

# roanoke symphony orchestra holiday pops spectacular

Saturday, December 7, 2024, 4 PM

Street and Davis Performance Hall, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre







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David Stewart Wiley, conductor Michael Lynche, vocalist

Roanoke Symphony Chorus John Hugo, chorus master

Virginia Tech University Choir Dwight Bigler, director

Presented in partnership with the New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra

The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra is partially supported by funding from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Secular Society.



# program

A Christmas Scherzo Arr. Sebestky

Silent Night
Traditional; arr. Tyzik

Christmas Gift Lynche; arr. Tyzik

A Musicological 12 Days of Christmas Arr. Courtney

Welcome Christmas from The Grinch Dr. Seuss/Hague/ Wiley

O Holy Night Traditional; arr. Tyzik

The First Noel
Traditional; arr. Bigler

Orchestra

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Choruses and orchestra

Choruses and orchestra

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra



### 20-minute intermission

Enter Guest Arr. Wiley

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Arr. Sochinski Orchestra

Trepak from The Nutcracker Tchaikovsky

Orchestra

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Traditional; arr. Tyzik Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Every Merry Christmas Lynche; arr. Tyzik

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Joy to the World Traditional; arr. Tyzik

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

Christmas Carol Sing-along Arr. Finnegan

Lynche, choruses, and orchestra

# sing-along lyrics

### 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 thro' the snow, In a one-horse open sleigh; O'er the elds we go, Laughing all the way; Bells on bobtail 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 A 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, good will
to men,
From heav'n'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 th' 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.

The cattle are lowing,
The poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
'Til morning is nigh.

### **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 Yuletide 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.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n
above;
Glory to God in the highest

(Repeat Refrain)

# roanoke symphony orchestra roster

David Stewart Wiley, music director and conductor

### **FIRST VIOLIN**

Akemi Takayama, concertmaster John Irerra Larry Chang Caroline Stephenson Caroline Jarrell Brooke Mahanes Vladimir Kromin

### SECOND VIOLIN

Shaleen Powell
Zachary Windsor
Camellia Delk
Casey Mink
Donna Stewart
Virginia Willis

#### VIOLA

Satoko Rickenbacker, principal Sam Phillips Lindsey Parsons David Phillips Bryan Matheson

### **CELLO**

Kelley Mikkelsen, principal Matthew Reffner Cesar Colmenares

### **BASS**

J. Michael Priester Millie Martin

### **FLUTE**

Alycia Hugo Julee Hickcox

### **PICCOLO**

Julee Hickcox

### **OBOE**

Alyssa McKeithen Meredith McCree

### **CLARINET**

Carmen Eby Jeff Midkiff

### **BASSOON**

Scott Bartlett Scott Cassada

### HORN

Chris Caudill Abigail Pack Shane Iler Avery Blegan

### **TRUMPET**

Paul M. Neebe Thomas Bithell Jacob Landau

### **TROMBONE**

Jay Crone Dayl Burnett

### TUBA

Brandon Smith

### **TIMPANI**

Annie Stevens

### **PERCUSSION**

Roger Duvall Michael Grogan

### **KIT**

Eric Willie

### **KEYBOARD**

Wayne Gallops

### **ELECTRIC GUITAR**

Michael Havens

### **BASS GUITAR**

Brian Wahl

### **HARP**

Winifred Garret

# roanoke symphony chorus roster

John Hugo, chorus master

### **SOPRANO**

Ann Hodges Carrie Turnbull Caterhine Vos Cindy Lee Clair Spencer Crystal Beliveau Heather Armstrong Janice Mosley Jayne Vest **Kyoko Jennings** Laura Rawlings LeAta Jackson Mary Eggleston Michele Cordle Oliva Forbes Rachael McNeill Sandra McClanahan Suzy Wilson

### **ALTO**

Beth Spiker
Deb Cobb
Deneille Hoffman
Eileen O'Connor
Ellen Agee
Ellen Woodworth
Janice Mosley
Kathleen Morra-Sloan
Lauren Wood
Laura Halsetine

Lena Ayuk Michele Green Monica Ryan Rachel Keller Susan Goode

### **TENOR**

Ben Spiker Colin Watts David Skole Dennis Guthrie Floyd Boone John Hugo Lee Learman Otis Kenny Tom Terry

### **BASS/BARITONE**

Bill Rutledge
Bryan Barger
Ian Lowdon
Jeffrey Vick
Josh Mayer
Michael Sloan
Michael Vos
Ralph Kopera
Roger Crockett
Steve Vest
Taral Jella
Terry Johnston
Tom Magri

# virginia tech choirs roster

Dwight Bigler and Dominique Gonzales, conductors

### SOPRANO

Kiele Armstrona Mary Stanford Austin Hannah Baker Caroline Bell Tyara Ceballos Gallego Megan Christle Julianna Daniel Taylor Davis Ellie Dunn Ally Fitzgerald Kero Halko Molly Kirsch Erin Krug Manu Mishima Rama Mittal Grace Paul Ai-vi Ribler Elena Roe Katherine Robinson Rupabali Samanta Marina Segreve Abi Starr **Emily Staton** Flizabeth Windt Winnie Xiao

### **ALTO**

Ally Burkwall Emma Choberka Lilv Coussens Claire Doody Lydia Falardeau Katherine Halick Laitlin Luberus Zoev Martin 7oe Mazur Megan McBride Alexsa McKeown Sarah Pendergraft Makayla Reed Caroline Rogers Olivia Skinner Sabrina Suarez Gabby Theunissen **Emilie Verton** Jaimie Wal

### **TENOR**

Nicolas Alayza Nate Beckstrand David Hayes Brendan Lobo James Madamba Erubey Mendiola Daniel Moir Alejandro Molina Diego Muro Sunny Prasad Xander Ramirez Will Tinnemeyer Jeremy Wang

#### BASS

Mark Bender Aprameyo Chakravarty Jack Chunko Walker Crews Ken Edmison A.J. Fucito Louis Harris Matthias Kozusko Joshua Leavitt Ramal Mitchell Paul Schakel Nick Siew Aidan Walker Hayden Walters Brian Washington Tamir Zharmagambetov

# biographies

# michael lynche, vocalist



American Idol Michael Lynche is a new breed of soul singer with completely classic influences. Traces of Donny Hathaway, Al Green, Luther Vandross, Sam Cooke, and James Brown all seem to flash in this uniquely talented performer. Undeniable charisma, well-crafted song arrangements and a voice soaked in soul give the big man class all his own. "Big Mike" — as he was known while winning over the hearts of a nation

during his stint on American Idol — has talent so versatile, he's played intimate jazz and blues clubs; 20,000-seat arenas; and opera halls with 100-piece orchestras backing him. Through it all "Big Mike" has always had one singular goal: to spread a message of love wherever he goes.

A New York City resident for the last 15+ years, this Florida native rose from obscurity as a finalist on season nine of the hit phenomenon *American Idol*. After wowing millions of fans on *American Idol* with his comforting and powerful voice and performing throughout the United States as part of the *American Idol LIVE!* Tour, "Big Mike" has released two studio albums; toured as an opening act for Boyz II Men, Lalah Hathaway, Faith Evans, and Lyfe Jennings; and toured the world with his honest storytelling brand of soul music.

Since 2012 Big Mike has been a frequent featured guest vocalist with Maestro Jeff Tyzik and his hit show, *Let's Dance!*. With the perfect repertoire to showcase his dynamic song range, *Let's Dance!* has been performed with orchestras all over the U.S. and Canada, including the Dallas Symphony, Utah Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, Toronto Symphony, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and many more.

Tyzik has been an incredible mentor for Lynche over the years, recognizing a passion and drive in the big man that has made his own career successful. The two have spent the last years collaborating on new, sensational, soul-inspired *Pops* concerts, including *R&B Legends*, *Kings of Soul*, and *Dancing in the Street – The Music of Motown*.

# biographies, cont.

"Big Mike" brings an inspirational story and a searing, soulful, one-of-a-kind voice. He leaves you breathless and wanting more when the night is over. This extraordinary vocal talent seamlessly fuses classic R&B, thoroughly modern urban grooves, and swoon-worthy vintage soul into a fresh, unique sound. Big, yes — and beautiful, too; Michael Lynche makes music that's unforgettable.

# david stewart wiley, music director and conductor



Maestro David Stewart Wiley has conducted such distinguished symphonies as Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Minnesota, Saint Louis, Oregon, Hawaii, and Utah, as well as in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. This May 2024 he returned to guest conduct the Boston Pops in historic Symphony Hall, having made his triple debut with the Boston Pops as conductor,

composer, and piano soloist a few years ago. Wiley continues to conduct regularly in New York, and also appears throughout the U.S. as pianist, composer, and conductor — with engagements including Symphonicity in Kansas City, as well as many others in about 40 U.S. states.

Wiley enjoys a multifaceted career as an orchestra builder, guest conductor, arranger, educator, and chamber music collaborator, and inspires and engages both orchestras and audiences. Under his direction since 1996, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra (RSO) has experienced continued artistic growth, program innovation and expansion, and increased financial stability, and the RSO board recently renewed his contract for four additional years. His tenure with the RSO is a remarkable success story, with stellar reviews, a diverse list of guest artists and composers, and innovative commissions of new music. Wiley is an active community partner and recognized celebrity, having been named Roanoke's "Citizen of the Year" for his outstanding service and outreach.

Wiley was part of the leadership team who traveled to Denver as Roanoke received its unprecedented seventh "All-American City" award. The RSO and Wiley received a Distinguished Music Educator Award from Yale University for their partnership with local schools. The RSO produced its first live TV broadcast and collaborates with WVTF public radio to broadcast many of its concerts. Wiley's energetic work bringing classical music to youth in minority communities has been steadfast, and he was honored by the NAACP as Citizen of the Year in the Arts for his service. He and his wife, Leah, were honored at the MS Society's "Dinner of Champions" for their leadership, and Wiley was honored during his 25<sup>th</sup> season by the governor and a joint bipartisan resolution in the Virginia house and senate. The RSO has an endowment fund in his honor.

As a solo pianist with diverse classical, pops, and chamber music experience, Wiley has performed with numerous orchestras in the United States, including Boston, Minnesota, Indianapolis, Oregon, Honolulu, Wheeling, and West Virginia, as well as in China, Russia, Romania, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Czech Republic, and Bulgaria. Opera and ballet performances include the Aspen Opera Theater, IU Opera Theater, and the Moscow Ballet. Wiley plans and facilitates an innovative experience with business executives and musicians together on stage, *Conducting Change*, which helps executives to model leadership skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere with a live orchestra.

Festival engagements included the Aspen Music Festival, Brevard Music Center, Garth Newel, Wintergreen, Park City (Utah), Minnesota Orchestra Summerfest, and the Sitka (Alaska) and Prince Albert (Hawaii) summer music festivals. From 1999 until 2006 Wiley was the artistic director and conductor of the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, where he founded and built the festival orchestra, created the student academy, and led the festival to remarkable artistic growth in seven years, tripling the balanced budget. He continues as artistic director of Virginia's Blue Ridge Music Festival in Floyd.

As a composer, Wiley wrote symphonic music for the film *Lake Effects*, which featured a symphonic soundtrack performed by the RSO. Wiley's CDs include *French Cello Concerti* with Zuill Bailey and the Roanoke

# biographies, cont.

Symphony on Delos International; Beethoven's Symphony no. 9, Choral, with the RSO and Choruses; and American Piano Concertos with Norman Krieger and the RSO on Artisie 4, which includes Wiley's third piano concerto. He has released Wiley & Friends: Classical Jazz; American Trumpet Concertos with the Slovak Radio Symphony/Neebe; violin/piano duo CD Preludes & Lullabies with Akemi Takayama; Sempre Libera with soprano Adelaide Trombetta; a solo piano CD with all original compositions, Full Circle; and Piano Bells.

David Stewart Wiley won the Aspen Conducting Prize, was assistant conductor for the Aspen Music Festival, and was awarded a conducting fellowship at Tanglewood. Wiley holds both a doctor and master of music in conducting from Indiana University, a degree in piano performance with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a degree in religion, *summa cum laude*, from Tufts University. He is a recipient of the Perry F. Kendig Prize for service to the arts and is a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International. Wiley and wife Leah have two sons in college here in the Commonwealth. Find more at davidstewartwiley.com.

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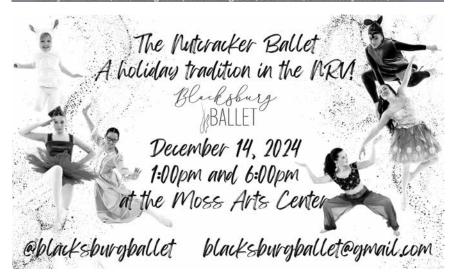
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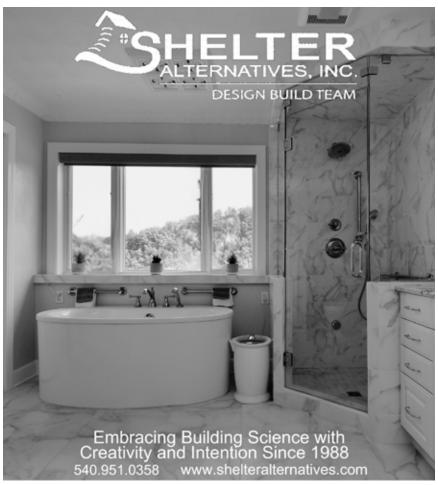
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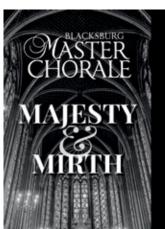


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