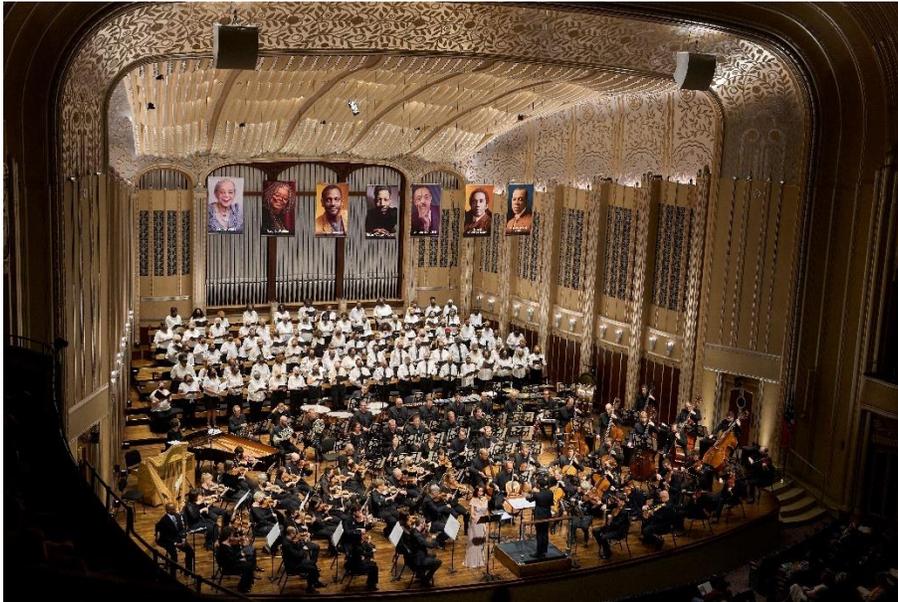




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The Cleveland Orchestra to host annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Concert on January 15



(The 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert. © Roger Mastroianni)

Free tickets are available first-come, first serve on January 7

CLEVELAND – The Cleveland Orchestra will host its free, annual concert in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Concert Hall at Severance Music Center on Sunday, **January 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** The performance will be led by The Cleveland Orchestra’s assistant conductor Daniel Reith and feature the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Chorus, an all-volunteer community chorus directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell.

The program includes music by composers Florence Price and William L. Dawson, among several others, as well as Aaron Copland’s tribute to the 16th President of the United States, *A Lincoln Portrait*, marking 81 years since its premiere. The concert concludes with the uplifting and powerful hymn, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

KeyBank is Community Access Partner for The 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Concert.

Ticket Information

Although the concert is free, tickets are required and available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on **Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, through the Severance Ticket Office in person, by phone at 216-231-1111 or 800-686-1141, or online at clevelandorchestra.com. All tickets for this performance are typically distributed by noon on the day they are made available to the public. There is a limit of four tickets per household

19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. 2023 Community Service Awards

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2023 Community Service Awards will be presented as part of the January 15 concert. The awards are presented by The Cleveland Orchestra to recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary service to the community, reflecting the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Parking Information

Parking in the Case Western Reserve University Campus Center Garage (Lot 29, adjacent to Severance) for the January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert will be available for free, on a first-come, first-served basis. The parking rate for the Community Open House on January 16 will be \$7 per vehicle. For more information about parking, please visit clevelandorchestra.com.

Radio broadcast with Ideastream Public Media

The longstanding relationship between The Cleveland Orchestra and Ideastream Public Media continues, with audio of the January 15 concert to be broadcast live on WCLV 90.3, WKSU 89.7, and live, simultaneous streaming available on ideastream.org, smart speakers and the Ideastream Public Media app, expanding access to this musical experience.

Calendar listing:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Concert

Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Severance Music Center, Mandel Concert Hall

The Cleveland Orchestra

Daniel Reith, *conductor*

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, *conductor*

Peter Lawson Jones, *narrator and emcee*

Soloman Howard, *narrator and bass*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Chorus

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Rhapsodic Dance No. 1

TRADITIONAL (arr. Hagan) Walk Together Children

TRADITIONAL (arr. Gibbs) Way Over in Beulah Lan'

DORSEY (arr. Floyd) Precious Lord, Take My Hand

DAWSON *Negro Folk Symphony*; III. O, Le' Me Shine, Shine Like a Morning Star

PRICE Finale from Symphony No. 1; IV. Finale – Presto

HERBERT Elegy: In Memoriam—Stephen Lawrence

SMALLWOOD (arr. Gittleman) Total Praise

SHROPSHIRE (arr. Berens) If My Jesus Wills/We Shall Overcome

COPLAND A Lincoln Portrait

JOHNSON (arr. Smith) Lift Every Voice and Sing

2023 Free Community Day

Monday, January 16, 2023, doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Severance Music Center

This day of family-friendly performances is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

1:00 p.m. Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus
Daniel Singer, *director*
Devon Steve, *assistant director*

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus will present a program that celebrates life, searches for peace, and honors those who have fought for justice. It includes the Severance Music Center premiere of “Taloowa Chipota” (“Children’s Songs”) by Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate. The Youth Chorus will close with Mari Esabel Valverde’s “When Thunder Comes,” which recognizes the contributions of Harvey Milk, Helen Zia, Sylvia Mendez, and the volunteers of the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project.

2:00 p.m. Crescendo!

The *Crescendo!* program is a collaborative partnership between The Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland School of the Arts (CSA), Tri-C Creative Arts Academy, and select Cleveland Metropolitan School District K-8 schools. This performance will feature works by Rosamund J. Johnson, Brian Balmages, Reynard Berns, and original works by CSA Alumni Damian Goggans.

4:00 p.m. Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra
Daniel Reith, *conductor*
Marina Ziegler, *violin*

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra will perform works by Hailstork, Prokofiev, Saint-Saens, Walker, and Brahms.

All artists and programs subject to change

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