



KANSAS CITY  
SYMPHONY

# TubaChristmas

Friday, December 3, 2021

Crown Center Square, 2450 Grand Blvd.

Scott Watson, *conductor*

**11:45 A.M. | PRE-SHOW**

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

"The Carol of the Angels"

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

**PERFORMED BY SANTA'S ALL-STARs**

David Dayoub, *euphonium*

David Grimes, *euphonium*

Grant Johnson, *euphonium*

Cameron Johnson, *euphonium*

Roger Oyster, *euphonium*

Bryan Johnson, *tuba*

Joe LeFevre, *tuba*

Miles Stroder, *tuba*

Josh Westcott, *tuba*

**NOON | TUBACHRISTMAS 2021**

"Adeste Fideles"

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"The First Noel"

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"We Three Kings"

"Silent Night"

"Joy to the World"

TubaChristmas is underwritten by  
Janet M. Stallmeyer and Donald L. Flora.

## ABOUT TUBACHRISTMAS

The first TubaChristmas was presented on December 22, 1974, at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. The first Kansas City TubaChristmas was presented in 1979, when the group performed for the lighting of the Crown Center Christmas tree. The KC Symphony is proud to be presenting TubaChristmas for the 12th consecutive year. The event brings together hundreds of tuba and euphonium players from all walks of life as well as multiple generations of the same family who have made the concert an annual tradition. On December 7, 2018, the Kansas City Symphony set a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for Largest Tuba Ensemble with 835 performers, breaking the previous record of 502 performers by a group in California in 2007.

## ABOUT SCOTT WATSON

Scott Watson is professor of tuba-euphonium at the University of Kansas School of Music, an association that dates back to 1979. His solo efforts can be heard on his “Thoughts of a Cow” solo album, and the educational recordings “Stepping Stones for Tuba, Volume I & II,” both on Potenza Records. He was elected and served as president of the International Tuba Euphonium Association from 1999 to 2001 and currently serves on the Association’s advisory board.



Watson is principal E-flat tuba of the acclaimed Fountain City Brass Band of Kansas City, which is the most successful brass band in American history, having won eight North American titles as well as their historic Scottish Open win in 2009. He is the inaugural music director and has been conductor of the Free State Brass Band since 2014. In 2018, he served as principal tuba of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in Australia as part of its MSO Ambassador Program. While there, he taught at the Conservatorium of Music of the University of Melbourne’s Victorin College of the Arts as well as being principal E-flat tuba of the Glenferrie Brass Band. Watson is a member of the Infinity Brass Quintet of the Martha’s Vineyard Chamber Music Festival and the Kansas City Brassworks. Along with friend Winston Morris, he founded the tuba-euphonium chamber orchestra Symphonia that recorded three groundbreaking albums on Mark Records.

Watson has been tubist in his career with ensembles including the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Brevard Music Center Orchestra and the Crested Butte Music Festival Orchestra, along with regular performances with the Kansas City Symphony. He has performed all over the world including Russia, China, Poland, Germany, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. As a conductor, he has worked with such groups as the Capital City Brass Band, the Glenferrie Brass Band, the Mansfield University Brass Band, the KU Brass Ensemble, the International All-Star College Tuba Ensemble, The International All-Star High School Tuba Ensemble and the Thunder All-Star Tuba Euphonium Ensemble — all on prestigious conferences or concert series.

Watson’s legions of former students can be found throughout orchestras, major military service bands, colleges and universities, and acclaimed public school music programs across the United States. He is on the faculty each summer at the North American Brass Band Summer School in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Watson is an artist/clinician for Besson Tubas through Buffet Crampon Group, USA.

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Stop by the merchandise booth to check out TubaChristmas hats, scarves, buttons, music and more. A great way to remember this one-of-a-kind event!