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Mechanics Hall rings with festive sounds of the season *December holiday programs include two free, noontime concerts*

November 19, 2024 (Worcester, MA)—Throughout the month of December, Mechanics Hall’s acoustically rich Great Hall will be filled with festive holiday music performed by regional orchestras, choral and dance groups, renowned musicians, and soloists. The variety of programs includes something for everyone—from perennial favorites like the crowd-pleasing U.S. Navy Band Northeast and Dance Prism’s production of *The Nutcracker* to the soothing vocals of Cara Brindisi and a silent Christmas film accompanied by acclaimed improvisation organist Peter Krasinski. Complete information about the upcoming programs can be found on the Mechanics Hall website, mechanicshall.org, or by calling the Mechanics Hall Box Office at 508-752-5608. All programs will be held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester.

During the holiday season, Mechanics Hall, in partnership with Friendly House Inc. and the Worcester Area Mission Society, will host a Winter Coat Drive for new or gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. The warm clothing will be given to refugee and migrant families, who are new to Worcester and New England winters. From November 14 through December 31, community members can drop off donations at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or during evening events.

“Music and the holidays go hand in hand, and we are so pleased to invite our community to enjoy the most delightful sounds of the season with us here at Mechanics Hall. And we are grateful to the cultural partners and organizations who partner with us to present these exciting programs to the public,” said Kathleen Gagne, executive director of Mechanics Hall.



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Holiday programs at Mechanics Hall include the following:

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 p.m.

Music Worcester presents The Worcester Chorus performing Handel's *Messiah*

[For information and tickets, visit mechanicshall.org.](http://mechanicshall.org)

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.

Blissful Tea Party presents "Holiday Tea"

[For information and tickets, visit mechanicshall.org.](http://mechanicshall.org)

Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Holiday Concert with the U.S. Navy Band Northeast

Free admission

The perennial crowd favorite Navy Band Northeast teams up with the [New England Conservatory's](http://NewEnglandConservatory.org) Chamber Singers and Symphonic Winds to perform a broad repertoire of holiday classics in this Brown Bag Concert presented by Mechanics Hall and [90.5 FM WICN](http://90.5FMWICN.com). Navy Band Northeast is a thirty-five-musician ensemble based on board NAVSTA Newport and one of eleven official U.S. Navy bands worldwide. Attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch or purchase one at the Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. [Learn more about the U.S. Navy Band Northeast.](http://www.usnavyband.com)

[Photograph of the U.S. Navy Band performing at Mechanics Hall is available here.](#)

Saturday, December 14, 8:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra presents the 43rd "Annual Holiday Pops Concert"

[For information and tickets visit mechanicshall.org](http://mechanicshall.org)

Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Dance Prism presents "The Nutcracker Ballet"

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Wednesday, December 18, 12:00 p.m.

A Festive Performance of Holiday Music, presented by Mechanics Hall

Free admission

Mechanics Hall Principal Organist Peter Krasinski leads a festive musical program to celebrate the season of light, featuring well-known light classics and songs of the season. Krasinski is joined by the acclaimed All Saints Church Choir, directed by Kevin Neel, and soloist Christon Carney. The program includes an audience sing-along and a showing of the short silent film, *A Christmas Story* by Thomas Edison, accompanied by Krasinski on the organ. Attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch or purchase one at the Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. [To learn more visit the Mechanics Hall website.](#)

[Photograph of Peter Krasinski is available here.](#)

Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

Cara Brindisi in Concert: Third Annual Winter Solstice Celebration

[For information and tickets, visit *mechanicshall.org*.](#)

Saturday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.

Worcester Youth Orchestra presents "Annual Holiday Family Pops"

[For information and tickets, visit *mechanicshall.org*.](#)

Saturday, December 28, 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Bob Marley Comedy Show

[For more information and tickets, visit *mechanicshall.org*.](#)

The accessible entrance to Mechanics Hall is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.

About Mechanics Hall

Mechanics Hall is internationally regarded as one of the world's great concert halls for its superb acoustics and 19th-century elegance. Regionally, it is widely considered to be Worcester's finest meeting place. The world's most renowned orchestras and performers—from the London Philharmonic to Yo-Yo Ma and Ella Fitzgerald to



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Linda Ronstadt—have taken the Hall’s stage. Among the many luminaries who have spoken at Mechanics Hall are Charles Dickens, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and Mark Twain. In addition to serving as a premiere venue and recording site, Mechanics Hall offers inspiring cultural experiences for diverse audiences through a variety of creative initiatives—including free concerts, community events, a youth chorus, and collaborative programs with local colleges and non-profit organizations.

A non-profit organization, Mechanics Hall is owned and operated by the Worcester County Mechanics Association (est. 1842). It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Learn more at mechanicshall.org.

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