

**Five By Design is Back by Popular Demand with Stay Tuned!**

*Don't touch that dial!*

The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra is pleased to announce the return of the popular group **Five By Design** to the Philharmonic stage with a new program of music, entertainment, nostalgia and fun. The overwhelming success of their program, *Radio Days*, prompted the Philharmonic to invite them back for another show of fabulous entertainment. Their latest program, titled **Stay Tuned**, takes place on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre.

Pop open that TV dinner, sit back and Stay Tuned for a night of marvelous entertainment when television ruled the airwaves and variety was king. Headlining the performance is the popular vocal group, Five By Design, featuring the vocals of Lorie Carpenter-Niska, Sheridan Zuther, Kurt Niska, Michael Swedberg, and Terrence Niska. No need to adjust the "rabbit ears" as Five By Design's vibrant harmonies and



comedic talents are brought into focus along with Maestro Andrew Lane and the Orlando Philharmonic. Suddenly, you find yourself singing "Sh Boom" outside a soda shoppe in varsity sweater and saddle shoes, or playing along as quiz show contestants guess the tunes in "What's That Song?"

You'll take to the skies as a musical travelogue spans the globe winding up in Africa, and be spellbound by "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

In true variety show fashion, *Stay Tuned* moves seamlessly from songs to skits and back again. Classic commercials are vividly brought to life promoting every-

thing from bananas to toothpaste, while on another network family and friends are unexpectedly reunited.

But don't worry about the remote! Five By Design changes the channel for you as the quintet glides effortlessly from "Hey There" to "S Wonderful" to "The Girl From Ipanema" in the blink of an eye. All too soon you're on your way out the door with a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

You won't want to miss this incomparable evening of music and nostalgia. Tickets can be purchased by phone at **407-770-0071**, or on line at [www.OrlandoPhil.org](http://www.OrlandoPhil.org). 🎵

# The Orlando Philharmonic Performs A Christmas at SeaWorld: The Polar Express

The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra proudly returns to SeaWorld Orlando for another season of beloved holiday music.

As part of SeaWorld's **Christmas at SeaWorld** celebration, the Philharmonic performs a series of concerts, titled "The Polar Express," which take place December 26 - 30 at SeaWorld's Bayside Stadium.

Christmas at SeaWorld has become a popular holiday tradition in Orlando, as each holiday season the park is transformed into a classic winter wonderland. Throughout the day and into the night, concertgoers can enjoy the festive sights and sounds of the season including dazzling lights, joyous serenade of carolers, holiday shopping and dining and a special yuletide Shamu night show. There will be ten performances of the Philharmonic's concert, "The Polar Express." Performance dates and times are as follows:

**Friday, December 26**  
8:15 and 9:30 PM

**Saturday, December 27**  
8:15 and 9:30 PM

**Sunday, December 28**  
8:15 and 9:30 PM

**Monday, December 29**  
8:15 and 9:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 30**  
8:15 and 9:30 PM

A Christmas at SeaWorld features the Orlando Philharmonic led by Principal Pops and Resident Con-

ductor Andrew Lane in a performance of holiday favorites including *The Polar Express*, *Winter Wonderland*, *When Christmas Comes to Town*, and *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. Lane, who has gained popularity as a talented and charismatic conductor throughout Central Florida, has also become a sought-after guest conductor, and has recently been featured as guest conductor with the Rochester Philharmonic, Naples Philharmonic and The Florida Orchestra.

Narrating the program is vocalist David Chernault, who also directs his popular group, the Next Generation Kids. A professional director, singer, actor, dancer and voice-over artist, Chernault recently starred as Daddy Warbucks for the 30th anniversary tours of *Annie*, which ran in Chicago, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Sarasota, Clearwater, Des Moines and Grand Rapids. David also went on as Warbucks in New York City at Madison Square Garden with Kathy Lee Gifford. He has been vocal director for Barney on PBS and the Macys's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Next Generation Kids are from the Orlando area's most comprehensive performing arts school of the same name. Next Generation Kids specializes in "triple threat training;" students study singing, acting and dancing. They have been seen in national tours, professional equity theatres, and professional recording sessions for PBS's Barney. The Kids will perform a variety of songs with the Philharmonic.

The Philharmonic also welcomes the fabulous voices of The Holiday Singers, the dynamic vocal group who wowed audiences at the orchestra's *Home for the Holidays* concert and at the Philharmonic's concerts at the Springs community in Longwood.

David Schillhammer, Executive Director of the Orlando Philharmonic, says, "The Orlando Philharmonic is thrilled to once again be performing at SeaWorld's Bayside Stadium. Christmas is synonymous with great music, and the Philharmonic will be proud to usher in the holidays with some of the season's best and most popular works. SeaWorld's commitment to community is extraordinary, and their support of local arts and cultural organizations, including and especially the Orlando Philharmonic, is unparalleled. We are honored to partner with SeaWorld, and look forward to a magnificent holiday season performing at Bayside Stadium."



# Two Exciting Darden Family Concerts!

The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra proudly announces two exciting concert experiences for families to be performed in January. **Peter and the Wolf** will be presented on Saturday, January 10 at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach. **Carnival of the Animals** will be presented on Sunday, January 11 at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre in Orlando. Both concerts are sponsored by Darden Restaurants Foundation.

The programs in this award-winning series are designed to demystify the world of classical music for children of all ages with concert experiences that are as educational as they are entertaining. These musical and fun programs begin one hour before the concert performance with a variety of pre-concert interactive activities, including instrument petting zoos, and the popular conducting station, where you can step up to the podium to conduct the Orlando Philharmonic! Our favorite clowns will be on hand to paint faces and do some clowning around. Also enjoy ensemble performances and an assortment of activities that complement the theme of the concerts. Many of these activities involve collaboration with organizations throughout the Central Florida community.

On Saturday, January 10, families will be sure to enjoy **Peter and the Wolf**, one of the best-known and most-beloved selections performed by orchestras all around the world. This program takes place at the Peabody Auditorium. Pre-concert activities begin at 10:00 AM, and the concert begins at 11:00 AM. *Peter and the Wolf* introduces young children to the many different sounds of orchestral instruments in a way that is both memorable and fun. Narrator **Arik Basso** introduces each character, the

instrument and theme at the beginning of the piece. As the story unfolds, the musical themes are transformed and combined to add to the drama and action that is portrayed by the sound of the orchestra and the voice of the narrator. Children will be inspired by 7-year old **Ethan Bortnick**, already an accom-

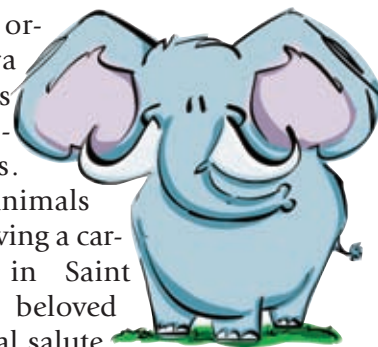


**Michael Winslow**

plished pianist and composer, who takes the stage to perform a composition of his own creation. Mr. Bortnick has been featured on *The Tonight Show*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Martha Stewart*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Early Show*, *Access Hollywood* and *Inside Edition*. A true artist and entertainer, Ethan loves to perform, especially in front of large audiences. His passion for music is contagious.

On **Sunday, January 11**, join the Philharmonic at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center for **Carnival of the Animals**. This concert is a fun and entertaining way to introduce

children to the orchestra and its instruments. The animals are having a carnival in Saint Saëns beloved musical salute



to fur, feathers and fins. There's a majestic lion, braying mules, a dancing elephant and bouncy kangaroos. Even fossils join in with a fast and ratty dance – all portrayed by the orchestra's instruments. Everyone is invited! Actor **Michael Winslow**, best known for his funny voices on Geico commercials and his humorous roles in the *Police Academy* movies, narrates this jovial party. A master of vocal gymnastics, Winslow can imitate over ten thousand sound effects using his voice alone. Ethan Bortnick will also perform on this concert program, to engage and inspire children of all ages. Audiences will be sure to enjoy this lighthearted program. Pre-concert activities for Carnival of the Animals begin at 2:00 PM. The concert begins at 3:00 PM. This concert is also a charity event to benefit B.A.S.E. Camp Children's Cancer Foundation.

Tickets for each performance are \$8 for students and \$16 for adults, and are available by

phone at 407-770-0071, or on line at [www.OrlandoPhil.org](http://www.OrlandoPhil.org).



## Celebrate your next Happy Birthday with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra at the Darden Family Series!

Host a unique birthday party including pre-performance interactive festivities such as instrument petting zoos, conducting station and more! Experience the thrill of a live concert in seats reserved especially for your party, then meet a performer after the show while you blow out candles and share your cake with friends. Leave the set-up and clean-up to us! Happy Birthday to You!

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*Calendar of Events*

**Tuesday, Dec. 9 7:00 PM  
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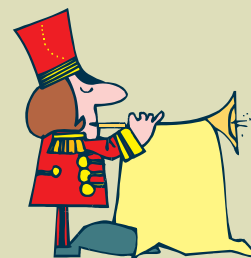
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at  
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**8:15 and 9:30 PM**

SeaWorld's Bayside Stadium

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**Call for details:**

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**Concerts are included in  
SeaWorld's normal park  
admission price.**

*Calendar of Events, cont.*

**Saturday, January 10**

10:00 AM: Pre-concert activities

11:00 AM: Concert

Darden Family Concert:

**Peter & the Wolf**

Peabody Auditorium, Daytona Beach



**Sunday, January 11**

2:00 PM: Pre-concert activities

3:00 PM: Concert

Darden Family Concert:

**Carnival of the Animals**

Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre

**Wednesday, January 14**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

Friends Fundraising Event:

**The Friends Visit Casa Feliz**

Casa Feliz, Winter Park

Tickets: \$65

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**Thursday, January 22**

**9:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

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Orlando Philharmonic

Trip to Saint Augustine

\$135 per person

transportation/food included

phone 407-896-6700

**Saturday, January 24**

**2:00 & 8:00 PM**

Super Series - program 5

**Stay Tuned**

Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre

*Upcoming:*

**Monday, February 2 7:00 PM**

Focus Series - program 2

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