

Ocean State Pops Orchestra Announces Free 2025 Holiday Concert Series

A Celebration of Music, Community, and Giving

WARWICK, RI, UNITED STATES, November 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Ocean State Pops Orchestra (OSPO) invites audiences to experience the magic of the season with two free performances filled with holiday classics, cinematic favorites, and symphonic sparkle. Under the baton of Dr. Brian Cardany, OSPO's annual Holiday Concert Series has become a cherished Rhode Island tradition — blending world-class musicianship with the warmth and joy that only live music can bring.



Ocean State Pops Orchestra - 2025 Holiday Pops Concert Series

A Musical Journey Through the Season

This year's program promises to take audiences on a journey through the heart of the holidays — from the jubilant fanfares of *A Christmas Festival* and *From the Realms of Glory!* to the tender beauty of *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and *Wexford Carol*. The orchestra will also perform favorites such as *Sleigh Ride*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *O Holy Night*, alongside lighter fare like *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree* and *Festive Sounds of Hanukkah*.

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Concert 1 — Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM

The first performance of the Ocean State Pops Orchestra's Holiday Concert Series will take place on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM at the Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus in Warwick. Doors open at 6:00 PM. This concert offers a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere where audiences can enjoy the orchestra up close in an intimate community setting. It's the perfect way to begin the holiday season surrounded by joyful music, familiar faces, and festive spirit.

□ Get Your FREE Tickets or share the event: [Ocean State Pops - Holiday Pops at CCRI](#)

Concert 2 — Wednesday, December 17, 2025 | 7:00 PM

The second performance will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 PM at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, with doors opening at 6:00 PM. This historic venue provides a grand, elegant backdrop for OSPO's lush orchestral sound and has long been a favorite among concertgoers for its warmth and acoustics. The evening promises a dazzling musical celebration of the season in one of Rhode Island's most beloved performance spaces.

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Music With a Mission

Though admission is free, these concerts play a vital role in supporting OSPO's broader mission of giving back to the community. Donations and sponsorships collected during the performances help offset production costs and fund music education initiatives, student scholarships, and youth outreach programs across Rhode Island.

"Our concerts are about more than just great music," said Tim Hebert, President of the Ocean State Pops Orchestra. "They're about investing in the next generation of artists and ensuring that music remains a living, breathing part of our community for years to come."

Events Summary

Admission: FREE and open to the public

Doors open: 6:00 PM

Concerts begin at: 7:00 PM

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About the Ocean State Pops Orchestra

Founded in 1992, the Ocean State Pops Orchestra has become one of Rhode Island's leading musical ensembles, known for its vibrant blend of symphonic tradition and popular appeal. OSPO presents performances throughout the year — from patriotic summer celebrations to beloved holiday programs — while championing the next generation of musicians through scholarships, education, and community engagement.

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A Season to Celebrate. A Symphony to Remember.

Join the Ocean State Pops Orchestra this December as music, community, and the spirit of giving come together in perfect harmony.

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