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BPO enchants with February lineup for all ages

'Harry Potter' in Concert and Disney's 'The Sound of Magic' among upcoming performances



Disney in Concert: The Sound of Magic, February 9 & 10

Ron Spigelman, conductor

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BPO Little Kids, February 10

****SOLD OUT****

Kleinhans Mary Seaton Room

New World Symphony, February 17 & 18

Teddy Abrams, conductor; Cantor-Rabbi Penny Myers, narrator

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone™ in Concert, February 22 & 23

Ron Spigelman, conductor

Shea's Performing Arts Center

The Music of Elton John with Michael Cavanaugh, February 24

Bradley Thachuk, conductor; Michael Cavanaugh, soloist

Concerts located at Kleinhans Music Hall unless otherwise noted.

This month, the BPO presents a selection of family friendly concerts featuring the magic of Disney and *Harry Potter*, the celebratory "New World" Symphony, an interactive concert for ages 0-5, and the iconic hits of Elton John. Their lineup promises musical experiences that excite and uplift audiences, with special post-concert fun in the spirit of Valentine's Day.

On Friday and Saturday (February 9-10), frequent BPO Pops conductor **Ron Spigelman** leads the orchestra in the multimedia spectacle, **Disney in Concert: The Sound of Magic**. The concert commemorates Disney's 100th anniversary with the lush orchestral music of beloved Disney movies paired with animation, footage, and artwork from the rich history of Disney on the big screen. After Saturday's performance, audience members can enjoy a free post-concert Sweetheart Dance in Kleinhans' Mary Seaton Room – a Valentine's celebration perfect for all ages.

Saturday morning (February 10), the Mary Seaton Room holds the second of two sold-out **BPO Little Kids** events. This unique interactive BPO Kids series performance is specially programmed for children ages 0-5, including musical activities with musicians and community partners, for the children and their caregivers to enjoy together.

The following weekend, rising conductor **Teddy Abrams** takes the Kleinhans podium fresh off of his first GRAMMY Award win, leading the BPO in a magnificent program of Dvořák's symphony, "**From the New World**," and Michael Tilson Thomas' "**From the Diary of Anne Frank**," featuring narration from local **Cantor-Rabbi Penny Myers**. The performance pays homage to Michael Tilson Thomas as both a beloved former BPO music director and as Teddy Abrams' mentor, underscoring Abrams' deep connection to the music and its historical significance.

On February 22 and 23 at Shea's Performing Arts Center, Ron Spigelman returns to lead the BPO in the score of **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**[™], with the full movie projected above the orchestra. The film will come to life with live music in this rare opportunity to experience the magic in such an ornate venue as Shea's.

Completing February's roster, top **Elton John tribute performer Michael Cavanaugh** joins the orchestra for a celebration of the legendary singer-songwriter. The night continues after the show with the **Feather Boa Ball**, an Elton-inspired party in the Mary Seaton Room to raise funds for the BPO's continued education and entertainment of over 35,000 students each concert season. The purchase of an add-on ticket is required to attend this event.

For a complete list of 2023-24 season concerts and details, visit bpo.org/events. Ticket prices for select concerts start at \$20 and can be purchased online at bpo.org/tickets, in-person at the Box Office in Kleinhans Music Hall, or by calling (716) 885-5000.

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