

## 12th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert

Presented by Lynn University
Friends of the Conservatory of Music

3 p.m. | Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014 Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center





# Welcome to the 12th annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert

Each year, this much-anticipated community event draws parents, grandparents and children together to celebrate the holidays and share a musical afternoon with friends and family.

Guillermo Figueroa, Lynn Conservatory's music director and conductor, leads this afternoon's program performed by our superb Lynn Philharmonia Orchestra.

Your ticket purchase or sponsorship to today's concert benefits one of the finest conservatories of music within a university environment. Without your support, our talented conservatory students, who hail from around the world and comprise one of the most internationally diverse student bodies in the country, would not be able to receive Lynn's high level of music performance education.

Today's concert is made possible through the leadership of Deanna Wheeler and Barbi Block, who serve as co-chairs. We are grateful to them, and all the Friends of the Conservatory of Music, for their dedication in making the Gingerbread Holiday Concert one of Boca Raton's most beloved annual holiday traditions.

Thank you for celebrating the holidays with us and for your support of the Conservatory of Music.

Happy holidays from our Lynn University family to yours.

Kevin M. Ross

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President

## Musical program

#### A Christmas Overture (Variations on Deck the Halls)

Jeff Tyzik

#### Winter Wonderland

Felix Bernard / arr. by Hermann

#### Nutcracker Suite No. 1, op. 71a

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

- March
- Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
- Russian Dance, Trepak

#### Santa Clause Is Comin' To Town

J. Fred Coots / arr. by Bob Cerulli Seanna Pereira, voice

#### O Holy Night

Adolphe Charles Adam / arr. by Jeffrey E. Turner Seanna Pereira, voice

#### Festive Sounds of Hanukah

Arr. by Bill Holcombe

#### C'est Noël mon ami

Raoul Guillaume / orch. by Julio Racine

#### Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

#### Mis zeh Hidlik (Behold the Lights)

Jeff Tyzik

Paul Chinen, English Horn

#### White Christmas

Irvina Berlin

#### A Merry Christmas Sing-Along

Arr. by Robert Wendel

#### Radetsky March, op. 228

Johann Strauss, Jr.

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#### The Friends of the Conservatory of Music

The Friends of the Conservatory of Music is a volunteer organization formed to promote high quality performance education for exceptionally talented young musicians. For some students, meeting the costs associated with a first-rate music performance education can be highly challenging. This dedicated group provides financial support for many annual and endowed scholarships. Since its establishment in 2003, the Friends has raised significant funds through annual gifts and special events. Today's Gingerbread Holiday Concert is chief among them.



#### The Lynn University Conservatory of Music

Lynn University's Conservatory of Music has established a standard of musical excellence that is unmatched by many older and larger institutions. Formerly the music division of the world-class Harid Conservatory, the program moved to Lynn in 1999. In 2005, noted pianist, conductor and academician Jon Robertson was named dean. Under his leadership, the conservatory has thrived with a world-class artist faculty, highly talented and motivated students and first-rate performances. The conservatory offers programs of study leading to Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees, as well as Professional Performance Certificates. In summer 2014, the Conservatory of Music relocated to its new home on Lynn's campus—the Count and Countess de Hoernle International Center—which provides spacious quarters for instruction and practice and convenient proximity to the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall and the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center.

#### The Lynn University Philharmonia

Under the artistic direction of Maestro Guillermo Figueroa, the Lynn Philharmonia attains a professional level of performance, enjoying tremendous public support and critical acclaim.

#### Lynn University

Lynn University is an independent, innovative college based in Boca Raton, Florida. With more than 2,000 students from 90 countries and nearly all 50 U.S. states, the school is consistently ranked among the top five most international schools by *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Colleges. Lynn's NCAA Division II Fighting Knights have won 22 national titles, its Conservatory of Music features a world-renowned faculty of performers, and its nationally recognized Institute for Achievement and Learning empowers students with learning differences to become independent learners. The school's Dialogues of Learning curriculum, award-winning iPad program and international student base help Lynn graduates gain the intellectual flexibility and global experience to fulfill their potential in an ever-changing world. For more information, **visit lynn.edu**.



#### Guillermo Figueroa

Conductor, violinist and violist Guillermo Figueroa is currently music director and conductor of the Music in the Mountains Festival in Durango, Colorado; music director of the Lynn Philharmonia and professor of violin at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music in Florida.

Figueroa was the music director of the New Mexico Symphony for 10 years, as well as music director of the Puerto Rico Symphony for six seasons. He is the founder and artistic director of The Figueroa Music and Arts Project in Albuquerque. International appearances as guest conductor have included the symphony orchestras of Toronto, Iceland, Cordoba (Spain), Xalapa, Baltic Symphony in Poland and the National Symphony of Mexico. In the United States, he has appeared with the symphony orchestras of Detroit, Phoenix, Tucson and Memphis, among others.

As a violinist, Figueroa received a Latin Grammy nomination in 2012 for his recording of Ernesto Cordero's violin concertos for the Naxos label. He was a founding member and concertmaster of the acclaimed Orpheus Chamber Orchestra for nearly 30 years. From 1991 to 2001 he was concertmaster and guest conductor of the New York City Ballet. He has given the premieres of four violin concertos written for him by Ernesto Cordero, Mario Davidovsky, Miguel del Aguila and Harold Farberman. An accomplished violist, he appears as guest with the Fine Arts, American, Orion and Amernet quartets. He studied with his father and uncle at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico and with Oscar Shumsky at the Juilliard School.



#### Seanna Pereira, guest artist

At the tender age of 9, Seanna Pereira is already quite accomplished. She discovered her love for singing and acting at 2, and has been going full speed ahead developing her craft with vocal and acting training. Seanna is making her dreams come true of being a film, Broadway and television star; and has just finished filming the upcoming Worldwide Theatricals movie, Ruby Strangelove, where she is the lead actor and performs 12 original songs—creating her first solo CD. Additionally, she has been the requested artist performing the National Anthem at many major events.

## Thank you!

We are happy to report that last year's Gingerbread Holiday Concert raised more than \$110,000 through table sponsorships, ticket purchases and centerpiece sales. This is a new record!

These funds are vital in providing much-needed scholarships for deserving conservatory students so that they may offer you, the audience, the high level of performance that you are enjoying today. The students, faculty and staff extend a sincere thank you to everyone whose gifts contributed to a record year in 2013.

And we can't forget Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you for joining us today. We know how busy your schedule is this time of year, but the Gingerbread Holiday Concert wouldn't be the same without you. Thanks to our gingerbread man and woman who join us each year as well.

A special thank you goes to Marilyn Wick of The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum for loaning us character costumes.

## A merry Christmas sing-along

#### Deck the Halls

Deck the halls 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.

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la, la la la, la la la.

Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la. While I tell of Yule tide treasure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la.

#### Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow, In a one horse open sleigh, O'er the fields 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! 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.





#### 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; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### Silent Night

(Humming...)

## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Good tidings we bring to you and you kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year.

We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas; We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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