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The Cleveland Orchestra adds *Elf in Concert* and *The Princess Bride* to 2023–24 Severance season



Jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut to perform score from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Presale tickets available starting July 10 as part of Christmas in July

CLEVELAND – Additions to The Cleveland Orchestra’s 2023–24 Severance season will have you singing “Christmas Time is Here” during the month of July. The Cleveland Orchestra announced on Monday more movies and more ways to celebrate the holidays.

Elf in Concert, featuring the 2003 film on the big screen with live orchestral accompaniment, is sure to delight audiences at Severance Music Center on December 19 and 20. On February 16, experience *The Princess Bride* like you’ve never seen before with The Cleveland Orchestra performing the entire musical score live-to-picture. These films are in addition to the previously announced classical season concerts of the Academy Award–winning *Amadeus Live* on September 21, 22, 23, and 24 with The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.

Jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut will come to Severance Music Center on December 8 to perform from his 2000 album *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. One of the most acclaimed jazz artists of our time puts his own touch on Vince Guaraldi’s music written for the iconic 1965 animated television special of the same name.

The fun continues in December with The Cleveland Orchestra Holiday Concerts, featuring conductor Brett Mitchell, singer Capathia Jenkins, and The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. There are 12 performances, including a just-added matinee on Friday, December 22.

Presale tickets for *Amadeus Live*, *Cyrus Chestnut & Friends: A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Elf in Concert*, and *The Princess Bride* are available for donors, subscribers, and past movie buyers starting July 10 at 10 a.m. Sales to the general public start July 17. Tickets for The Cleveland Orchestra Holiday Concerts are on sale now.

Buy your tickets by going to clevelandorchestra.com, calling Ticket Services at 216-231-1111, or visiting the box office at Severance Music Center.

Images available for [download here](#).

Calendar listings:

Amadeus Live

Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 2 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Richard Kaufman, *conductor*

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus

Amadeus (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Amadeus is a screen triumph, a sumptuous period epic, a soaring celebration of the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Winner of eight Academy Awards®, *Amadeus* tells the story of Vienna court composer, Antonio Salieri (F. Murray Abraham) and the envy that consumes him upon discovering that the divine musical gifts he has so longed for all his life have been bestowed on a bawdy, vulgar, and impish young composer, Mozart (Tom Hulce). Salieri's envy fuels his plot to destroy the man, while all the while unable to tear himself away from the genius of his music.

Cyrus Chestnut & Friends: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Friday, December 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Cyrus Chestnut, *piano*

Acclaimed jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut performs the Peanuts' holiday favorites like "Linus and Lucy," "Christmas Time is Here," and "O Tannebaum" from Vince Guaraldi's classic score.

Cleveland Orchestra Holiday Concerts

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Brett Mitchell, *conductor*

Capathia Jenkins, *vocals*

Cleveland Orchestra Choruses

A heartwarming holiday concert for the whole family. Celebrate the Christmas season with performances by The Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus, featuring sing-alongs and a very special guest—all in the festive splendor of Mandel Concert Hall.

CIBC is the exclusive Presenting Sponsor of The Cleveland Orchestra's 2023 Holiday Concerts.

Elf in Concert

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Brett Mitchell, *conductor*

Elf (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Buddy was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised among Santa's elves. Unable to shake the feeling that he doesn't fit in, the adult Buddy travels to New York, in full elf uniform, in search of his real father. This holiday season relive this heartwarming holiday classic on a giant screen as every note of John Debney's wonderful score is played live to picture in: *Elf in Concert!*

The Princess Bride

Severance Music Center, Mandel Concert Hall

Friday, February 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Sarah Hicks, *conductor*

The Princess Bride (full film with live orchestral underscore)

Fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles... Experience one of the most beloved films of all time as never before... with the power of a full orchestra performing the entire musical score live-to-picture!

Directed by Rob Reiner, *The Princess Bride* features an all-star cast including Robin Wright, Cary Elwes, Wallace Shawn, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Billy Crystal, Carol Kane, Christopher Guest, Fred Savage, and André the Giant.

The great Peter Falk narrates this romantic tale of the beautiful maiden, Buttercup, and her one true love, a young farm hand named Westley. After he's captured by a ruthless pirate and presumed dead, Buttercup's unhappy marriage to the horrible Prince Humperdinck seems inevitable. But before the wedding can take place, she's kidnapped by three outlaws and it's up to a mysterious Man in Black to come to her rescue...

Now for the first time, composer Mark Knopfler's unforgettable score has been specially arranged for the orchestra. Missing this cinematic concert experience would be inconceivable!

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