

BOSTON POPS

2021 *Spring Celebration*

KEITH LOCKHART CONDUCTOR

THE MUSIC PLAYS ON **BSO NOW**



THE BOSTON POPS CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY: HONORING WOMEN

Newly Recorded for Spring 2021
Available May 6 – June 5

Join the Pops beginning on Mother's Day weekend to celebrate music by and about women, and beloved by all! The orchestra will perform music by Maurice Ravel, Rachel Bruerville, and William Grant Still that depicts the love and care mothers give, and it will also feature music by composers Clara Schumann and Joan Tower. Plus, sing along to music by Carole King and Abba! The concert will feature a special performance of the first movement of Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto with pianist **Tanya Gabrielian**, and J.S. Bach's Double Concerto played by Boston Pops violinist **Ala Jojatu** and her daughter, **Maria Jojatu**.

POPS IN LOVE

Pops Classic from the Archives
Available May 13 – June 12

As springtime flowers bloom across New England, we present to you an encore broadcast of our beautiful and romantic **Pops in Love** concert! This unique program includes spirited classics such as Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy* along with selections from Broadway and John Williams' film music. Plus, special guest dancers from Boston dance companies perform alongside the orchestra in three selections from a variety of styles ranging from opera to jazz. **Pops in Love** is a treat for the ears and the eyes, celebrating the music that brings us all closer together.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN WILLIAMS

Newly Recorded for Spring 2021
Available May 20 – June 19

Experience a rare and intimate soundscape of modern cinema's greatest music featuring the scores and stories of the Boston Pops' own Laureate Conductor **John Williams**. Led by Keith Lockhart, this magical evening includes the orchestra performing the breadth of Williams' music — from iconic (*Star Wars*) to rarities (*Stargazers from E.T.*), accompanied by exclusive intimate interviews with the world's most beloved film composer telling the stories behind his music and career.

EXQUISITE ELLA

Pops Classic from the Archives
Available May 27 – June 26

The Boston Pops are delighted to share with our national and international audience — for the first time in decades — this treasure from the Symphony Hall archives. From the moment she appeared on stage in June of 1976 — to a standing ovation no less — the exquisite **Ella Fitzgerald** had the Pops audience in the palm of her hand. After a boisterous Pops Guys and Dolls medley with the legendary Arthur Fiedler, Ella glides through tunes by Gershwin, Porter, and Ellington.

All programs and artists subject to change.

AN EVENING WITH CHRIS THILE AND THE STARS OF TOMORROW

Newly Recorded for Spring 2021
Available June 3 – July 3

Join Keith Lockhart and the Pops as they host the 11th annual **Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition** concert. The winners of this year's competition, chosen by audition from high school students throughout the Commonwealth, will join the Pops for a special concert, showcasing the talent and commitment of our most talented young people, made even more impressive given the challenges they've faced this past year. Then, multiple Grammy winner and MacArthur Fellow **Chris Thile** joins the orchestra for his Boston Pops debut. A child prodigy himself, mandolinist Thile (Nickel Creek, Punch Brothers, *Live from Here*) is one of today's great musical innovators; as an instrumentalist, composer and vocalist, he transcends genres to create a new American music. The Boston Pops will add to the celebration with audience favorites drawn from our great recordings of the last twenty-five years, including *Runnin' Wild*, Keith's debut album with the Pops, and their Grammy-nominated *The Celtic Album* and *The Latin Album*.

THE ROOTS OF JAZZ: AMERICAN VOICES

Newly Recorded for Spring 2021
Available June 10 – July 10

Join Keith Lockhart and the Pops as they trace the development of Jazz from its New Orleans roots, to the music of Black American innovators like Scott Joplin, Father of the Blues W.C. Handy, and the great Stride pianist James P. Johnson, composer of "The Charleston." Further along the path, the Pops will highlight the music of George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Benny Goodman, three great musicians who were instrumental in bringing jazz to a worldwide audience, and pay tribute to Modern Jazz pioneer Dave Brubeck as the musical world celebrates the centennial of his birth. It's an American story of the quintessential American music.

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