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**300 UF Performers with Appear in UF's Annual Holiday Concert, *Sounds of the Season: December's Holidays and Sentiments*, on December 3**

The University of Florida (UF) College of the Arts and the School of Music are pleased to present the annual holiday concert, *Sounds of the Season* on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Gainesville, Florida.

With the theme of *December Holidays and Sentiments*, this year's concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature an array of holiday favorites such as *Ring Those Christmas Bells* made famous by the icon pop/country singer Patti Page. The concert will open with the rousing traditional English carol *Christmas Is Coming*, where the sentiment of helping the poor is expressed. The concert will close with Georg Friedrich Händel's *Hallelujah Chorus* as seen through the eyes of the African American entertainment mogul Quincy Jones. In between you will be treated to a multicultural collage representing the six holidays celebrated in December with other traditional musical expressions of Seasonal sentiments.

With generous support by President Fuchs, *Sounds of the Season: December Holidays and Sentiments* will feature more than 300 performers from UF's Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, Gospel Choir and Jazz Band augmented by area community singers of the Gainesville Master Chorale, and an array of student soloists.



"*Sounds of the Season* has a wonderful sixty-nine-year seasonal legacy," said Dr. Will Kesling, the *Sounds of the Season* director. "This concert gathers the entire community and offers a time for us all to pause and escape from the hectic, and nowadays, frightful outside world into a delightful inner world of comfort and joy."

**Ticket Distribution Information**

Tickets to *Sounds of the Season* are free and will be available at the Box Office at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure a seat, as a full house is expected. For more information, contact the Phillips Center Box Office at 352-392-2787 or visit <http://performingarts.ufl.edu>.

# School of MUSIC

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## About the School of Music

The School of Music is one of the University of Florida College of the Arts' three institutionally-accredited schools. The School of Music plays an important role in the academic life of the University and the community. The school's programs provide broad-based instruction in performance, composition, history and literature and music disciplines, through a strong curriculum as well as through professional experiences such as ensembles and internships. UF students also have the opportunity to join more than a dozen music ensembles, including jazz bands, the University Choir, the University Symphony Orchestra and the "Pride of the Sunshine" Fightin' Gator Marching Band. To learn more, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu/music](http://www.arts.ufl.edu/music).

## About the College of the Arts

The College of the Arts is one of the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. The College of the Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three institutionally-accredited schools — the School of Art + Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre + Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for Arts and Public Policy, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute, University Galleries and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and approximately than 1,200 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 performances, exhibitions and events each year. Faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. To learn more, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu).

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