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North Carolina Symphony
Michelle Di Russo, *conductor*

Dan Goeller
A Christmas Festival of Carols

Victor Herbert / Ed. Otto Langey
March of the Toys from *Babes in Toyland*

Walter Kent / Arr. Marty Gold
I'll Be Home for Christmas

Mykola Leontovych / Arr. Richard Hayman
Carol of the Bells: Ukrainian Christmas Carol

Various Composers / Arr. Bruce Chase
Around the World at Christmastime

Emil Waldteufel / Ed. Clark McAlister
Les patineurs (The Skaters), Op. 183

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Dance of the Tumblers from *Snow Maiden*

INTERMISSION

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Christmas Overture

Irving Berlin / Arr. Robert Russell Bennett
White Christmas

Various Composers / Arr. Bob Krogstad
Christmas at the Movies

Mel Tormé / Arr. Bob Lowden
The Christmas Song

Felix Bernard / Arr. Calvin Custer
Winter Wonderland

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
March from *The Nutcracker*

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Danse des mirlitons from *The Nutcracker*

James M. Stephenson
A Holly and Jolly Sing Along

About the Artists



Michelle Di Russo, conductor
The Maxine and Benjamin Swalin Chair

Michelle Di Russo is Associate Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony where she is responsible for conducting the Symphony's extensive statewide music education concerts. She has conducted UNC Health Summerfest performances, Young People's Concerts, and Statewide Holiday Pops concerts with the Symphony, and has been featured in the Symphony's "Behind the Music" concert preview videos. Recently Di Russo conducted the orchestra in statewide classical subscription performances and led the Symphony's first Holiday Pops concert in Spanish in Raleigh.

A graceful and powerful force on the podium, Michelle Di Russo is known for her compelling interpretations, passionate musicality, and championing of contemporary music. She is an advocate for underrepresented artists and in 2020 co-founded the organization Girls Who Conduct to support younger generations of women and non-binary conductors in overcoming obstacles they face due to their gender.

Di Russo's artistic journey began in her native country, Argentina, at the age of three with ballet lessons, followed by studies in voice and piano. She has acted on television and onstage. Di Russo holds multiple degrees in Orchestral Conducting from Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, University of Kentucky (M.M.), and Arizona State University (D.M.A.). She is a Freeman Conducting Fellow in Chicago Sinfonietta's prestigious Project Inclusion program and a recipient of the Concert Artists Guild's Richard S. Weinert Award.

Previously, Di Russo served as Interim Director of Orchestras at Cornell University, Assistant Conductor for the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra, cover conductor and assistant for The Phoenix Symphony and Arizona Musicfest, and as a conducting fellow at the Cortona Sessions for New Music in Italy. She has also acted as cover conductor for the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony, and the National Symphony Orchestra. In the summer of 2022, she served as the Joel Revzen Conducting Fellow at Festival Napa Valley.

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A Holly and Jolly Sing Along

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY SING-ALONG

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la la, la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the blazing yule before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la la, la la la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtails ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight! Oh!

CHORUS:
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

REPEAT CHORUS

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say.
He was made of snow, but the children know
How he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic
In that old top hat they found,
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around!

Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved good-bye, saying, "Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day!"

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer,
Had a very shiny nose,
And if you ever saw it,
You would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

Then, one foggy Christmas Eve,
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee,
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history!"

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come.
Let Earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns.
Let all their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
new year!

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About Our Musicians

Carlos Miguel Prieto,
Music Director Designate
The Maxine and Benjamin Swalin Chair

Grant Llewellyn,
Music Director Laureate

Michelle Di Russo,
Associate Conductor
The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair

Violin I

Brian Reagin, Concertmaster
The Annabelle Lundy Fetterman Chair

To Be Filled, Associate Concertmaster
The Assad Meymandi and Family Chair

To Be Filled, Assistant Concertmaster
The Anne Heartt Gregory Chair

Karen Strittmatter Galvin, Assistant
Concertmaster

Emily Rist Glover
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The Phyllis ("Pat") Conrad Wells Chair

Maria Meyer
The Tom and Mary Mac Bradshaw Chair

Pablo Sánchez Pazos

Jessica Ryou

Lin-Ti Wang*

Eileen Wynne
The Harvey At-Large Chair

Erin Zehngut
The J. Felix Arnold Chair

To Be Filled
The James C. Byrd and Family Chair

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Violin II

Jacqueline Saed Wolborsky, Principal
The Nancy Finch Wallace Chair

To Be Filled, Associate Principal
The Blanche Martin Shaw Chair

David Kilbride, Assistant Principal

Qi Cao

Janet Gayer Hall

Oskar Ozolinch

Anton Shelepov

Jeanine Wynton

To Be Filled

Viola

Samuel Gold, Principal
*The Florence Spinks and Charles Jacob
Cate and Alma Yondorf and Sylvan
Hirschberg Chair*

Kurt Tseng, Associate Principal
The Betty Ellen Madry Chair

Brian Sherwood, Assistant Principal

Petra Berényi

Paul Malcolm

Amy Mason
The J. Sidney Kirk Chair

Sandra Schwarcz
*The Samuel H. and Anne Latham Johnson
Chair*

Kirsten Swanson*

Cello

Bonnie Thron, Principal
The June and Tom Roberg Chair

Elizabeth Beilman, Associate Principal
The Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorroh Chair

Peng Li, Assistant Principal
Anonymously Endowed

Yewon Ahn
Anonymously Endowed

Sunrise Kim**
The William Charles Rankin Chair

Rosalind Leavell*

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Marc Moskovitz*

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The Jack and Sing Boddie Chair

Piccolo

Elizabeth Anderton Lunsford
The Jean Dunn Williams Chair

Oboe

Melanie Wilsden, Principal
The Hardison and Stoltze Chair

Joseph Peters, Associate Principal
The Lizette T. Dunham Chair

Amanda LaBrecque*

Sandra Posch**
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English Horn

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The Bruce and Margaret King Chair

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Samuel Almaguer, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. J. Christopher Walker, II Chair

Zhenyu Wang*, Assistant Principal
The Kathryn Powell and Green Flavie Cooper Chair

Bassoon

Aaron Apaza, Principal
The Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Hudson Chair

Wenmin Zhang, Assistant Principal
The Beethoven Chair

French Horn

Rebekah Daley, Principal
The Mary T. McCurdy Chair

Kimberly Van Pelt, Associate Principal
The Paul R. Villard and Gabriel Wolf Chair

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Tanner West*
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Trumpet

Paul Randall, Principal
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Trombone

John Ilika, Principal
The Thomas Warwick Steed, Jr. Family Chair

Jonathan Randazzo, Assistant Principal
The Frances Armour Bryant Chair

Bass Trombone

Matthew Neff
Anonymously Endowed

Tuba

Seth Horner, Principal
The Governor and Mrs. James G. Martin, Jr. Chair

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Colin Hartnett, Principal
The Patricia R., Steven T. and George F. Hackney III Chair

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The Albert and Susan Jenkins and Family Organ Chair

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The Mary Colvert and Banks C. Talley Chair

*Acting position

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