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS
MS. CATES
MR. BLALOCK

intermission
KEN DARBY
'Twas the Night Before Christmas
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS

T.V. BUCCI, arr.
Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS

LEROY ANDERSON
Sleigh Ride

JOHN FINNEGAN, arr.
Christmas Sing-Along
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS

JIM BECKEL
A Gospel Christmas
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS
MS. CATES
MR. BLALOCK

ADOLPHE ADAM
O Holy Night
MR. BLALOCK

MACK WILBERG, arr.
Angels from the Realms of Glory
MS. CATES

TRADITIONAL
HAWLEY ADES, arr.
Let There be Peace on Earth
FULL CAST

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: The Portland Symphony Orchestra is pleased to welcome students from the Maine Suzuki Association in pre-concert performance at the 1:00pm matinee on Sunday, December 16 (violin) and Sunday, December 22 (cello) and ukulele performances from The FLUKES preceding all other performances.

Program and artists subject to change. As a courtesy to the musicians and other audience members, please remember to turn off all pagers, cellular phones, watch signals, and other electronic devices. The use of photographic equipment during the performance is strictly prohibited. Please recycle your program upon exiting by returning it to an usher.
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VIOLIN I
Charles Dimmick,
Concertmaster
Alice Lord-Hallstrom,
Assistant Concertmaster
Susan Shipley
Holly Ovenden
Julia Dianne Hunter
Morgan Scagliotti
Mark Paxson
Lisa Goddard*
Natalie Favaloro
Amy Sims
Kelsey Blumenthal*
Judith Lee+
Noemi Miloradovic
Wilson Pedrazas
Jennifer Hilliker

VIOLIN II
Benjamin Russell+, Principal
Mina Lavcheva*, Principal
Sasha Callahan,
Assistant Principal
Antoaneta Anguelova
Deirdre Oehrtmann
Matthew Watras
Clorinda Sawyer
David Parry
Lidija Peno-Natchev
Robert Anemone*

VIOLINCELLO
James Kennedy, Principal
& Katherine Graffam Chair
Richard Noyes,
Assistant Principal
William Rounds
Deborah Dabczynski
Barbara Paschke
Kathleen Foster
David Paschke
Joel Wolfe
Leo Eguchi

VIOLONCELLO
Joseph Holt, Principal
George Calvert,
Assistant Principal
Anthony D'Amico
Margaret Metcalf
George Rubino
Karen McCann

CONTRABASS
Joseph Holt, Principal
George Calvert,
Assistant Principal
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George Rubino
Karen McCann

FLUTE
Lisa Hennessy, Principal
Alison Hale
Rachel Braude

PICCOLO
Rachel Braude

OBOE
Amanda Hardy, Principal
& Clinton Graffam Chair
Stefani Burk
Julianne Verret

ENGLISH HORN
Julianne Verret

CLARINET
Thomas Parchman, Principal
Jan Halloran
John Korajczyk

BASS CLARINET
John Korajczyk

BASSOON
Janet Polk, Principal
Ardith Keef
Margaret Phillips

CONTRABASSOON
Margaret Phillips

HORN
John Boden, Principal
Carolyn Cantrell+
Richard Whitacre Hill
Nina Allen Miller

TRUMPET
Joseph Foley, Principal
Elizabeth Foley
Dana Oakes

TROMBONE
Nicholas Orovich, Principal
Greg Spiridopoulos+
Zach Guiles*
Mark Rohr
Mark Manduca

BASS TROMBONE
Mark Rohr

TUBA
Don Rankin, Principal

TIMPANI
John Tanzer, Principal

PERCUSSION
Nancy Smith, Principal
Richard S. Kelly
Gregory Simonds

HARP
Jara Goodrich, Principal

KEYBOARD
Janet Reeves, Principal

CONCERT MANAGER
Joseph Boucher

RECORDING ENGINEER
Gary Massey

+ On leave  * 1 year position
about the Artists

RICHARD G. NICKERSON, chorus master, has been Director of Choral Activities at Windham High School for the past 25 years. In addition to his duties in Windham, Dr. Nickerson is Minister of Music at North Windham Union Church. In constant demand as a guest conductor and clinician, Nickerson has made guest appearances in 18 states, three Canadian provinces, and eight European countries. Dr. Nickerson is listed in two editions of Who's Who in America, six editions of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, has been named a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year and, in 1996, was named Maine Music Educator of the Year. In May 2007, he was named Distinguished Choral Director by the Maine ACDA chapter.

The MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CHORUS is a group of 80 singers who are members of the Portland Community Chorus (Robert Westerberg, director; Jan Thomas, accompanist). They have spent many hours in rehearsals and most will perform in at least eight of the twelve concerts. The singers come from 28 communities extending from the Augusta area to points in southern York county and from the city of Portland to the western Maine town of Otisfield. They represent various age groups, from students to retirees, and a varied range of vocations, including homemakers, businesspeople, nurses, educators, clergy, musicians, and executives. There are singers onstage that have sung in every Magic of Christmas concert, while this year is the first for others.

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January 2011: It was a dark and stormy night. Andi Jackson-Darling, director of the Falmouth Memorial Library, and Nina Miller, staffer and French Hornist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, were looking glumly through the windows at the Maine winter at work. Soon their conversation turned to dreams of sun, surf and the sandy beaches of Hawaii. Somebody said the word ukulele....

One month later, on another dark and stormy night, eight people sat in a back room at the library, ukuleles in their eager hands. And so it began.

Nearly three years later, the FLUKES (Falmouth Memorial Library Ukulele EnSemble) boast a membership of over 40 members. During weekly Wednesday night rehearsals, led by their fearless leader, Nina, they’ve built a repertoire from many different musical genres, practicing, playing and most of all having a lot of fun. So far they have triumphantly toured Portland, Falmouth and Scarborough, and they’ve set their sights on Freeport and Biddeford for 2014.