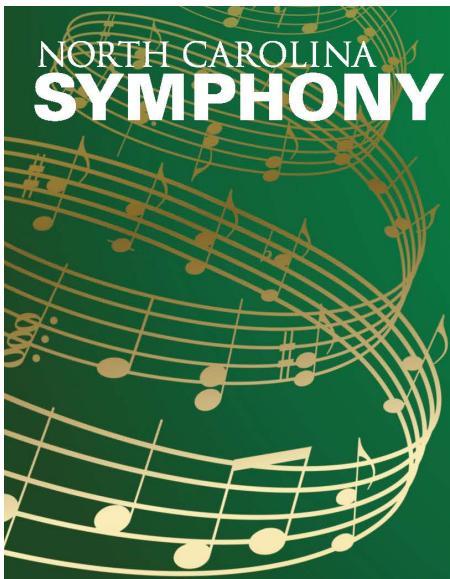


NORTH CAROLINA
SYMPHONY



HOLIDAY POPS

THU, DEC 11, 2025 | 3PM & 7:30PM

WILSON CENTER, WILMINGTON

Sophie Mok, conductor

PROGRAM

Leroy Anderson
"A Christmas Festival"

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Polonaise from *Christmas Eve*

Émile Waldteufel / Ed. Clark McAlister
"Skaters' Waltz," Op. 183

Traditional / Arr. Morton Gould
"Good King Wenceslas" from *Holiday Music*

Josef Strauss
"Winter Joy," Op. 121

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Waltz from *Eugene Onegin*

Various composers / Arr. Calvin Custer
"It's Christmastime, A Medley for Orchestra"

Irving Berlin / Arr. Robert Russell Bennett
"White Christmas"

Various composers / Arr. Robert Wendel
"Christmas a la Valse"

Maurice Ravel, Katherine Kennicott Davis /
Arr. Robert Wendel
"Little Bolero Boy"

Various composers / Arr. John Finnegan
"Christmas Singalong"

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CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

arranged by John Finnegan

Jingle Bells

(Refrain)

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells! jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

{verse)

Dashing through the snow,
In a one horse open sleigh;
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bob tail ring,
Making spirits bright;
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight! (Oh,)
(Repeat Refrain)

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky,
Looking down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep in the hay.

Deck the Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.



O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

(Refrain)

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

(Repeat Refrain)

About the Conductor



Sophie Mok, Assistant Conductor
The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

In 2024, Sophie Sze-Ki Mok began her tenure as Assistant Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. Since 2023, she has also served as Assistant Conductor of the Asian Youth Orchestra, where she worked alongside Joseph Bastian and Jader Bignamini. She has assisted esteemed conductors including Marin Alsop, Jonathon Heyward, Thomas Wilkins, and Tan Dun. Upcoming engagements include serving as cover conductor for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Previously, she was a Conducting Fellow with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and Assistant Conductor of the Frost Symphony Orchestra at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

Mok was selected to compete in the La Maestra Conducting Competition in 2024 and was one of several finalists to compete in Riccardo Muti's Italian Opera Academy in 2022. In 2019, she won second prize at the International Conductor's Competition held during the Deutsches Musikfest. For six years, she served as the conductor of the Hong Kong Youth Wind Philharmonia, mentoring young musicians from elementary school through college.

Born in Hong Kong, Mok began her musical journey as an oboist. She received her bachelor's degree in oboe performance from Hong Kong Baptist University and later furthered her studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she earned a master's degree. As a conductor, she holds a master's degree in orchestral conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), and an Artist Diploma in conducting from the University of Miami Frost School of Music under the tutelage of Gerard Schwarz.

The Musicians of the North Carolina Symphony

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Vaynu Kadiyali

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Anonymously Endowed

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*Acting position

**Leave of absence

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