Boston Pops



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Boston Pops announces 4th annual Holiday Pops preview night for the military community on Dec. 2

Symphony Hall welcomes 2,000 veterans, service members, and their families for a free preview event, thanks to sponsorship by the Highland Street Foundation and other contributors



2025 Holiday Pops Military Preview (Hilary Scott)

The **Boston Pops** is proud to announce its fourth annual **Holiday Pops military preview night**, welcoming members of the military community and their families to Symphony Hall in recognition of their service on December 2 at 7:30 p.m. This special free event, conducted by **Keith Lockhart** and featuring a celebrity narrator, celebrates a time of joy and togetherness for the service members, and

families, who make sacrifices year-round to serve their country. Military preview night originally started in 2023 and is a cherished new tradition on the Holiday Pops schedule.

The **Highland Street Foundation** returns as lead event sponsor this year, creating pathways for members of over 20 organizations serving the military community to experience the magic of Holiday Pops with complimentary tickets. The organizations include the Boston Office of Veterans Services, Home Base, Homes for Our Troops, and more.

Free tickets are also being distributed through employee veteran groups tied to sponsor organizations for the Boston Pops, BSO and Tanglewood, including Fidelity Investments, Fairmont Copley Plaza, Bank of America, Arbella Insurance Foundation, and Berkshire Health Systems. In total, over 40 organizations are participating in the event.

Quote from Chad Smith, BSO President and CEO
“It is an honor to welcome members of our military community to Symphony Hall for this preview event, which has quickly become a beloved tradition for the orchestra and the organization. As an institution that proudly claims a Civil War veteran as its founder, we cherish this opportunity to share the joy of Holiday Pops with service members and their families. We thank the Highland Street Foundation, and other partners, for their continued support in making this event possible.”

Quote from Keith Lockhart, Boston Pops Conductor
“We are thrilled to welcome our military families back to Holiday Pops for what has quickly become one of our favorite December events! This is a night of celebration that we’re proud and humbled to share with our service members. This evening reflects the start of a season of gratitude and gathering, reminding us to appreciate the joyful times we have together.”

Quote from Blake Jordan, Highland Street Foundation, Executive Director
“This is one of our favorite nights of the year. We are thrilled to partner with the Boston Pops to honor the service and sacrifice of our military community during this special evening.”

Click here for a press kit with photos and videos for the 2026 Holiday Pops season

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Ticketing Information

All tickets for the military preview event are being distributed through community partners, as described above.

Tickets for all other Holiday Pops performances from December 3–24 can be purchased at bso.org or 888-266-1200.

Accessibility

Accessible seats and other accommodations are available for all Symphony Hall patrons. Accommodations can be made by calling 617-638-9431 or emailing access@bso.org. For more information, visit our website.

Sponsorships

We are grateful to the **Highland Street Foundation** for their continued lead sponsorship in support of the Military Preview event, and for lending their expertise to ensure the hall is filled with this deserving community.

Fidelity Investments is the lead sponsor of the Boston Pops. For over 50 years, Fidelity Investments and the Boston Pops have proudly worked together to bring wonderful performances to local audiences. As our partnership grows, so does our investment in the community we both share, including the Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition, which was created in 2009 for high school students in Massachusetts to compete for the opportunity to perform live with the Boston Pops each spring.

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