



**Kansas City Symphony Hosts TUBACHRISTMAS 2012
Friday, December 14 at the Kauffman Center**

Hundreds of tuba and euphonium players bring holiday spirit to Helzberg Hall

November 6, 2012 | KANSAS CITY - TubaChristmas 2012 in Kansas City will be hosted for the fifth year by The Kansas City Symphony on Friday, December 14th at noon. This event is one of 240 TubaChristmas concerts presented around the United States in tribute to the late artist/teacher William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day 1902. The TubaChristmas ensemble (hundreds of students, professionals, and area tuba enthusiasts) will perform traditional Christmas carols and songs.

Family, friends and the general public are encouraged to attend the FREE lunch hour concert to listen to the sounds of the season, tuba-style! Although the concert is free, reservations are required at www.kcsymphony.org to attend the performance.

CONCERT DETAILS:

DATE: Friday, December 14
LOCATION: Helzberg Hall, KCPA, 1601 Broadway, downtown KCMO
PERFORMANCE: 12 noon-1 p.m. (doors will open at 11:30 a.m.)
PARKING: The Kauffman Center has numerous parking options available, including the adjacent 1,000-car Arts District Parking Garage. Ample surface lots and street parking are also nearby. For more information, visit <https://www.kcsymphony.org/StaticCtl/ParkingAct>

FOR PERFORMERS:

All area tuba and euphonium players are invited to join in the festivities. Because of limited seating, groups are required to make advance arrangements. Visit kcsymphony.org for complete event details.

REGISTRATION: 9:30 a.m. at Helzberg Hall
REHEARSAL: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION FEE: \$5 tax-deductible contribution per performer.

"We are pleased that the Kansas City Symphony can help to carry on this popular tradition in Kansas City and we welcome all area tuba and euphonium players to perform, and we invite the community to join us for the free performance," said Frank Byrne, Executive Director.

Conductor for this year's event is Scott Watson, Professor of Tuba at the University of Kansas.

About TubaChristmas

The first TubaChristmas was presented on December 22, 1974 at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City, making this the 37th anniversary year of MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS. The first Kansas City TubaChristmas was in 1979 when the group performed for the lighting of the Crown Center Christmas tree.

TubaChristmas in Kansas City has happened annually since 1979, often bringing together over 500 tuba and euphonium players from all walks of life, and sometimes multiple generations of the same family who have made TubaChristmas an annual tradition. For more information see www.tubachristmas.com

TubaChristmas concerts are presented with permission from the Harvey Phillips Foundation, Inc., founded by Harvey Phillips in memory of his teacher, William J. Bell. Harvey Phillips is a distinguished professor emeritus of the Department of Music, Indiana University, and one of the most acclaimed tuba players in the world. He has commissioned more than 200 solo works for tuba and in 2008 was inducted into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame. Phillips is a native of Aurora, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri prior to being accepted to the Juilliard School of Music in New York. Harvey Phillips received an honorary doctorate from the University of Missouri in 1987, in part for his national efforts to establish TubaChristmas as an annual tradition.

About the Kansas City Symphony

The Kansas City Symphony is the region's only full-time professional symphony orchestra, setting the standard for musical excellence. Led by Music Director Michael Stern since 2005, the Symphony has experienced impressive artistic growth, garnering national and international acclaim. The orchestra's 80 full-time musicians are area residents, and each season touch the hearts of more than a million people through our Classical, Pops and Family concerts; special holiday events; chamber concerts; major civic gatherings such as Bank of America Celebration at the Station, which draws over 55,000 people, and the Symphony In the Flint Hills annual concert. During its 42-week season, the orchestra also presents educational programs, community outreach performances, and serves as the orchestra for the Lyric Opera and the Kansas City Ballet. Classical performances are broadcast weekly on KCUR 89.3 FM during the Kansas City Symphony Hour, Thursdays at 9 pm. Visit the Kansas City Symphony online at kcsymphony.org.

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