

## **From Vienna, Mexico, New York City and Ireland — The Holidays Arrive at Valley Performing Arts Center**

### **Six concerts from all over the world December 2 to 17**

- **Vienna Boys Choir *Christmas in Vienna***  
Friday, December 2 at 8:00pm
- **Fiesta Mexicana: *Feliz Navidad***  
Saturday, December 3 at 7:00pm
- **The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra,  
*Handel's Messiah***  
Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00pm
- **Danú, An Irish Christmas Gathering: Féile Na Nollag**  
Sunday, December 11 at 7:30pm
- **Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center  
*Bach's Brandenburg Concertos***  
Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00pm
- **The Hot Sardines *Holiday Stomp***  
Saturday, December 17 at 8:00pm

(Los Angeles, CA) November 11, 2016 - Valley Performing Arts Center is bringing the holidays to the Great Hall with a cornucopia of musical attractions this December. From Vienna to Mexico to New York City to Ireland, these worldly offerings are sure to ignite the holiday spirit.

"This seasonal line-up represents holiday traditions from all over the globe," said Thor Steingraber, Executive Director of VPAC. "I chose these programs with the goal of presenting something for everyone. We have the most comprehensive holiday selection of any venue in Los Angeles: jazz, classical and Baroque music, choral music, and world music. VPAC's exceptional acoustics will be on spectacular display for Vienna Boys Choir and the *Messiah* and our reasonable ticket prices provide a great gift opportunity."

The festivities begin with **Vienna Boys Choir *Christmas in Vienna*** on **Friday, December 2 at 8:00pm**. With a history dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, Vienna Boys Choir is one of the world's most revered choral groups and has remained a symbol of artistic perfection and purity for over six centuries. *Christmas in Vienna* will showcase these gifted musicians with voices of unforgettable beauty in an extraordinary program featuring classical masterpieces, popular songs and, of course, holiday favorites.

**Mariachi Garibaldi** of Grammy Award winner Jaime Cuéllar and the **Ballet Folklórico de Kareli Montoya** will perform an evening of dance and songs in **Fiesta Mexicana: *Feliz Navidad*** on **Saturday, December 3 at 7:00pm**. Included in the program will be iconic Christmas songs such as "Campanas de Belen," "Que Canten los Niños," "Amarga Navidad," "Navidad de los Pobres," and "Las Posadas". The evening will also include a special appearance by the Haddon Mariachi, the beloved children's mariachi of Haddon Elementary School in Pacoima.

New York's premiere choral ensemble and Baroque orchestra: **The Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra** will perform one of the season's most heralded pieces of music: **Handel's *Messiah*** on **Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00pm**. George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* and Trinity have a long history. Trinity presented one of the first performances of the work in North America in 1770 and the GRAMMY-nominated Choir of Trinity Wall Street and Trinity Baroque Orchestra are still widely regarded as the peerless interpreters of the work.

The acclaimed Irish ensemble, **Danú**, celebrates the holidays with **An Irish Christmas Gathering: *Féile na Nollag*** on **Sunday, December 11 at 7:30pm**. Christmas in Ireland is one of the most important holidays for families and friends, as many Irish people living abroad come home to gather in celebration. Music and dance gatherings, in communities both urban and rural, have often combined for generations to offer a great variety of songs, music, and stories for the holidays. Danú's Irish Christmas Gathering offers a taste of these extraordinary events, which have been held across Ireland for hundreds of years. Celtic music lovers around the globe have been thrilled by their virtuoso players on fiddle, flutes, button accordion, percussion and the gorgeous voice of Nell Ní Chróinín along with top notch guest dancers.

There is no better showpiece for the pristine acoustics at VPAC than **Bach's Brandenburg Concertos**. On **Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00pm** they will be performed by one of the nation's most esteemed chamber ensembles: **Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**. Called a "New York holiday staple" by *The New York Times*, Bach's six joyous Brandenburg Concertos are highly regarded as some of the most important compositions of the Baroque era.

"Leaders of New York's jazz revival," (*CBS This Morning*) **The Hot Sardines** bring ***Holiday Stomp*** to VPAC on **Saturday, December 17 at 8:00pm**. In the talented hands of The Hot Sardines, music first made famous decades ago comes alive through their brassy horn arrangements, rollicking piano melodies, and vocals from a chanteuse who transports listeners to a different era with the mere lilt of her voice. New York's acclaimed ambassadors of swing will deliver a white-hot Christmas featuring "White Christmas," "Le Noël de la Rue," "Mele Kelikimaka," "Please Come Home for Christmas," and many more in their signature speakeasy sound.

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## **Calendar Listings for Holiday Offerings at VPAC**

**Venue:** Valley Performing Arts Center  
18111 Nordhoff Street  
Northridge, CA 91330

**Tickets:** **In Person:** VPAC Ticket Office, located in the VPAC Courtyard  
**By Phone:** (818) 677-3000  
**Online:** [ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org](http://ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org)

**Event:** **Vienna Boys Choir *Christmas in Vienna***  
**Date:** Friday, December 2 at 8:00pm  
**Price:** Starting at \$28

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**Price:** Starting at \$38

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