



NORTH CAROLINA **SYMPHONY**

A Candlelight Christmas

FRI, DEC 19, 2025 | 7:30PM
SAT/SUN, DEC 20-21, 2025 | 3PM
TUE, DEC 23, 2025 | 3PM & 7:30PM
 MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL, RALEIGH

Jeremy Tucker, *conductor*
 North Carolina Symphony Holiday Brass
 Raleigh Youth Choir

PROGRAM*

Antonio Vivaldi / Arr. David Marlatt
"Gloria in excelsis Deo" from Gloria

Johann Sebastian Bach / Arr. Chris Coletti
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (BWV 147)

Henry Gauntlett/Cecil Frances Alexander /
 Arr. David Willcocks
"Once in Royal David's City"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Traditional / Arr. Andy Beck
"Personent Processional"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

George Frideric Handel / Arr. Andy Beck
"Christmas Hornpipe"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Andy Beck/Andy Beck and Brian Fisher
"Christmas Is Coming"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Traditional / Arr. Don Gillis
"Coventry Carol"

Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych
"Carol of the Bells"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Traditional, trans. John Mason Neale/
 John Jacob Niles / Arr. Don Gillis
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and
"I Wonder as I Wander"

Traditional / Arr. David Willcocks
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Bernard de la Monnoye / Arr. Andy Beck
"Pat-A-Pan"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Luca Marenzio / Arr. Russ Howard
"Hodie Christus Natus Est"

Andy Beck/Andy Beck and Brian Fisher
"One Candle"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Andy Beck
"Sweet Silent Night"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

Traditional/Trans. Frederick Oakeley /
 Arr. David Willcocks
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 Raleigh Youth Choir

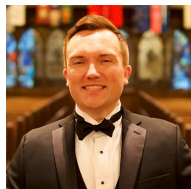
**This concert will be performed without an intermission.*

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About the Artists



Jeremy Tucker, *conductor*

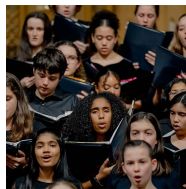
These concerts are the North Carolina Symphony debut for Jeremy Tucker.

Jeremy Tucker is the Artistic Director for the Raleigh Youth Choir and the Director of Arts Education for Wake County Public Schools. He has been recognized as "a leading NC choral conductor" by CVNC, the Cultural Voice of NC.

As an arts advocate, Tucker has served as the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Music and Theatre Arts Education Consultant and as the Director of Arts Education for Durham Public Schools. He currently serves as Advocacy Co-Chair for the NC Music Educators Association (NCMEA).

As an educator, Tucker taught elementary and high school choral music for 14 years and was a National Board Certified Teacher for over two decades. He is a past recipient of the North Carolina Symphony's Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Educator and the Raleigh Medal of Arts, and was named North Central NC Public Schools Regional Teacher of the Year.

As a conductor, Tucker was the Assistant Music Director for the National Broadway Tour of *Oliver! The Musical*. He has led numerous youth choirs and is a past President of the NC Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music from UNC-Greensboro.



Raleigh Youth Choir

The Raleigh Youth Choir most recently performed with the North Carolina Symphony Holiday Brass for concerts in 2023.

Originally founded in 1968 as the Raleigh Boychoir, the Raleigh Youth Choir (RYC) now serves hundreds of young singers from across the greater Raleigh area within its six different ensembles. In addition to performing with the North Carolina Symphony, recent season highlights include a benefit concert for Western NC that raised over \$22,000 and featured over 600 singers; a commissioned piece for the Raleigh Youth Choir using the singers' own words as the lyrics; and an upcoming European tour to France. For more information about RYC, visit www.raleighyouthchoir.org.

Raleigh Youth Choir Staff

Jeremy Tucker, *Artistic Director; Conductor, Sibley Singers*

Dr. Rebecca Strutt, *Conductor, Page Singers*

Amy Davis, *Conductor, Mosaic Choir*

Aaron Brown, *Conductor, Capital Choir*

Bo Reece, *Conductor, Oak Choir*

Casey Eaton, *Conductor, Acorn Choir*

Jenn Wolfe, *Collaborative Pianist*

Christopher Short, *Executive Director*

Maya Bryant, *Program Associate*

These choruses will perform with the Raleigh Youth Choir for the concerts listed here:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Parkside Elementary School, *Morrisville* - Kim Demery

Creech Road Magnet Elementary School, *Garner* - Casey Eaton

Enloe Chamber Trebles, *Raleigh* - Lauren Hallihan

SUNDAY & TUESDAY

Hunter Magnet Elementary School, *Raleigh* - Megan Yohman

Heritage Elementary School, *Wake Forest* - Barina Bailey

Enloe Chamber Trebles, *Raleigh* - Lauren Hallihan

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Verse 1)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels

(Chorus)

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

(Verse 2)

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultations,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God
In the highest
(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing
(Chorus)



The Musicians of the North Carolina Symphony

Carlos Miguel Prieto,
Music Director

*The Maxine and Benjamin
Swalin Chair*

Grant Llewellyn,
Music Director Laureate

Sophie Sze-Ki Mok,
Assistant Conductor
The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

Violin I

Justin Bruns, Concertmaster
*The Annabelle Lundy Fetterman
Chair*

Anna Black*,
Associate Concertmaster
*The Assad Meymandi and Family
Chair*

Karen Strittmatter Galvin,
Assistant Concertmaster

Rotating,
Assistant Concertmaster
The Anne Heartt Gregory Chair

Emily Rist Glover
The Jessie Wyatt Ethridge Chair

Paul Goldsberry
The Richard and Joy Cook Chair

Seula Lee
*The Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.
Chair*

Joseph Meyer*

Maria Meyer
*The Tom and Mary Mac Bradshaw
Chair*

K. Lee Morris
The Harvey At-Large Chair

Esther Roestan

Jessica Ryou
The James C. Byrd and Family Chair

Pablo Sánchez Pazos
The Phyllis ("Pat") Conrad Wells Chair

Erin Zehngut
The J. Felix Arnold Chair

Violin II

Jacqueline Saed Wolborsky,
Principal
The Nancy Finch Wallace Chair

Tiffany Kang, Associate Principal
The Blanche Martin Shaw Chair

David Kilbride, Assistant Principal
Qi Cao

Janet Gayer Hall

Chris Jusell

Oskar Ozolinch

Subin Shin

Jeanine Wynton

Viola

Samuel Gold, Principal
*The Florence Spinks and Charles
Jacob Cate and Alma Yondorf and
Sylvan Hirschberg Chair*

Kurt Tseng, Associate Principal
The Betty Ellen Madry Chair

Brian Sherwood, Assistant Principal
Petra Berényi

Amy Mason
The J. Sidney Kirk Chair

Daniel Moore
Sandra Schwarcz
*The Samuel H. and Anne Latham
Johnson Chair*

To Be Filled

Cello

Bonnie Thron, Principal
The June and Tom Roberg Chair

Elizabeth Beilman,
Associate Principal
*The Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorroh
Chair*

Peng Li, Assistant Principal
Anonymously Endowed

Yewon Ahn
Anonymously Endowed

Emma Cary
The Sara Wilson Hodgkins Chair

David Meyer
The Nell Hirschberg Chair

Marc Moskovitz*
The William Charles Rankin Chair

Nathaniel Yaffe
*The Secretary of Cultural Resources
Betty Ray McCain Chair*

Double Bass

Leonid Finkelshteyn, Principal
*The Martha and Peyton Woodson
Chair*

Joshua DePoint, Associate Principal
*The Dr. and Mrs. Preston H. Gada
Chair*

Bruce Ridge
*The John C. and Margaret P. Parker
Chair*

Jakob Gerritsen

To Be Filled
*The Harlee H. and Pauline G. Jobe
Chair*

Flute

Megan Torti, Principal
*The Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stephens
Chair*

Mary E. Boone, Assistant Principal
*The Dr. and Mrs. Shaler Stidham, Jr.
Chair*

Vaynu Kadiyali
The Jack and Sing Boddie Chair

Piccolo

Vaynu Kadiyali

Oboe

Melanie Wilsden, Principal
The Hardison and Stoltze Chair

Joseph Peters, Associate Principal
The Lizette T. Dunham Chair

Hoon Chang
The Clarence and Alice Aycock Poe Chair

English Horn

Joseph Peters
The Bruce and Margaret King Chair

Clarinet

Samuel Almaguer, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher Walker, II Chair

Sammy Lesnick, Assistant Principal
The Kathryn Powell and Green Flavie Cooper Chair

Bassoon

Aaron Apaza, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Hudson Chair

Wenmin Zhang, Assistant Principal,
The Beethoven Chair

French Horn

Rebekah Daley, Principal
The Mary T. McCurdy Chair

Kimberly Van Pelt, Associate Principal
The Paul R. Villard and Gabriel Wolf Chair

Gabriel Mairson
The James Marion Poyner Chair

Russell Rybicki
The Mary Susan Kirk Fulghum Chair

Trumpet

Paul Randall, Principal
The George Smedes Poyner Chair

Benjamin Hauser, Associate Principal
The Henry and Martha Zaytoun and Family Chair

Trombone

Devin Drinan, Principal
The Thomas Warwick Steed, Jr. Family Chair

John Ilika, Assistant Principal
The Frances Armour Bryant Chair

Bass Trombone

Matthew Neff
Anonymously Endowed

Tuba

Seth Horner, Principal
The Governor and Mrs. James G. Martin, Jr. Chair

Timpani

Colin Hartnett, Principal
The Patricia R., Steven T. and George F. Hackney III Chair

Percussion

Richard Motylinski, Principal
The Margery and Earl Johnson, Jr. Chair

Rajesh Prasad, Assistant Principal
The Abram and Frances Pascher Kanof Chair

Organ

To Be Filled
The Albert and Susan Jenkins and Family Organ Chair

Library

Stephanie Wilson, Principal Orchestra Librarian
The Mary Colvert and Banks C. Talley Chair

Taylor Troyer, Assistant Orchestra Librarian

*Acting position

**Leave of absence

Named musician chairs are made possible through very meaningful gifts to the Symphony's endowment. As such, these donor families are also members of the Lamar Stringfield Society.

All string players rotate stands on a periodic basis in each section with the exception of titled players: Principals, Associate Principals, and Assistant Principals.

The North Carolina Symphony is a member of the League of American Orchestras and the International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians.

The North Carolina Master Chorale is the Resident Chorus of the North Carolina Symphony.

The North Carolina Symphony Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of the Lupot violin from Arnold and Zena† Lerman.
†deceased

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