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AND HANUKKAH,
AND LIVELY
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MEDLEYS**

WILL OUR NORTH POLE GUEST RETURN?

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
3:00 PM AND 5:00 PM
WENTZ CONCERT HALL**

THE MUSICIANS OF THE DSO

The musicians of the DSO present concerts of exceptional quality, but did you know that our musicians are all volunteers? They hail from more than 30 communities in and around DuPage County and from all walks of life. They include teachers, medical professionals, attorneys, and even a figure skater! Their love of music brings these talented community members together to rehearse and perform for you. Some of our musicians have played their instruments for more than fifty years. Their extraordinary talent and dedication are evident in their polished and compelling performances.

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra

The DSO is a highly accomplished community orchestra, serving DuPage County with the vision of transforming hearts, minds, and communities through music. Our mission is to provide inspiration and cultural enrichment through musical excellence, educational programs, and community outreach.

We hope you will consider sharing your time and skills by joining the Friends of the DSO. Volunteer opportunities include ushering, outreach events, fundraising, marketing, and more!

The DSO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your support helps us to:

- Inspire people of all ages to develop an appreciation for music.
- Provide real-life orchestral experiences for area students.
- Create an outlet for talented musicians to share their passion for music with the community.

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OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra strives to provide artistic excellence, inspiration, and cultural enrichment to the community through music. We at the DSO understand that this mission is best achieved by drawing on the skills, talents, and perspectives of a broad and diverse group of individuals. People of all races, creeds, genders, ages, sexual orientations, and abilities are valued by our organization. We recognize that the power of music transcends all prejudicial and discriminatory barriers, and we are against any effort that is contrary to this belief. The DSO commits to include diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion into the core of our programming, as we believe in building an inclusive DSO culture that not just welcomes but celebrates differences.

Join us for our 2025/26 Season, “Radiant Reflections!”



Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 3:30 pm - *Radiant Voices*

Enjoy Ticheli’s *Radiant Voices*, a poignant and colorful fantasy for orchestra, plus Dvořák’s powerful and reflective cello concerto, featuring virtuoso Leland Ko.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3:30 pm - *Mariachi Mosaic!* - a family and sensory-friendly concert

Mariachi Acero joins the DSO for a family-friendly, 70-minute celebration of Mexican musical traditions, blending symphonic and folkloric idioms into a distinctive *Mariachi Mosaic!*

Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:30 pm - *American Reflections*



American masterworks by Barber, Bonds, and Copland gleam in the DSO’s celebration of our country’s rich history, with acclaimed violinist Nathan Meltzer.

Discover more
WITH THE DUPAGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Here are more ways to experience the DSO all year long:

 OPEN REHEARSALS	Get a behind-the-scenes look at how concerts come to life.
 GUEST ARTIST SCHOOL VISITS	Connect our guest artists with a K-12 classroom for free masterclasses.
 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS	Bring a blanket, pack a picnic, and celebrate summer with us!
 PRELUDES & INTERLUDES	Enjoy chamber music featuring talented local musicians in the lobby during season concerts.
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DSO'S CORE VALUES

We honor our TEAM.

We each contribute and collaborate to advance the DSO.

We cherish our COMMUNITY.

We are open and welcoming, respecting the full diverse range of backgrounds and experiences of those with whom we interact.

We are committed to EXCELLENCE.

We continuously strive to be our best and act with integrity.

DUPAGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Barbara Schubert, Music Director and Conductor

Today's Program • *Holiday Magic!*

With Joyful Tidings..... arr. Steve Parsons

Improvisations on Christmas Carols..... Bryan Kelly

- i. *Allegro – God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*
- ii. *Andante non troppo – Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen*
- iii. *Slowly – Past Three O'Clock*
- iv. *Moderato – I Saw Three Ships*
- v. *Allegro – Ding Dong Merrily on High plus Unto Us a Child is Born*

Bells of the Winter Range..... Dylan Fixmer

Deck the Halls – The Twelve Days of Christmas – Niño Lindo – The Snow Lay on the Ground – The Apple Wassail – In the Bleak Midwinter – I Saw Three Ships

The Bells of Christmas arr. Bob Krogstad

Ding Dong! Merrily on High – The Bell Carol – Silver Bells – I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day – Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells Fantasy James Lord Pierpont (arr. Wasson)

Symph-Hanukkah Peter Jaffe

The Dreidel Song – Ma'oz tzur (Rock of Ages) – Mi y'malel (Who Can Retell?) – Hanukkah chag yafeh (Hanukkah, Beautiful Holiday) – Blessing Over the Hanukkah Lights – Sevivon (Spinning Top) – O Hanukkah

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting) Mel Torme

Christmas Vacation from National Lampoon..... Barry Mann

Christmas on Broadway arr. John Higgins

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas – Pine Cones and Holly Berries – Toyland – March of the Toys – My Favorite Things – We Need a Little Christmas – God Bless Us Everyone

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 3 pm and 5 pm | Wentz Concert Hall

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Photos may be taken in between musical selections.*

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Concert Personnel Sunday, December 14, 2025

Violin I

William Allmart,
Concertmaster

Jill Carter

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Prathisha Krishnan

Doga Murat

Kurkcouglu

Emmalee Luckas

Joanne May

Victoria Pankow

Michelle Rank

Anne Renggli

Cassie Ruiz

Jennifer Weiser

Janis Wittrig

Violin II

Christopher

Monzel,

Principal

Tricia O'Donnell

Kathy Olson

Mary Phillips

Julia Prokofieva

David Ramos-Perez

Victoria

Sanguinetti

Madison Sheriff

Dharshini

Sriramlatha

Alex Zelles

Viola

Dan McDonald,

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Amanda Kunze,

Principal

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Flute

Melanie Mathew,

Principal

Debbie John

Linda Lahti

Piccolo

Linda Lahti

Oboe

Michael Fogarty,

Principal

Gail Sonkin

Clarinet

Deborah Zelman,

Principal

Rachel Douthitt

Donald Lurye

Bass Clarinet

Donald Lurye

Bassoon

Diane Remillard,

Principal

Ethan Chang

French Horn

Ashley Biess,

Principal

Andrea Beckham

Cameron Douthitt

Steve Pierson

Trumpet

Garth Anderson,

Principal

Ethan Dunk

Dale Muir

Trombone

Mark Houston,

Principal

Gregory J.

Malovance

Bass Trombone

Larry Tomko

Tuba

Luke Hollis

Timpani

James Bond-Harris

Percussion

William Jastrow,

Principal

Christopher

Dandeles

Matt Janus

Ryan Michel

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Nichole Young

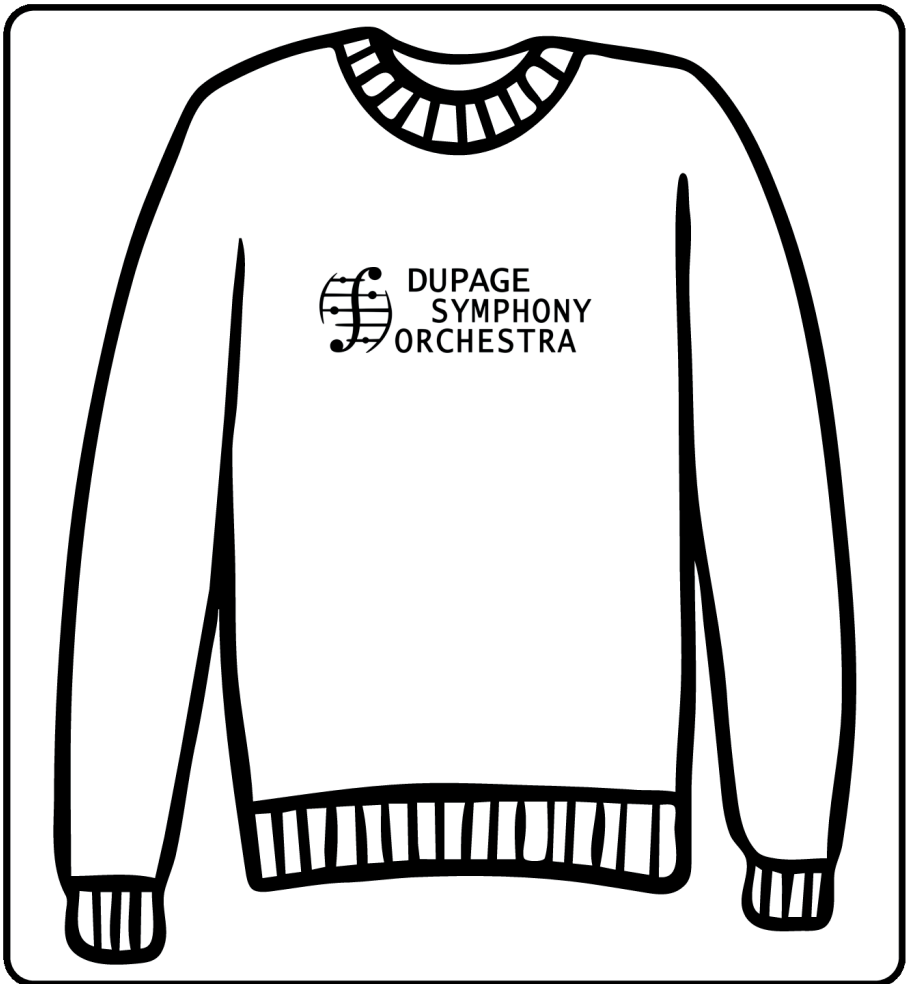
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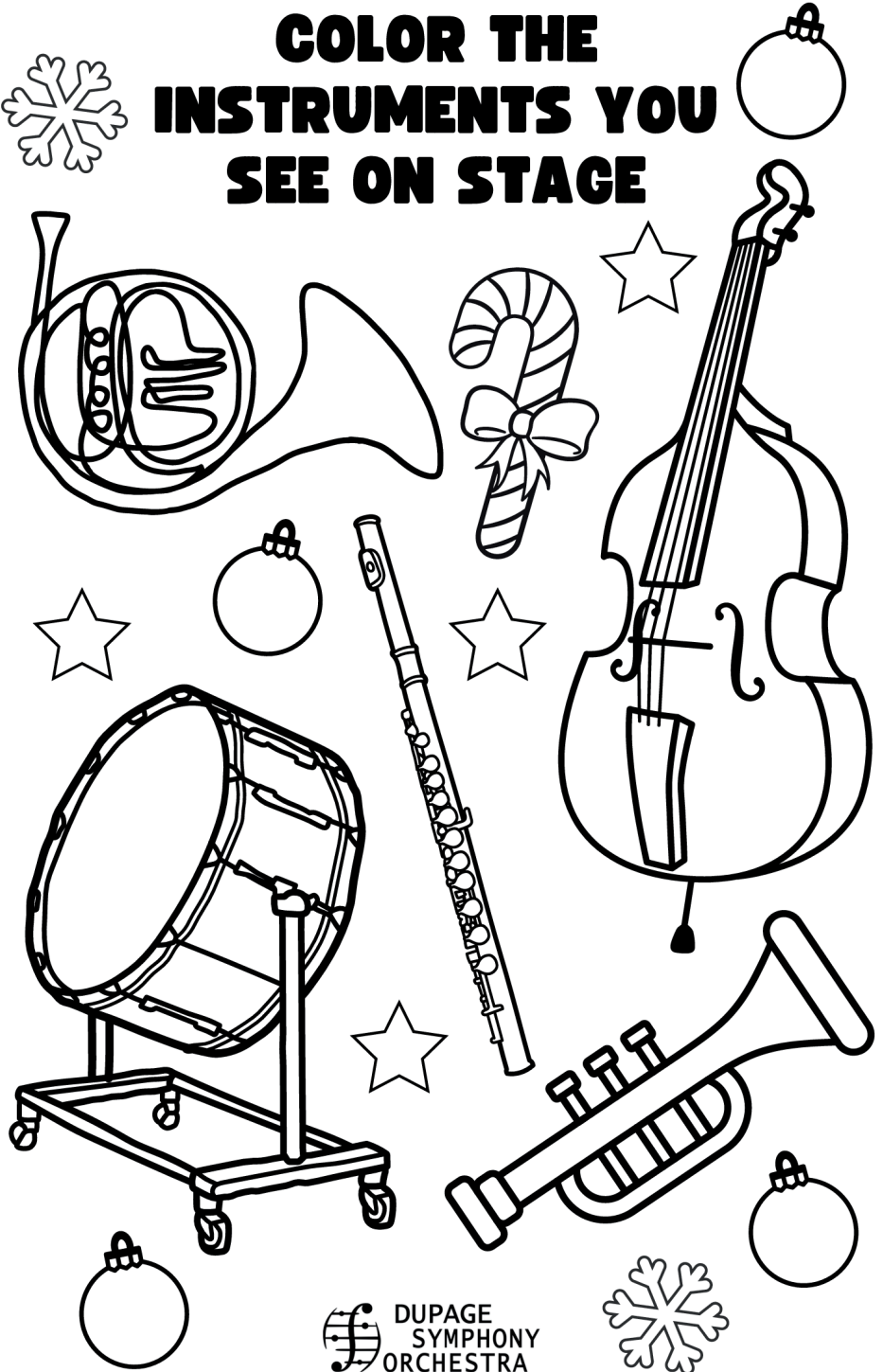
Mari Ullrick

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Musical Instrument WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words in the puzzle?

G	P	R	B	V	M	A	R	A	C	A	S
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