



## Portland's December 2024 Synopsis

### Keller Auditorium

#### **The Nutcracker – December 6 - 24**

A treasured holiday tradition continues as Oregon Ballet Theatre returns *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*® to the Keller Auditorium.

### Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

#### Oregon Symphony Calendar of Events

##### **December 1 - Music from the films of Tim Burton with the Oregon Symphony**

Featuring music from *Beetlejuice*, *Batman*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, and more! Experience Tim Burton's original sketches, drawings, and storyboards on the big screen while Danny Elfman's famous film scores are performed live by the Oregon Symphony.

##### **December 5 - Oregon Symphony - Vivaldi's Four Seasons**

From festive birdsong and thunderstorms to harvest celebrations and tranquil snowfall, Vivaldi's wildly popular *Four Seasons* represents Baroque music at its most cinematic. Start the holiday season with this timeless classical favorite.

##### **December 7 & 8 - Oregon Symphony - Love Actually in Concert**

Funny, irresistible, and heartwarming, this holiday favorite shares nine unique love stories set during December in London—all woven together by the magic and breathless anticipation of Christmas. See this festive romantic comedy on the big screen while the Oregon Symphony plays the score live in an unforgettable movie-concert experience.

##### **December 11 - Oregon Symphony - Comfort and Joy: Sounds of Good Cheer**

Make memories together with the Oregon Symphony as it creates a magical winter wonderland through classic sing-alongs and your favorite holiday music.

##### **December 18 - Oregon Symphony - Holiday Brass**

Gather with members of the Oregon Symphony brass and percussion sections for a heartwarming, joyful, intimate concert featuring a mix of classical and popular holiday favorites.

##### **December 21 & 22 - Oregon Symphony - A Charlie Brown Christmas - LIVE!**

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy and the entire Peanuts gang are coming to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall to bring this holiday classic to life! With live actors, an animated backdrop, and Vince Guaraldi's timeless music performed live by the Oregon Symphony.

##### **December 3 - Michael W. Smith - Every Christmas**

Concert audiences will be engulfed in the joy and true meaning of the season as Michael W. Smith and, his award-winning very special guest, Riley Clemmons perform their most popular Christmas classics in a night for the whole family.

## Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall - Continued

### **December 4 - Yuridia: Sin Llorar US Tour**

At age 19, Yuridia had become one of the highest selling artists in Mexico. Her debut album sold over 1,500,000 copies, which makes Yuridia the highest selling female artist in the country since Thalía in the 90s, beating out artists such as Luis Miguel, and Juan Gabriel.

### **December 6 - Jeff Arcuri: The Full Beans Fall Tour (2 performances)**

The Chicago Tribune calls Jeff Arcuri “a joke machine,” but he’s not! He’s a person! Jeff has appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Comedy Central’s Roast Battle, Laughs! on Fox, SiriusXM, and a plethora of comedy festivals around the country.

### **December 10 - The Moth Mainstage**

Literary Arts and The Moth are bringing a new lineup of storytellers to Portland. The Mainstage is the quintessential Moth experience, a two-act show—featuring a musical act—where the storytellers and a notable host share true personal stories, without notes.

### **December 26 - Portland Youth Philharmonic - Concert at Christmas: Out of this World!**

Step out of this world with us to experience the extraterrestrial with **John Williams’s Flying Theme from E.T.** and much more!

### **December 27 - Sarah Silverman: Postmortem Tour**

Sarah Silverman is a two-time Emmy Award-winning comedian, actress, writer, and producer. On stage, Silverman continues to cement her status as a force in stand-up comedy. Don’t miss her latest stand-up, which brings her silly and idiosyncratic perspective to the world.

### **December 29 - The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show**

Another holiday season brings another year of fabulous spectacle, whip-smart comedy, brand new songs, and annual favorites. Join the sugary DeLa and spicy Jinx for an evening the New York Times says is “sure to lift your spirits and make you howl with laughter.”

### **December 31 - Michael Feinstein in *Because of You: My Tribute to Tony Bennett***

Supported by the Carnegie Hall Big Band, Michael Feinstein pays a heartfelt tribute to the legendary Tony Bennett, bringing his iconic songs to life in a symphony of sound. Feinstein's dynamic interpretations, coupled with the grandeur of the big band, will create an unforgettable night that honors Bennett’s legacy in all its glory.

## Newmark Theater

### **December 1 - Jim Brickman: Comfort and Joy**

"Comfort & Joy" is a testament to Brickman's ability to connect with audiences on a deep and emotional level. This year's tour promises to be a spectacular celebration of all things Christmas. Audiences can expect a captivating blend of Brickman's original holiday classics, along with beloved seasonal favorites.

### **December 6 & 8 - NOT- Cracker**

Open Space presents their unconventional winter DANCE show, **NOT-Cracker!** Get it? Experience Portland’s very own holiday spectacular, set in the city we all love. **NOT-Cracker** tells the tale of Ted, an unfortunate friend who thinks they can't dance--until they are swept up by a cast of wilding characters. Join Ted as they enter **NOT-Cracker's** colorful world, where dance finds us all!

### **December 9 - Grand Kyiv Ballet - The Snow Queen**

The new Christmas ballet **The Snow Queen** is based on the world-famous fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. This fascinating & kind romantic story set to the music of Edvard Grieg, Jules Massenet, Mozart and Vivaldi, will bring unforgettable bright emotions of happiness for adults and children.

### **December 10 - Author: Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**. As Indigenous scientist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most?

### **December 12-15 - Portland Gay Men's Chorus - Merry Everything: Winter songs from around the world**

Walk through a winter wonder WORLD with the Portland Gay Men's Chorus in Merry Everything: Winter Songs from Around the World! Embark on a global tour to experience winter music from around the world.

### **December 16 - Matteo Bocelli - A Night with Matteo**

At just 25 years old, singer/songwriter Matteo Bocelli has already performed on some of the world's biggest stages and tasted musical stardom—sharing his sensitive songs and dynamic vocal performances with listeners around the globe. As the son and sometimes collaborator of renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli, he's been instilled with a lifelong musical education.

### **December 21 - Desi Banks: The Purpose Chaser Tour**

Desi's talent has caught the attention of legends in comedy, most notably Kevin Hart, who has publicly praised him as the "next great" talent. His organic rise as a stand-up comedian is unparalleled, as he quickly climbed the ranks and cemented his status as a tour de force in just a few short years.

## **Winningstad Theater**

### **November 29 - December 22 - It's a Wonderful Life**

Stumptown Stages brings us *It's a Wonderful Life* - an award-winning musical adaptation of Frank Capra's classic film, with book and lyrics by Janet Mouser, and music and lyrics by Michael Allen Harrison, Alan Berg and Julianne R. Johnson-Weiss. **Directed by Tony Award Winner, Corey Brunish.**

## **Brunish Theatre**

### **November 27 – December 15 - Black Nativity**

PassinArt: A Theatre Company presents *Black Nativity* by poet and playwright Langston Hughes. Based on the traditional Nativity story, the spirit-filled, inspiring gospel song play features traditional Christmas carols performed in a gospel style with a few new songs specifically for the show.

### **December 20 & 21 - A Drunk Christmas Carol Vol. VI: Mrs. Fezzwig's Secret**

Part scripted, part improvised, and all hilarious, A Drunk Christmas Carol will have you in holiday stitches, both literally and ugly sweater figuratively! One professional (and very consenting) actor downs five shots of whiskey, then attempts to perform the role of Scrooge in Dickens' most famous Christmas story. A troupe of professional improvisers try to keep the classic story on the rails while being completely sidetracked by wacky audience suggestions and our famous "Wheel of Fate" that could change the setting of the tale at any time.