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## **The Cleveland Orchestra to host 44th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert on January 14**



*(The 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert. © Roger Mastroianni)*

**Free tickets are available on January 6, first-come, first-served**

## **MLK Community Open House & Day of Music hosted at Severance Music Center on January 15**

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Orchestra will host its free, [annual concert](#) honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Concert Hall at Severance Music Center on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.

The concert will be led by The Cleveland Orchestra's assistant conductor Daniel Reith and features The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Chorus, an all-volunteer community chorus directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell. This year's emcee is Emmy Award-winning journalist Danita Harris.

The 44th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert includes a performance by violinist Amaryn Olmeda in her Cleveland Orchestra debut. This rising star won first prize and the audience choice award at the 24th Annual Sphinx Competition in 2021 at age 12.

The evening's program commemorates 60 years since the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited discrimination based on race, religion, sex, or national origin. The composers and themes represent those groups whose rights were affirmed by this historic legislation, including works by African American, women, and immigrant composers. One highlight of the program is *Can You See?* by The Cleveland Orchestra's Daniel R. Lewis Composer Fellow Allison Loggins-Hull, which received its first performances in May 2023.

The celebration of Dr. King continues with a free MLK Community Open House & Day of Music on Monday, January 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Severance Music Center will be filled with music, dancing, and more. The casual environment of the Day of Music welcomes visitors of all ages to experience performances by community ensembles throughout the building and enjoy hands-on activities. Tickets are not required.

The exciting lineup for the Community Open House & Day of Music includes The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus, Linking Legacies Chamber Ensemble, Evelyn Wright with the Joe Hunter Trio, the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute, the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, 10K Movement, DJ IamYulissa, and host and resident poet Chris Webb.

KeyBank is Community Access Partner for the 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert. The Cleveland Orchestra recognizes and thanks Jayne Zborowsky for her support of this concert.

AARP is the Community Sponsor for the 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Concert and Community Day.

Images for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Music are available for [download here](#).

### **Ticket Information**

Although the concert is free, tickets are required and available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 10 a.m., through the Severance Ticket Office in person, by phone at 216-231-1111 or 800-686-1141, or online at [clevelandorchestra.com](https://clevelandorchestra.com). All tickets for this performance are typically distributed by noon on the day they are made available to the public. There is a limit of four tickets per household.

### **Parking Information**

Parking in the Case Western Reserve University Campus Center Garage (Lot 29, adjacent to Severance) for the January 14 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert will be available free, on a first-come, first-served basis. The parking rate for the Community Open House on January 15 will be \$7 per vehicle. For more information about parking, please visit [clevelandorchestra.com](https://clevelandorchestra.com).

### **2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service in the Arts Awards**

The 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Awards, now in their 20th year, will be presented as part of the January 14 concert. This year's awards will recognize individuals and organizations whose work has had a positive impact on music and the arts in our beloved community, reflecting the spirit, example, and teachings of Dr. King.

## **Live Stream**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert on January 14 will be broadcast live for free on [Adella.Live](#), the digital home of The Cleveland Orchestra. It will also be available to watch live on [YouTube](#).

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## **Calendar listings:**

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

#### **Severance Music Center, Mandel Concert Hall**

The Cleveland Orchestra

Daniel Reith, *conductor*

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, *conductor*

Danita Harris, *emcee*

Amaryn Olmeda, *violin*

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Chorus

JOHNSON *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (arr. Smith)

ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK *An American Port of Call*

TRADITIONAL *A City Called Heaven* (arr. Poelinitz)

JOHNSON *Night Club from Harlem Symphony*

BEACH *Allegro di molto from Gaelic Symphony*”

ALLISON LOGGINS-HULL *Can You See?*

RAVEL *Tzigane*

TRADITIONAL *Ain't Got Time to Die* (arr. Johnson)

BLOCH 1926: *The Present — The Future from America, an Epic Rhapsody*

TRADITIONAL *Amazing Grace* (arr. Berens)

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Community Open House & Day of Music**

**Monday, January 15, 2024, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

#### **Severance Music Center**

#### **Mandel Concert Hall**

Chris Webb, *host and resident poet*

12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.: The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus

12:40 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.: Linking Legacies Chamber Ensemble

1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.: Evelyn Wright and the Joe Hunter Trio

2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: African drumming & dance with the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra

#### **Reinberger Chamber Hall**

1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.: The Cleveland Orchestra's Bassoon Farm (youth ensemble)

1:40 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Campus International Trumpet (youth ensemble)

2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers

**Bogomolny-Kozerefski Grand Foyer**

11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.: DJ IamYulissa

3 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.: 10K Movement showcase

3:20 p.m. to 4 p.m.: 10K Movement interactive workshop

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