

LIVERPOOL
PHILHARMONIC

CHRISTMAS

AT LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC



Welcome to Christmas at Liverpool Philharmonic.

Returning to the stage this season, hear Liverpool Philharmonic Hall fill with the sound of our full orchestra and voices from our choirs once more – we can't wait to come back together.

We're going in swinging with a Rat Pack-inspired *Swingin' Christmas*, featuring hits made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Nat King Cole before decking the halls for Liverpool's favourite *Spirit of Christmas* concerts, presented by John Suchet. For a full family singalong, we're back with *Santa's Countdown to Christmas* and as usual, fancy dress (not) optional!

And of course, no self-respecting set of Christmas traditions would be complete without a trip to see *It's A Wonderful Life*.

See in the New Year in New York style with the roaring 20s and fabulous 30s of *Puttin' on the Ritz*. And finally, join us for another great Philharmonic tradition, our annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*.



Swingin' Christmas

Saturday 11 December 7.30pm

Andrew Cottee *conductor*

Matt Ford *vocalist*

Kerry Ellis *vocalist*

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Dreaming of a White Christmas? Tonight holiday dreams come true, as Liverpool Philharmonic Hall welcomes you to the most tuneful Christmas party in town.

Join superstar composer, arranger and conductor

Andrew Cottee and star vocalists, including Matt Ford, for a glittering evening of seasonal favourites, made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland: the songs and Christmas music everyone loves, from 'Winter Wonderland' to 'The Christmas Waltz', wrapped up with a bow and delivered with a swing by the fabulous full Orchestra. You'd better believe it's the most wonderful time of the year!

Tickets

£48, £42, £36, £29, £19



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Spirit of Christmas

Friday 17 December 7.30pm

Saturday 18 December 7.30pm

Sunday 19 December 7.30pm

Tuesday 21 December 7.30pm

Wednesday 22 December 7.30pm

Thursday 23 December 7.30pm

Ian Tracey conductor

John Suchet presenter

Thomas Weinhappel baritone

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

**Members from the Royal Liverpool
Philharmonic Choir**

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir

‘A unique and magical musical selection
box; sensitive and sweeping, majestic and
merry. Glorious – Five (Sparkling) Stars.’



WirralGlobe

Christmas begins at home, as we gather our family of musicians and voices from our choirs for our traditional Spirit of Christmas concerts we'd like to invite you into our home, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, for our annual feast of festive music, old and new. There'll be classic carols and readings from our host, Classic FM's John Suchet. And all the way from Austria, with a voice as sweet as glühwein, baritone Thomas Weinhappel joins conductor Ian Tracey to serve up a stocking-full of good cheer.

Tickets

£51, £44, £40, £37, £24

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Family Concert

Santa's Countdown to Christmas

Saturday 18 December 11.30am & 2.30pm

Sunday 19 December 11.30am & 2.30pm



Ben Palmer conductor
Alasdair Malloy presenter
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Liverpool Philharmonic Children's Choirs

Christmas is a magical time for kids – and here on Hope Street, we're throwing a Christmas party that children of all ages can enjoy.

There'll be songs to sing, tunes to enjoy and a stocking full of festive surprises in this hour-long family concert featuring the Orchestra, our fabulous Children's Choirs – and who knows,

maybe, if we all sing loud enough, even a visit from Santa himself! Bring along some sleigh bells and jingle all the way in our Countdown to Christmas. The holiday season starts here...

Tickets
 £29, £18, £15 (adult)
 £16, £12, £10 (child)

Tickets for children under 18 months are free but must be booked in advance. We recommend the family concerts are most suitable for children aged 4-10 years.



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Film

It's a Wonderful Life (cert U)

Friday 24 December 11am & 2pm



Director Frank Capra
Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Henry Travers

Capra's perennial festive favourite, starring James Stewart as George Bailey - a desperate man offered salvation by an impish guardian angel. Beset with personal and professional problems, George finds his previously happy life falling apart around him on Christmas Eve. His guardian angel shows him what his beloved hometown of Bedford Falls would be like without him.

Shocked by what he sees and at the unforeseen circumstances of his absence, George reconsiders

and begs Clarence to return him to the problems of the present and the loving community he has fostered throughout his life.

Beautifully crafted and acted, its humour and gentleness imbued at times with an almost Dickensian darkness, the film is now a cult classic, one of the most popular and enduring of all Christmas traditions.

Featuring organ accompaniment from resident organist Dave Nicholas.

Tickets
 £17, £13, £10



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Puttin' on the Ritz

Friday 31 December 7.30pm

Martin Yates *conductor*
Soloists to include Sophie Evans and Lauren Samuels *vocalists*
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Join conductor Martin Yates and a line-up of sensational singers to bring in the New Year in style, with an evening of songs from the roaring 20s and the fabulous 30s! We'll be celebrating in style with songs including 'Cheek to Cheek',

'Let's Face the Music and Dance', 'I've Got You Under My Skin' and 'The Way You Look Tonight'... and of course, 'Puttin' on the Ritz'.

Tickets

£57, £52, £50, £42, £30



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Messiah

Saturday 8 January 7pm

Handel (ed. Mozart) *The Messiah*

Andrew Manze conductor

Carolyn Sampson soprano

Jess Dandy mezzo-soprano

Andrew Staples tenor

Darren Jeffery bass

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Members from the Royal Liverpool

Philharmonic Choir

Imagine all the joy, all the inspiration and all the majesty of Handel's *Messiah*, performed by Andrew Manze, members of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and four world class soloists. And now imagine if one of the greatest geniuses in

musical history gave it a makeover. Mozart loved *Messiah*, and from *Ev'ry Valley* and *The Trumpet Shall Sound* to the legendary *Hallelujah!* chorus itself, it's just as you remember it, but lightly dusted with Mozart's own special magic. The best just got better.

Tickets

£51, £44, £40, £37, £24



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Perfect Presents

Stuck for what to get for someone special this Christmas?

Gift Cards

Gift cards can be exchanged for a huge range of tickets for classical, pop, rock, folk, comedy and film events. So take the stress out of Christmas shopping and share the magic of Liverpool Philharmonic with your friends and family.

Order online at liverpoolphil.com or call 0151 709 2789

Dedicate a seat

If you're looking for an extra special gift for a music lover, or a lasting dedication for a loved one, make your mark on Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and dedicate a seat.

You'll also become a Silver Member and receive access to the 1840 room – our Private Members' Bar – for all Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra concerts, as well as invitations to exclusive events.

Prices from just £200 per year (or £15 per month).

To learn more, please call the Fundraising Team on 0151 210 2921, email fundraising@liverpoolphil.com or visit liverpoolphil.com/seat

Silver Membership

A present that's not just for Christmas! Gift a Silver Membership to the music lover in your life and they can enjoy the benefits all year, including: invitations to open rehearsals, use of our Private Members' Bar at Orchestral concerts with complimentary refreshments, an invitation to our Season Launch and priority booking for the Orchestral season.

Memberships from £150, and you'll receive a Liverpool Philharmonic Christmas card, and a Silver Membership card to give on the big day.

For more information, visit liverpoolphil.com/member, email fundraising@liverpoolphil.com, or call us on 0151 210 2921.



Booking information

How to Book

Online

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Telephone

(Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm)
0151 709 3789

In Person

(Monday-Friday noon-5pm)
Box Office
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Hope Street
Liverpool
L1 9BP

Box Office is open prior to an event for in-person ticket collection

Booking Fees

8% per ticket administrative fee, including postage. There is no charge for in person bookings.

Group Discounts

Generous group discounts of up to 20% are available for most concerts. For more details, email group.bookings@liverpoolphil.com or call 0151 709 3789.

Accessibility

Joining our free Access Scheme is the best way to help us provide you with the support you need, and to access a variety of information and benefits including complimentary tickets for carers, access to wheelchair and transfer seating. For more information and to join the scheme, visit liverpoolphil.com/access



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Getting Here

For directions, public transport and parking details, as well as information on refreshments, access and FAQs, [visit liverpoolphil.com/plan-your-visit](http://visit.liverpoolphil.com/plan-your-visit)

Entry Requirements

In line with current government guidance, seating within the Hall and Music Room will return to **normal configurations**, with no social distancing in place.

However, we will continue to be alert to changing conditions and government guidance with respect to Covid-19 and will modify our policies as necessary going forward and will communicate any changes to ticket holders. In the meantime, please check our website closer to the concert date for further guidance.

Audience Entry Requirements - COVID-19 Status

For entry to all events, ticketholders aged 18 and over (unless medically exempt), will need to demonstrate on arrival at the venue proof of COVID-19 status by providing:

- Proof of a negative NHS Rapid Lateral Flow Test (test to be taken up to 48 hours at home or at a test center prior to attending the event at the venue); **OR**
- Proof of full vaccination - both doses received (with the second dose at least 14 days prior to the arrival at the venue) by using the NHS App, an NHS Covid Pass letter (available by phoning 119 and selecting 'NHS Covid Pass Service'), or by presenting your Covid Vaccination Card or any overseas proof of vaccination status; **OR**
- Proof of natural immunity based upon a positive PCR test within 180 days of arrival at the venue (and after the 10-day self-isolation period following the result).

Those under the age of 18 should have verbal confirmation from a parent or guardian that they have not received a positive Covid-19 test.

The NHS COVID Pass is available through the NHS App, nhs.uk, or as a letter that can be requested by ringing NHS 119.

You will also be able to show text or email confirmation of test results or vaccine status.

Additional safety measures at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

We will continue to implement additional measures at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall including:

- An enhanced cleaning regime throughout the building
- Hand sanitizer provided throughout the building
- Increased ventilation of the venue
- All audience and staff members are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings

We ask all customers to be considerate and give fellow audience members their space in bars and public areas, as much as possible.

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