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December 12th, 2020

Welcome to the Holiday POPS Reimagined 2020 brought to you by the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor.

We are pleased that despite the many challenges of 2020 we have been able to continue our long tradition of the Holiday POPS. Although we are not in the beautiful auditorium of Abbot Hall, you will be able to enjoy holiday favorites from the Hillyer Festival Orchestra and many wonderful musical pieces from local, Broadway, and international vocalists. Additionally, we have included holiday memories from members of our community.

The Holiday POPS is the primary fundraising event of our Marblehead Harbor Rotary. We generously support many local charities including the Marblehead Food Pantry, the Female Humane Society, The Edith Dodge Fund, the Council on Aging, The Counseling Center, Marblehead METCO, and Anchor to Windward. We appreciate your support of our club so that we in turn can continue the ways we support our community.

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We hope you have a happy and safe holiday season and new year.

Dr. Patricia Sullivan

President

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Dirk Hillyer
and
Betty Lautner

Post-Production and Editing by
Kevin Walker
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Featuring

The Hillyer Festival Orchestra
conducted by
Maestro Dirk Hillyer

Betty Lautner
Piano Accompaniment

Hosted by

Henry Dembowski

The Program

Overture.....Maestro Dirk Hillyer and The Hillyer Festival Orchestra

Welcome from The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor.....Dr. Patricia Sullivan, Club President

Concert Introduction.....Dirk Hillyer

The Host’s Welcome.....Henry Dembowski

Silent Night, Franz Gruber.....Alexa and Arianna Leahy
Accompaniment by Dirk Hillyer, Guitar
“Some Children See Him” by Whila Hutson.....Read by John Williams
Sponsored by Karyn and Gary Lang

‘Twas The Night Before Christmas, Clement Clarke Moore.....Read by Eloisa Elston-Castillo

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, Johnny MarksSing-Along, The Hillyer Festival Orchestra

An Interview with Santa Claus.....Doug Hill and Bruce Whear
Sponsored by Mrs. Claus

A Holiday Pops Memory.....George Shube

Farandole, Bizet and James.....Hillyer Festival Orchestra

A Rotary Sponsored Program.....Friends Forever

Christmastime Is Here.....Gracie Curran

A Holiday Memory.....Robert Picariello

We Need a Little Christmas, Jerry Herman.....Andy Huntington Jones
Sponsored by Dr. Joan McCormack, Atlantic Hearing Care, Inc.

White Christmas, Irving Berlin.....Alanna Herrey
with the Marblehead High School A Capella Choir directed by Andrew Scoglio
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Rotary Scholarships.....Lee Weed

Chanukah, O Chanukah, Traditional, Arranged by Elena Drabkin.....Elizabeth Drabkin, Violin
Elena Drabkin, Piano

The Night Before Chanukah, H. Margolesky..... Judith Black
Sponsored by Michael Elkin

Chanukah Music Medley.....The Hillyer Festival Orchestra

Chanukah Memory.....Rabbi David Meyer

Mi Y'Malel, Rabbi David Meyer.....Rabbi David Meyer and Marla Meyer

Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor: Project Kindness.....Kathleen Murphy

Sing-a-Long, arranged by Anderson.....The Hillyer Festival Orchestra
Joy to the World, Deck the Halls, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Hark The Herald Angels Sing,
Silent Night, Jingle Bells, Adeste Fidelis
Sponsored by Mary Stewart and Heather Stewart Kaznoski

Rotary Foundation International Global Grant.....Dr. Patricia Sullivan

Holiday Pops Watercolor.....Painted by Steve Limon

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Pola & Wyle.....The Hillyer Festival Orchestra

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Martin and Blaine.....Anna VanRemoortel
Craig VanRemoortel, Guitar

The Twelve Days After Christmas, Silver.....Ute Gfrerer

Christmas Eve In My Hometown, Zabka and Upton.....Fred Van Ness, Jr.

Holiday Pops Memory: Judy Jacobi (1939 – 2020).....Introduced by Karyn Lang

Jesu Bambino, Pietro Yon.....Matthew Arnold and Holly Cameron

O Holy Night, Adolphe Adam.....Rebecca Robbins and The Hillyer Festival Orchestra
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Sleigh Ride, Leroy Anderson.....Hillyer Festival Orchestra

Happy Holidays!

Performers

Matt Arnold, tenor, is a two-time Semi-Finalist in the Houston Grand Opera Eleanor McCollum Competition. He has been hailed by Classical Voice of North Carolina as "a golden voice, strong, rich and surprisingly mature for his age...." and spent the last 10 years working in the world of professional opera receiving many awards and accolades. He is currently Director of Music and Organist for St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown as well as Artistic Director for The Concert Singers.

Judith Black, Pops Producer, Script-Writer, Director, is a storyteller. Her historic, original, and folk tales have been featured on stages from the Montreal Comedy Festival to The Smithsonian Institution, to the Art Museum of Cape Town. She has appeared 14 times at the National Storytelling Festival, and is the winner of the Oracle Award, storytelling's most coveted laurel, the Brother Blue Award, and many others. She holds a degree in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College, and has successfully conducted residencies and performances at over a thousand schools throughout the nation. Judith is a founding member of Sustainable Marblehead, a Rotarian, a member of 350MASS, Extinction Rebellion, JCAN, organic gardens (fanatically) and has taught the art of storytelling at the Lesley University graduate school and throughout the world for over 30 years.

Holly Cameron, soprano, has been hailed a "marvelous femme fatale" (Boston Musical Intelligencer) with "rip-roaring high notes" (Boston Globe). Some of her favorite operatic roles are Donna Anna (Don Giovanni), Musetta (La Boheme), and Abigail (The Crucible), among others. She is in her 10th season as the soprano soloist for the Old North Church and Festival Chorus. Outside of classical music, Holly straddles every genre from jazz and pop to rock, blues, and soul, performing frequently with her partner, Matthew Arnold. Holly is an experienced Realtor® with J Barrett & Co.

Gracie Curran is a recent graduate of Marblehead High School. This fall, she will be a freshman at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee to study classical music as a Voice Performance major. Throughout her time at Marblehead High School, she was a highly active performing arts student, participating in musicals, Drama Festival, helping to lead Luminescence (all-female a cappella), and performing at Symphony Hall with the Massachusetts All-State Choir. She also spent many years participating in Marblehead's Got Talent, organized by the Marblehead Rotary Club, so she is so excited to perform in the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor's first virtual Holidays Pops concert.

Henry Dembowski, Host, was a teacher and principal in the Marblehead Public Schools for 22 year and retired as a Superintendent of Schools from Pentucket Regional Schools (West Newbury, Merrimac and Groveland) with a total of 35 years in public education. He served as Salem State University's Chairman of the Graduate School of Education, Leadership Division for 8 years. He is currently an Educational Consultant at Collins Education Associates LLC. Henry has directed 62 shows since 1962 for the Concord Players, Salem Hospital, Salem Country Club, Marblehead Little Theatre, Marblehead High School, and the Jewish Community Center. He was in charge of the Performing Arts section for the Marblehead Festival of Arts for two years.

Eloisa Elston-Castillo has just graduated from Marblehead High School. While there she was active in many theatrical productions, a member of the Hip Hop Club, and collaborated with Sustainable Marblehead as an actor in 5 biker/driver safety videos. She is now working and taking classes at North Shore Community College.

Elena Drabkin, upon graduation from the Gnessins School in 1989, entered the Russian Academy of Music, in Moscow during which time she performed as a soloist and a member of chamber ensembles in many Moscow concert halls including Scriabin Museum, Goldenveyzer Museum, Composer's Union, Small and Grand Halls of the Academy. She has performed at Longy School of Music, BU concert hall, Rivers Conservatory, Steinert Halls in Boston and Natick. Elena has taught piano for 28 years. Several of her students became the prize-winners at Massachusetts Music Teachers' Association (MMTA) Baystate Competition, International Chopin Competition in Hartford CT, and Steinway Society of Massachusetts Competition.

Elizabeth Drabkin holds a Master of Music and Performer Diploma from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. She also studied Baroque violin with Distinguished Professor of Music, Stanley Ritchie. In September of 2019, she was appointed Assistant Concertmaster of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. She has performed internationally in many major cities. She attended the Aspen Music Festival for three years, as well as the String Quartet Intensive program at Boston University Tanglewood Institute. Outside of music, Elizabeth enjoys hiking, yoga, and making jewelry.

Friends Forever. For the last thirty-five years, Friends Forever International has empowered young leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place with the skills, experiences, and resources required to do so. In that time, we have had over 1,500 participants from around the world come together for our yearlong programs that involve both work in their homelands and also an intense training phase abroad. Every year, the global demand for our programs increases. The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor and The Rotary Club of Marblehead have jointly sponsored Friends Forever visits to Marblehead for many years, establishing lasting memories and relationships, and promoting doing good in the world.

Ute Gfrerer is not your typical cabaret singer. Though, yes, she may be an attractive blond with a mellifluous singing voice and a way with a song, she is cut from another mold. As a trained actress, this Austrian-born chanteuse is a genuine shape shifter, taking on such varied roles as Eliza Doolittle ("My Fair Lady") in Bregenz to Despina ("Cosi Fan Tutte") in Salzburg. She's performed solo concerts, musical theater, opera, and operetta in places as varied as Guatemala, Japan, Ukraine, Poland and Mexico. She was a member of several opera companies, including the Volksopera in Vienna, and performed under the musical direction of renowned conductors including HK Gruber and Ingo Metzmacher in Zurich, Hamburg, Munich, London, Salzburg, Bregenz and Vienna. Considered a Weill aficionado, a favorite role is that of Jenny in Weill's "The Rise and Fall of The City of Mahagonny." In fact, Dr. Peter Bilsing, for the magazine Der Opernfreund, proclaimed "Ute Gfrerer, this all-round talent, is well on her way to be one of the best Weill interpreters of the world. She enchanted her audience on a Broadway level!"

Alanna Herrey is a freshman at Indiana University this year. Throughout her years attending Marblehead High School, Alanna has performed in "Chicago", "The Sound of Music", "Sleepy Hollow", "Romeo and Juliet", and the student-written production, "In His Ocean Home Will Be". She was part of the all-female acapella group, "Luminescence". Outside of high school, Alanna performed in many plays through The Rebel Shakespeare Company, her favorites being her role as Regan in "King Lear", and Olivia in "Twelfth Night". She performed with MLT as well, her favorite show being "Broadway Divas". Alanna is so thrilled to be a part of this production and would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this show!

Doug Hill, a graduate from the University of Hawaii and a retired USAF Colonel, first visited Marblehead on Jan 1, 1978 while visiting family in Cambridge. He was immediately drawn to the charm & history of our seaside town and vowed that he “would someday live in Marblehead.” He was assigned to Hanscom and bought a home in Marblehead in 1985. Retiring from the USAF in 1988 and transitioning to civilian life, he became actively involved in community organizations, beginning with Marblehead Little Theatre (MLT) as a performer, producer and as president he led the effort to acquire the Firehouse on School Street as the home for MLT. He also co-chaired the Regatta for the Hospice of the North Shore, a major fundraising effort, and served on the board of the Marblehead Arts Association. For 15 years, he was the morning “front desk guy” at the Marblehead YMCA and facilitated the move to Leggs Hill. Currently he can be seen at FL Woods 2 days a month selling nautical clothing & accessories.

Dirk Hillyer, Producer and Maestro, and The Hillyer Festival Orchestra. We are delighted once again to welcome the renowned Hillyer Festival Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Dirk Hillyer. The orchestra features many local musicians and has been the Holiday Pops orchestra of choice for many years. Originally established in 1998 as a holiday ensemble for the city of Peabody, the Hillyer Festival Orchestra has since established itself as one of Greater Boston’s most popular. In addition to performances for the Essex National Commission at the Hynes Auditorium and the Great Waters Music Festival in Wolfeboro, N.H., it was a part of the WCRB Summer Concert Series at Boston’s Hatch Shell and continues to be the main event at Salem’s annual Fourth of July festivities. Dr. Hillyer holds a Ph.D. from Tufts University and two additional degrees from The New England Conservatory of Music. Maestro Hillyer has become a highly recognized musician in Boston, and conducts nationally. Disney-in-Concert had him as a conductor throughout the United States. Dirk Hillyer comes by his love of music naturally. His father had a jazz band in college, his mother sang light opera. Hillyer picked up the French horn at age 12 and was playing with the Portland (Oregon) Youth Philharmonic by 13. After winning a state contest at 16, he headed to Europe with the orchestra, playing solos throughout the tour. When he isn’t conducting his own orchestra or playing French horn for The Boston Lyric Opera, Hillyer teaches at Salem State University where he is a tenured professor of music. Maestro Hillyer’s connections with the Boston and New York music and theater scenes enable him to find soloists of exceptional talent. Past Holiday Pops soloists have performed with the revered Boston Pops, Opera Boston and other prestigious venues.

Judy Jacobi (1939-2020) began her 33-year career as a public school teacher in 1961 in New Jersey. Following her retirement in 1994, she and her husband Gene moved to Marblehead in 1995 and immediately immersed themselves in town life. Judy’s involvement included Old Marblehead Improvement Association, League of Women Voters, Marblehead Historical Society, North Shore Cancer Walk, Marblehead 350th Anniversary of Incorporation Committee, Hospice of the North Shore, Female Humane Society, Marblehead Dollars for Scholars, Friends of the Council on Aging, Old Townhouse Restoration Project, Anchor to Windward, Fort Sewall Oversight Committee, Abbot Hall Building Committee, along with many other charitable organizations and town projects. Judy was elected and served on the Marblehead Board of Selectmen in 2000 and was elected this past spring to her twenty-first consecutive term. Judy’s Holiday Pops memory was recorded four days before her death. We are privileged to be able to share this “Jersey Girl’s” memory with you.

Andy Huntington Jones is a Swampscott native who fell in love with theatre under Betty Lautner's tutelage. His first appearance on stage was as the Munchkin Coroner in Marblehead Little Theatre's 1998 production of *The Wizard Of Oz* and he never looked back. He went on to perform leading roles on Broadway, on tour, and around the world in shows like *The Book Of Mormon*, *Cats*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Cinderella*, and *West Side Story*. He hopes you have a safe and Merry Christmas, full of music.

Karyn Lang. Following a wonderful 30 year career in Washington, DC, serving in various positions, including The Office of the Chief of Protocol, Department of State; the United States Senate; the Administration of President George H. W. Bush, and several years in the film industry, Karyn and her husband Gary moved to Marblehead. In addition to serving on the Board of the Marblehead Harbor Rotary, Karyn is also an Honorary Board member of the Marblehead Museum, on the Boards of the Marblehead Female Humane Society, the Old Marblehead Improvement Association, Anchor to Windward, and a Member of the Marblehead Forever Committee.

Betty Lautner, Producer and Piano Accompaniment, gifted with perfect pitch, knew at the age of 4 that she had a natural talent for music. Her expressive soprano voice and piano work took her to The Juilliard School and her first Broadway audition. "From then on, I just kept going from show to show. I never had to audition again," she told The Marblehead Reporter. In 1978, Betty moved from New York to Marblehead, taught voice and performance at Emerson College, even taught at her own school for eight years. One of her students was Andy Huntington Jones who also performs in this year's Pops. In addition, Betty has been a part of Marblehead Little Theatre for about 40 years. She continues to go where the music brings her and to bring music to the community by teaching voice and serving as the organist for a number of area churches.

Alexa Leahy (age 8) and **Arianna Leahy** (age 11) are students in the Marblehead Public Schools. Alexa enjoys singing and dancing and has also appeared in the Children's Theater at the North Shore Music Theater, where she played ensemble roles and played young Moana in *Moana*. She also enjoys gymnastics and sewing. Arianna Leahy loves singing, acting and dancing, and playing piano. She has performed at the North Shore Music Theater. She starred as Moana in *Moana* and Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*, as well as Glinda in *Wizard of Oz* and young Anna in *Frozen*. She enjoys gymnastics and playing softball.

Marblehead High School A Capella Choir conducted by Andrew Scoglio.

Luminescence and *The Jewel Tones*, informally known as "LumiTones", are the two premier, auditioned contemporary a cappella groups at Marblehead High School. Founded in the early 2000s, both groups have consistently earned awards at annual a cappella competitions and festivals around New England. In January 2015, both groups performed at Governor Baker's inaugural ball at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center. In 2017, LumiTones released a joint EP of six songs, C105. Their most recent album of eight songs, *Six Feet Apart*, will be released in late October 2020. You can find their music on Spotify, Apple Music, and Youtube Music. You can follow the a cappella groups and the MHS choral department on Instagram:

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Andrew Scoglio directs the choral music program at Marblehead High School consisting of two choirs and four contemporary a cappella groups. His choirs and a cappella groups have earned awards at the MICCA, ICHSA and NE Voices festivals. He also teaches AP Music Theory, Piano Lab and Musical Theatre. Mr. Scoglio holds a Master's degree in Music Education from Gordon College and a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. An active choral singer, Mr. Scoglio has performed with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall, Tanglewood, Fenway Park, and Carnegie Hall.

Rabbi David Meyer was called to the pulpit of Temple Emanu-El, Marblehead in 1992. He was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, received his Masters of Theology Degree from Harvard Divinity School, and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity from HUC-JIR. Rabbi Meyer's sermons and articles have appeared regularly in magazines, professional journals and scholarly publications. He is the author of an acclaimed textbook on Jewish ethics for teens, The Rabbinic Driving Manual: A Jewish Guide to Driver's Education. Well-known in the field of contemporary Jewish folk music, he spent more than a decade as Music Director at the American Jewish University's Brandeis-Bardin Campus in Southern California. Recently, he has teamed with Jon Nelson to release two full-length CD's of original songs, "This One At Last", and "Road Without Shoulders". Rabbi Meyer is also active in community and local organizations. He is a recipient of the prestigious Community Rabbinic Leadership Award, the Leonard P. Zakim Humanitarian Award from the Anti-Defamation League, in recognition of his work "building bridges" of understanding between differing faith communities, the Samuel S. Stahl Community Service Award from the North Shore Jewish Community Center, and the Annual Rabbinic Leadership Award from Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston.

Kathleen Murphy is the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor. Kathleen was a marketing and retail executive in the banking industry before starting her career in real estate along Boston's north shore. She is now with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty in the Manchester-by-the-Sea office.

Robert Picariello is Marblehead's Chief of Police and a past member of The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor.

Rebecca Robbins is a Broadway actress, headliner vocalist, 10-year cancer survivor and founder of "Voice No Fear," a public speaking coaching program. She has been seen on Broadway in *A Tale of Two Cities* and *The Phantom of The Opera* as well as in theatres across North America, including The Kennedy Center, Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre and the Hollywood Pantages Theatre.

George Shube is the owner of the award-winning Shubie's Marketplace in Marblehead. Shubie's has been a very special Holiday Pops partner. In more "normal times," Shubie's has been the resource for the champagne served at the Holiday Pops Champagne Reception held just before the concert in Abbot Hall. We look forward to resuming this relationship with the return of an in-person Holiday Pops in the near future (we hope!).

Dr. Patricia Sullivan is the president of The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor. A world renowned physical therapist, she has held faculty appointments at four major US academic facilities and three international universities, taught over 100 continuing education programs in the US and has presented

at 50 international venues. As President of Rehab Nepal, a 501c3 charitable organization, she secured one of the Rotary International Foundation's largest Global Grants ever awarded to this district for the purpose of providing rehabilitation and physical therapy care to patients in Nepal who otherwise have no access to these services by financing training and equipment in a new rehab unit and at rural community health centers. In, 2019, Dr. Sullivan announced project was successfully completed.

Fred C. Van Ness, Jr. is a tenor soloist whose recent appearances include Russell Davenport in Freedom Ride, Voltaire/Dr. Pangloss in Samuel Beebe's Remember the Sea, Geoffrey Gibbs' Tide Flowers, and featured soloist in Reagle Music Theatre's Christmas Time. He recently debuted his one-man show, When I Think of Home... at McNeese State University. Van Ness holds degrees from The Longy School of Music of Bard College, Louisiana State University and McNeese State University.

Anna VanRemoortel and **Craig VanRemoortel** are siblings who grew up in Marblehead. They have been playing music together for as long as they can remember, taking after their mother and other members of their musical family. Craig (23) is a recent graduate of Drexel University and currently lives in Boston working remotely for a music software company based in Cambridge. Anna (25) is pursuing a graduate degree in sociology at Duke University.

Lee Weed is a founding member of The Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor, the club's current Vice President, a past club secretary, a past chairman and current member of the club's Scholarship Committee. She was an administrator in Salem Hospital's Emergency Room for many years. Now Directress Emerita, Lee served for approximately 25 years as the Directress of The Marblehead Female Humane Society, one of Marblehead's oldest philanthropic organizations, as well as serving on a number of other local organizations' boards.

Bruce Whear wears many hats. A Swampscott resident, Bruce was named "Businessman of the Year" by the Salem Chamber Commerce in 2010. His company is Wire4Hire, Inc. Bruce is also a proud and active Rotarian, and a well-known thespian, who has served on the board of Marblehead Little Theatre, performed in many of their shows and helped to start the improv troupe, Accidentally on Purpose.

John Williams is a British-born, 36-year resident of Marblehead. He is a Past-President of the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor and the club's current Secretary.