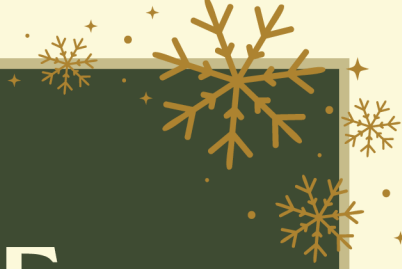


New Hazlett Theater Presents

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON



SATURDAY
DEC 13TH





ABOUT THE SHOW

New Hazlett Theater presents the family-friendly holiday concert of the year. Gather your friends, family, and festive spirit for an unforgettable evening of holiday music that blends jazz, soul, and global rhythms. *Sounds of the Season* brings together some of Pittsburgh's most celebrated artists – alongside internationally recognized performers – for a joyful concert that welcomes all ages and all traditions. Whether you're coming for the soaring vocals, the soulful sound, the big-band energy, or simply to kick off the season with community and cheer, this is a night that will leave you glowing from the inside out. Perfect for families, friend groups, youth ensembles, faith communities, office outings, and more.

THANK YOU

Aunt Joyce Cardello, Mama Justine Korey, Tanika Harris

We Invite You

Join us in the lobby after the show to meet the artists!





SET LIST

Sleigh Ride

Do You Hear What I Hear

Zuly Inirio, Kendra Ross,
Brendan Williams

Barcarolle

Zuly Inirio

Little Drummer Boy

Kendra Ross

Baby, Please Come Home

Zuly Inirio

Let it Snow

Zuly Inirio & Brendan Williams

The Christmas Song

Brendan Williams

Joy to the World

Zuly Inirio, Kendra Ross,
Brendan Williams

Violin Solo

Omari Imhotep Abdul-Alim

Ave María

Zuly Inirio

Silver Bells

Kendra Ross & Brendan Williams

I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm

Kendra Ross

Estrellita

Zuly Inirio

Carol of the Bells

Hugo Cruz and Band

Oh, Holy Night

Zuly Inirio, Brendan Williams

Feliz Navidad

Zuly Inirio, Kendra Ross
Brendan Williams



WHO'S WHO

Dr. Zuly Inirio

is an Afro-Latina Dominican-American soprano, scholar, and advocate redefining classical music through equity and cultural representation. As founder of the Afro-Latinx Song & Opera Project and Executive Director of Instituto Cimarrón, she uplifts historically excluded voices in the arts. Her performances and research have reached audiences from Carnegie Hall to international stages, inspiring transformation across communities. Through her artistry and leadership, Dr. Inirio bridges culture, healing, and social justice to create lasting impact.

Hugo Alexander Cruz Machado

is a Cuban-born, award-winning, international drummer and composer who has performed in South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Mexico, Chile, Venezuela, and the United States. Hugo is the leader of the group Caminos, who have made appearances at Pittonkatonk music festival, the Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival 2019, Fábrica de Artes in Havana, Cuba, First Night Pittsburgh 2020, City of Asylum, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust events, The Frick Museum, Con Alma, Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, Carnegie Music Hall Oakland, and Pittsburgh PlayHouse.

Kendra Janelle Ross, PhD

is an award-winning singer, songwriter, and cultural worker whose music lives where soul meets liberation and justice. Blending gospel, jazz, rock, blues, folk, and R&B, her debut album *New Voice* earned *SoulTracks.com's* New Artist of the Year. She's shared stages with Gregory Porter, Lalah Hathaway, and Babyface, and is now completing *This Womanist Work*, a powerful new collaborative EP celebrating Black women's stories through song and sisterhood.



WHO'S WHO

Brendan Williams

is a proud native of Pittsburgh, born in the Historic Hill District. Brendan is the proud owner and CEO of B. Classy Styling LLC and Classy Living Interiors, which he started in 2009. His work has been published in several magazines in Pittsburgh and in the Atlanta area. He is also a vocalist, known not just by his local community but nationally and internationally, having the opportunity to sing background for various gospel and R&B recording artists, and has even made appearances in Rome at the Vatican.

Omari Imhotep Abdul-Alim | Violinist

A versatile violinist and educator with a Master's from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor's from UMKC. With over a decade of performance and teaching experience, he inspires young musicians by captivating audiences worldwide. As the resident Beckom-Freeman Teaching Artists, Omari teaches private lessons, group classes, and chamber music around Pittsburgh through partnerships with Hope Academy, Guardians of Sound Hip Hop Orchestra and Youth Chamber Connection.

Mike Tomaro | Saxophonist

Saxophonist, composer, arranger, and jazz educator who recently retired from Duquesne University. Prior to this, he was a member of the Army Blues jazz ensemble in Washington, D.C. Mike is a Yamaha Performing Artist and Vandoren Diamond Artist. He has many recording credits on nationally released CDs, including 5 of his own and over 250 published compositions and arrangements that have been performed by school, amateur, and professional jazz ensembles all over the world. Mike is co-author of the textbook, *Instrumental Jazz Arranging: A Comprehensive and Practical Guide*.



WHO'S WHO

Craig Davis | Piano

is a seasoned jazz pianist with over 30 years of experience as a performer and educator. A Pittsburgh native, he studied under drummer Roger Humphries and earned degrees from Indiana University and Manhattan School of Music. He has performed with the Artie Shaw Orchestra and Sean Jones' quintet and debuted as a leader at NYC's Kitano. His album *Tone Paintings* (MCG Jazz) earned 4½ stars in *DownBeat* and featured John Clayton and Jeff Hamilton.

Brian Stahurski | Bass

received his formal education at Duquesne University, earning a bachelor's degree in jazz performance in 1989 while studying with Jeffrey Mangone, and a master's degree in performance in 1992 while studying with Anthony Bianco. Since then, he has performed with the Pittsburgh Ballet Orchestra, major Broadway touring productions, the Wheeling Symphony, WQED's *Live from Studio A* on PBS television, and various Jazz, Blues, Salsa, Pop, and Rock artists around Pittsburgh.

Melissa Cardello-Linton | Director, Artistic Producer

is a director, producer, and actor with years of experience developing new works in NYC, including an Off-Broadway run and a PBS *Allarts* feature. As an AEA and SAG member, Melissa has worked across stage and screen. @melissacardellolinton

Livie Johnston | Stage Manager

First Masters in Arts Management student at Carnegie Mellon University and is so grateful to be working with the Hazlett this year! They graduated from Smith College this past spring and have been involved in theater/the performing arts in almost every aspect except stage management, until now!



NEW HAZLETT STAFF

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