

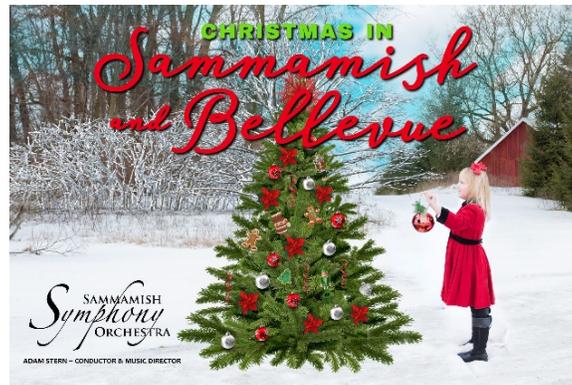


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**Sammamish Symphony Orchestra Presents
Christmas in Sammamish and Bellevue**



Press Release – November 1, 2017 – Put yourself in the mood for all things merry and bright by joining the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor and music director Adam Stern, for their traditional holiday "pops" program, Christmas in Sammamish and Bellevue. For more than two decades, the orchestra's annual celebration of the holidays has been a tradition on the Eastside. This year's program features a musical blend of holiday favorites, including Leroy Anderson's lively and beautifully orchestrated medley *A Christmas Festival* (where you're sure to recognize bits and pieces from *Joy to the World*, *Deck the Halls*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, *Silent Night*, *Jingle Bells* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*), some favorite symphonic works that just may have you rethinking your holiday playlist, and a few delightful surprises. Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon – or evening – of wonderful holiday music; you may even find yourself singing along!

Christmas in Sammamish takes place Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Eastlake Performing Arts Center, Eastlake High School, 400 228th Ave NE in Sammamish; Christmas in Bellevue takes place Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Meydenbauer Theater, 11100 NE 6th Street in Bellevue. Tickets for both performances are on sale now and may be purchased individually or as part of a four concert package; visit SammamishSymphony.org for more information.

About Adam Stern, Conductor and Music Director of the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra



Adam Stern, conductor and music director of the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra, is one of the region's busiest musicians. He was appointed music director in the summer of 2015, after serving for several months as interim conductor, and brings more than 40 years of conducting experience to the orchestra. Since arriving in Seattle in 1992, he has been active as a conductor, composer, pianist, educator and lecturer. Under Stern's

leadership, local orchestras have given numerous world, U.S., West Coast and Northwest premieres to the Puget Sound community. Stern's unique programming combines beloved masterworks with must-hear rarities; his programs are not merely concerts, but true musical events.

About the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra



Celebrating 26 years this season, the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra performs on the Sammamish Plateau, in downtown Bellevue and at various locations in the Seattle area. The Sammamish Symphony is committed to offering quality music at affordable prices for Eastside residents. The orchestra also performs two summer pops concerts free of charge. The volunteer ensemble provides the opportunity for talented, dedicated musicians to

perform with a full symphony orchestra. In addition, the Sammamish Symphony promotes involvement in the arts for young musicians by giving them a chance to participate in classical and pops concerts and by sponsoring an annual Youth Concerto Competition with the winner performing as a soloist with the symphony.

For More Information

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