

# SSO: #MostWonderfulTime

Springfield Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert - Saturday December 9th at 7:30 PM

## Christmas Music History

Music is tied to celebration throughout all cultures and faiths. When people think of celebratory times, like the holidays, they often think about the music that comes along with it. The Springfield Symphony's holiday concert brings together a variety of different sounds of the holidays. All of these pieces are brought together by the spirit of the holidays that they invoke: a sense of belonging and community, an appreciation for the beauty and wonder in the world, and unfiltered joy.

Christmas music dates back both to medieval Latin plainchant tunes performed in churches and to early carols that combined local folk and dance music with singing. Through the Christian diaspora in Europe, the various Christmas tunes that became popular in local language traditions, were spread to other regions and translated into other languages.

One song that the Symphony will be performing an arrangement of "Silent Night." Silent Night dates back to the 19th century and was originally written in German as Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht.

## Spirit of giving

One carol that people may not be familiar with is an arrangement of an Appalachian carol, and it bears the same name. Appalachia, although far from the Ozarks, has similarities to the Ozarks when considering what challenges our communities face, and music is often something that helps people get through a hardship. This carol is fitting because it can serve as a reminder that the holidays are a time for giving and supporting your community.

Springfield Symphony tries to invoke the spirit of community and giving that is felt so strongly during the holidays, all year round through our various outreach programs, to make the musical excellence that we strive to achieve as accessible as possible to our diverse community! You can learn more about these programs [here](#).

We also offer many free shows throughout the season which require reservation. You can check out when the reservations open on our website or on our social media on Facebook and Instagram!



## Fun Facts



### "Sleigh Ride"

Leroy Anderson conceived the idea for this piece during a heat wave!



### "Festive Sounds of Hanukkah"

It will be the second night of Hanukkah the night of the concert and the Symphony will honor this will the playing of this Bill Holcombe arrangement!