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LEXINGTON SYMPHONY TO PRESENT HOLIDAY POPS! CONCERTS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Family-friendly afternoon and evening concerts will offer popular seasonal music and sing-alongs for all ages

Lexington, Massachusetts . . . Lexington Symphony and Music Director Jonathan McPhee will celebrate the holiday season on Saturday, December 5 with its annual Holiday POPS! concerts, which will take place at Cary Hall (1605 Massachusetts Avenue) in Lexington at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. These cheerful seasonal concerts — both of which are family-friendly — have become a cherished holiday tradition for families and people of all ages in Lexington and surrounding towns.

The 4:00 p.m. Holiday POPS! concert offers a 45-minute program suited for families with young children, many of whom will count this experience as their very first symphony concert. Featured in the program will be popular selections such as *The Harry Potter Suite*, *The Polar Express*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, as well as beloved holiday classics such as *Frosty the Snowman* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. A special visitor from the North Pole will also make an appearance, bringing the magic and joy of the holiday season to life for children and adults alike.

The 7:30 p.m. Holiday POPS! concert focuses on holiday favorites that evoke joyous memories. The program for this performance includes familiar and nostalgic holiday songs such as *March of the Wooden Soldiers*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, a selection of Irving Berlin tunes such as *Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep* and *White Christmas*, and other seasonal favorites.

Tickets for the 4 p.m. concert are \$8 for children 12 and under, and \$20 for adults (young children or infants who will remain on an adult's lap for the entire concert do not need tickets). Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$15 for students, and \$40 for adults. Early ticket purchase for these annual holiday concerts, which often sell out, is encouraged online at www.lexingtonsymphony.org or by phone at 781-523-9009. Based on availability, a limited number of tickets may be offered for purchase at the door.

*Lexington Symphony is a professional orchestra of devoted musicians who share a passion for classical music, a commitment to community engagement, and a dedication to exacting standards of performance. Offering six concerts each season, the Symphony reaches thousands of area youth annually with its award-winning educational outreach programs, including its program for third and fourth graders, *Orchestrating Kids Through Classics*.™*