





On behalf of Liberty Mutual Insurance and our 55,000 employees around the world, welcome to the 2014 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular.

As we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on this date 238 years ago, we also remember that it was first read aloud to Bostonians just a few blocks from here at the Old State House.

Tonight, Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra provide the soundtrack for a beautiful night of celebration and appreciation for our country, our forefathers, our way of life and our freedom. With "the rockets' red glare" over the Charles River culminating the evening, we are proud to join you in one of Boston's greatest traditions commemorating one of America's finest moments.

Enjoy the show!

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# Program

The Boston Pops performance on July 3, 2014 is supported by a generous gift from the late Johanna Fiedler, in memory of her father, Arthur Fiedler, who founded the Esplanade concerts in 1929 and served as Pops conductor until 1979.

#### JULY 3 & 4, 2014 ON THE DCR ESPLANADE

# Presenting cast members from *The Phantom of the Opera*

Liberty Fanfare

This Difficult Song: The Star-Spangled Banner at 200\* Text by Lynn Ahrens Smith/Key-Bass

It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) Ellington/Mills-Sebesky

One Day\*

Matisyahu-Elliott

Let It Go\*

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The '20s Roar!
The Charleston – Yes Sir, That's My Baby – How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down On The Farm? – If You Knew Susie (Like I Know Susie) – Tiger Rag arr. Sebesky

# Presenting Megan Hilty INTERMISSION

#### Presenting the Beach Boys

Patriotic Sing-Along\*

arr. Hayman

1812 Overture Tchaikovsky

This Land is Your Land\*

Guthrie-Reisman

The Stars and Stripes Forever

\*Features the Boston Children's Chorus

# Sing Along

#### **America**

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride! From ev'ry mountain side, Let freedom ring!

#### America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain. For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

#### Yankee Doodle

Oh! Yankee Doodle came to town a-ridin' on a pony
He stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni.
Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Yankee Doodle dandy.
Mind the music and the step and with the girls be handy.

#### The Yankee Doodle Boy

I'm a Yankee Doodle dandy, a Yankee Doodle do or die. A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam, Born on the Fourth of July. I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart, she's my Yankee Doodle joy. Yankee Doodle came to town, a-ridin' on a pony, I am a Yankee Doodle boy.

#### You're A Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag.
And forever in peace may you wave;
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true,
Under red, white, and blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag;
But should old acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

#### God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

# Boston Pops

#### **ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA**

#### **Keith Lockhart**

Julian and Eunice Cohen Boston Pops Conductor

#### John Williams, Laureate Conductor

#### First Violins

Joseph Scheer
Michael Rosenbloom
Lisa Crockett
Gregory Vitale
Kristina Nilsson
Christine Vitale
Gerald Mordis
Cynthia Cummings
Sarita Uranovsky
Sasha Callahan
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Clayton Hoener
Jennifer Elowitch
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Dorothy Han
Dianne Pettipaw
Melissa Howe
Stacey Alden
Sandra Kott
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#### Basses

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Gary Ofenloch

#### Timpani

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Keith Lockhart became the 20th conductor of the Boston Pops in 1995. adding his artistic vision to the Pops tradition established by his predecessors John Williams and Arthur Fiedler, Mr. Lockhart holds the Julian and Funice Cohen Boston Pops Conductor chair. He has worked with a wide array of established artists from virtually every corner of the entertainment world, while also promoting programs that focus on talented young musicians from the Tanglewood Music Center, Boston Conservatory, and Berklee College of Music. During his 20-year tenure, he has conducted more than 1,600 Boston Pops concerts and introduced the innovative JazzFest and EdgeFest series, featuring



prominent jazz and indie artists performing with the Pops. Mr. Lockhart has also introduced concert performances of full-length Broadway shows, including Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* and Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*, and the PopSearch and High School Sing-Off competitions. Keith Lockhart currently serves as principal conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra in London, which he led in the June 2012 Diamond Jubilee Concert for Queen Elizabeth II, and as artistic director of the Brevard Music Center summer institute and festival in North Carolina. Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, Keith Lockhart began his musical studies with piano lessons at the age of seven. He holds degrees from Furman University and Carnegie Mellon University, and honorary doctorates from several American universities. For more information, visit www.keithlockhart.com.



## Enjoy free MBTA service after the July 4th festivities!

No other Fourth of July celebration in the Greater Boston area can top the fireworks and concert at the Esplanade! And the MBTA is your best bet for getting home!







#### **Cannons**

The 101st Field Artillery Regiment consists of 350 men and women from the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery based in Brockton, MA. It's currently the oldest field artillery unit in the United States and in Massachusetts. In 2011, the unit was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, training and mentoring elements of the Afghan Army and Afghan National Police. The Alpha Battery 101st Field Artillery Second Corps Cadets is based in Danvers, MA and Fall River, MA. Alpha Battery Commander Captain Joseph Blume supervises the 101st Field Artillery. The 101st Field Artillery fires the cannon blasts live during the end of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."



#### **Honor Guard**

The honor guard this year consists of four sailors from the USS Constitution in traditional uniforms dating back to 1813. The sailors will carry two cutlasses or swords, which were common Naval weapons used by sailors back in the 19th century, as well as the Navy and United States flags. The honor guard will present the colors during the singing of our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."



# Performers

#### **Megan Hilty**

Megan Hilty recently starred alongside Sean Hayes in NBC's comedy "Sean Saves the World." Prior to that, she portrayed the seasoned triple-threat Ivy Lynn in NBC's musical drama "Smash" for two seasons. In March 2013, Hilty released her debut solo album, "It Happens All The Time," which includes fresh interpretations of compositions by contemporary songwriters and producers.

She previously starred as Lorelei Lee in the Encores! production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," to which she earned rave reviews. Megan has recorded vocals for Disney's Tinker Bell series, "The Secret of the Magic Gourd," "Phineas & Ferb," "Glenn Martin, DDS," "American Dad!" "Robot & Monster," "Shrek the Third," and the newly released "Legends of Oz."

Megan made her Broadway debut as Glinda in "Wicked" and went on to perform the role in the national tour and in Los Angeles. Megan was honored with nominations from the Drama Desk, Outer Critics, Drama League and L.A. Stage Alliance Ovation Awards for her portrayal of Doralee Rhodes in "9 to 5: The Musical."

Megan has performed with the New York Pops, National Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, Cincinnati Symphony, Houston Symphony, and Phoenix Symphony, and has appeared in the July 4th and Memorial Day PBS live telecasts as well as Christmas in Washington on TNT. She continues to tour the country with her critically acclaimed solo show.

Television credits include: "Melissa & Joey," "Bones," "The Closer," "Desperate Housewives," "CSI," "Shark," "Ugly Betty," and "Eli Stone."





#### The Beach Boys

You can capsulize most pop music acts by reciting how many hits they've had and how many millions of albums they've sold. But these conventional measurements fall short when you're assessing the impact of The Beach Boys. To be sure, this band has birthed a torrent of hit singles and sold albums by the tens of millions. But its greater significance lies in the fact that it changed the musical landscape so profoundly that every pop act since has been in its debt. Had this remarkable band been less committed to its art and its fans, it could have retired from the field with honor at dozens of points along the way, confident that it had made a lasting contribution to world culture. It could have rested on the success of the epochshifting Pet Sounds masterpiece in 1966...or after recording Love's co-written Golden Globe nominated "Kokomo" in 1988 and seeing it become its best selling single ever...or after being inducted that same year into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame...or after watching its worldwide album sales blow past I00 million...or after 33 RIAA certified Platinum and Gold albums...And still, The Beach Boys continue to have fun, fun, with no end in sight.

Happily for us all, The Beach Boys continue to create and perform with the same bold imagination and style that marked their explosive debut over 50 years ago. The band plays an astoundingly busy schedule of concerts, averaging over 125 shows a year, ranging from sun drenched summer festivals to gala New Year's celebrations and special events worldwide. In 2001, the band was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Grammy Awards. In 2013, their Capitol Records release, Sounds of Summer (RIAA certified triple platinum with over three million in sales and climbing), and its companion The Warmth of the Sun marked a resurgence in Beach Boys interest that has again rocked the world.

In addition to founding Beach Boy Mike Love (lead vocals) and Beach Boy-vet Bruce Johnston (vocals/keyboards)—Scott Totten (guitar/vocals), John Cowsill of The Cowsills (percussion /vocals), Tim Bonhomme (keyboards/vocals), Randell Kirsch (bass/vocals) and Jeffrey Fosksett (guitar/vocals) round out the band.

#### The Boston's Children Chorus

The Boston Children's Chorus is a creative social integration organization that unites area children ages 7-18 across differences of race, religion and socioeconomic status. The Chorus helps children discover the power of singing and transcend social barriers in a celebration of shared humanity and love of music. Its focus is not on one specific community, but the energy of the intersection of all communities. BCC bridges Greater Boston's many diverse groups and fosters a sense of belonging and inclusion. Through intensive choral



training and once-in-a-lifetime performing experiences locally, nationally and around the world, BCC enhances the education and social development of youth as future leaders and global citizens in the 21st century. For more information, visit www.bostonchildrenschorus.org.

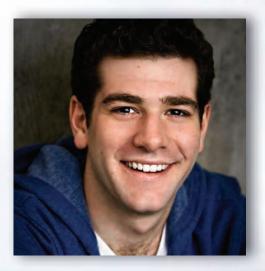
#### The Spectacular New Production of The Phantom of the Opera

The two lead principals from the spectacular new production of *The Phantom of the Opera* will perform at this year's Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular celebration. Julia Udine, who plays Christine Daaé, is making her touring debut with this new production of *Phantom*. Originally from Southern New Jersey, Udine studied with a vocal coach and received ballet training and both instructors gave her the inspiration and courage to pursue her dreams. Her other theater credits include: *Jack's Back* (Jenny), *West Side Story* (Maria). TV: *Law and Order SVU, All My Children*.

Ben Jacoby who plays, Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny has called Chicago his home for the past year and comes to *Phantom* directly from the Chicago-area Marriott Theatre. Regionally, Jacoby has appeared at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Maine State Music Theatre and in several productions at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. He holds undergraduate degrees in English Literature and Theatre from Denison University and an MFA in Acting from UC Irvine.

The Phantom of the Opera is now playing at the beautiful Boston Opera House through July 20th. For more information visit: http://boston.broadway.com





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# 200th Anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner

This year marks the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key. Key was an attorney in Baltimore and a gifted amateur poet. While aboard a British troopship, anchored approximately four miles away, and in the process of negotiating the release of an American civilian imprisoned by the British, Key witnessed the 25-hour bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry. The morning after, on September 14, 1814, U.S. soldiers at Fort McHenry raised a large American flag to celebrate the crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. So inspired by the "broad stripes and bright stars" of the flag as it waved high above, Key began scribbling the initial verse of his song on the back of a letter. Back in Baltimore, Key completed four additional verses. A local printer then issued the new song as a poster or broadside as it was called in the early 1800's. Shortly after that, two Baltimore newspapers published the lyrics, and by mid-October it had appeared in at least 17 other newspapers in cities up and down the East Coast. Over the years "The Star-Spangled Banner" became one of America's most popular and patriotic songs; however, it did not become our National Anthem until 1931. Key's words that day shed a new light on a national symbol in our country: the American Flag, which was not just an emblem of the nation, but a representation of our country's values and the ideals for which it stands.





Fireworks create a celebratory feel on July 4th. This year Atlas PyroVision Productions, a New England-based company, has brought back their amazing pyrotechnics for the DCR Hatch Shell stage and has also created an exciting main fireworks display sure to light up the sky over the Charles River. Pyrotechnics music supervisor, Don Dorsey, spent several months putting together a fun and patriotic soundtrack that will sync beautifully to the illuminating pyrotechnics.

"Atlas Pyrovision is happy to be back at The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular for another year! Each year we continually challenge ourselves to add fresh new ideas and I feel that Boston will enjoy some of the new artistic features we have included in the design. This will be the second year that pyrotechnics will be shot off the Mass Ave. Bridge as part of the overall fireworks display and our 'Atlas Mini-Barges' will also be back, adding depth to the entire fireworks show."

Matt Shea, Atlas Pyrovision



#### **2014 Pyro Credit List**

Pyrotechnics Show

Designer and Producer

Matthew Shea

## Pyrotechnics Production and Logistics

Matthew Shea, Barge Pyro Shawn Allison, Bridge Pyro Andrea Shea, Hatch Shell Pyro

> Pyrotechnics Music Supervisor Don Dorsey

#### **Pyrotechnicians**

Dan Bopp Jonathan Brown AJ Shea Todd Larain Gabe Barrieau Jamie Hatchett

#### **Fireworks Music**

**To the Spaceport/The Launch** – James Newton Howard (from "Treasure Planet")

Right Place Right Time - Olly Murs

Even the Stars Fall 4 U - Keith Urban

**Let it Go** – Idina Menzel (from "Frozen")

Patriot's Song Medley – USAF Heritage of American Band & Singing Sergeants

Fighting 17th – Hans Zimmer (from "Backdraft")

Roar – Katy Perry

Dirty Water - The Standells

The Face – RyanDan

My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark – Fall Out Boy

Moments Like This - The Afters

Academic Festival Overture – Johannes Brahms

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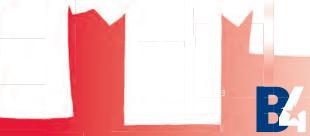
Visit the B4 Productions Kiosk and take home an official event souvenir\* from the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular. Available while supplies last.

#### July 3rd

Souvenirs will be sold within the main concession area.

#### July 4th

Souvenirs will be sold within the main concession area and also on the island near the Clarendon Street Footbridge.



\*all proceeds benefit Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation















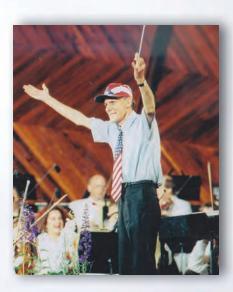
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# In Memoriam

#### Richard J. Savickas (1942-2014)

Richard "Richie" Savickas was part of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular family for 40 years. Up until 2001, he was employed by the Metropolitan District Commission, now DCR, and was the Hatch Shell manager for a number of years.

His passion for this event was so strong that after he retired in 2001, he decided he could not stay away and joined the Boston 4 Productions team as a volunteer. The Hatch Shell and those who attended the various events held at this landmark were Richie's life. Wherever Richie was he brought smiles and happiness to those around him. He will be missed.



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**FOOD** There are food vendors located in Boston and Cambridge. All vendors are permitted by, and come under the supervision of, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). In addition, Boston Water & Sewer Commission will be providing 800 gallons of free water in their special truck located by the Fiedler Footbridge.

HANDICAP SERVICES In Boston, the handicapped area is filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Once the handicapped area is filled, no additional spectators will be admitted. Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available. On the Cambridge side, there is a reserved handicapped section along a section of the Cambridge Parkway on the night of July 4th. After 5 p.m., vehicles with handicapped parking placards will proceed through the security checkpoint at Land Boulevard and Binney Street.

**MEDICAL** Over 100 Emergency Medical Services personnel are located in Boston and Cambridge. In Boston, sunscreen dispensers holding SPF 30 will be available. Please protect yourself.

PUBLIC SAFETY For your safety, 24 federal, state and city agencies are on-site and in the event's Unified Command Center. These agencies maintain a presence throughout the event in Boston, Cambridge and on the Charles River. The stateowned DCR Esplanade, DCR Hatch Shell and parkways are under the supervision and command of the Massachusetts State Police.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION For MBTA information, call 617-222-3200 or visit www.mbta.com. On the Boston side, the two closest T stations are: Charles Street Circle for the Red Line and Arlington Street for the Green Line. On the Cambridge side, Kendall and Central Square stations on the Red Line are the closest. On July 4th after 9:30 p.m., all MBTA buses and trains will be free to the public.

**RECYCLING** We encourage spectators to recycle. Recycling bins will be located next to trash receptacles scattered throughout the Esplanade on July 3rd and 4th.

REMEMBER "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING™" If you see something suspicious at all, please say something by reporting it to one of the many uniformed officers on-site on July 3rd and July 4th or call 911. Please note that all sound towers are numbered and can easily identify your location.

**RESTROOMS** There are over 350 portable restrooms located in Boston and Cambridge. Handicapped-accessible restrooms are at all restroom locations.

SECURED AREAS There are two secured areas. for this event: the Oval and the Island. Spectators entering these areas will be required to pass through one of the bag check/screening entrances and will receive a wristband specifically for that area, which must be worn at all times during the event to ensure access in and out of that secured area. When the secured areas are full on July 3rd and July 4th, NO additional wristbands will be distributed. Spectators going to the Island must enter via the Clarendon or Exeter Street Footbridges and also pass through a bag check/screening entrance. The Berkeley and Mt. Vernon Footbridges will be closed to the public. The Fairfield Footbridge will only be used as an exit off of the Island along with the Clarendon and Exeter Street Footbridges. NOTE: On July 4th, the Mass Ave. Bridge will be closed to the public from 4 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The Longfellow Bridge will be open for pedestrian flow until approximately 9 p.m. and will remain closed until 11 p.m. (All bridge closure times subject to change.) Visit www.july4th.org for specific information regarding restrictions on what is not allowed inside the secured areas.

SOUND SYSTEM & VIDEO SCREENS There are 18 sound towers in Boston and Cambridge. The sound system is operational in Boston from noon to 11 p.m. on July 4th. Public service announcements and recorded music are broadcast throughout the day. The sound in Cambridge is operational from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. On the Boston side, there are two large video screens on each side of the DCR Hatch Shell stage.

TV, WEB & RADIO BROADCAST The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular can be seen locally on July 4th on Boston's WBZ-TV from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The concert and fireworks score are simulcast on WBZ News Radio starting at 7 p.m. and on WCRB 99.5 starting at 8 p.m. In addition, a webcast of The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular will stream live on www.cbsboston.com and www.BostonPopsJuly4th.org.

**WEATHER** The Unified Command Center monitors weather. There is no rain date for the concert. The weather forecast will be announced periodically over the event's public address system throughout July 4th.

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Boston 4 Productions (B4) is the production arm of Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is producing large-scale, free community events in and around the City of Boston and in the New England area.

B4's flagship event every year is the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular. The first July 4th event was founded in 1974 by David Mugar and then Boston Pops Conductor Arthur Fiedler. In May 2014, members of the B4 organization received the prestigious Massachusetts State Police Public Service Award for their dedication to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mugar received the Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts State Police. Also in May 2014, the event won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Special Event Coverage presented by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/ New England.

The organization is also a part of the community in many other public events. B4 produces Boston's Family Fireworks display on New Year's Eve on the Boston Common, presented by The Mugar Foundation. In its 15th year, this New Year's Eve display has become a special celebration and tradition for the city. In addition B4 has been involved with the millennial celebration for the City of Boston, Cape Cod Canal's upcoming Centennial celebration, and many other community events throughout its history. For more information visit www.july4th.org.

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