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# Press Release

## **High School Band & Orchestra Present Holiday Concert**

The Ponca City High School Concert Band, Symphony Orchestras, and Steel Drum Band will present a Holiday Concert Monday night, December 11. The program will begin at 7:00 in the High School Howell Auditorium. The orchestras are under the direction of Dan Larson, with assistants Paula Cochran and Katie Rolf. The bands are headed by David Christy, with assistants Keith Crocker and Andrew Orr.

Opening the concert will be the Ponca City High School Concert Band. They will be performing five selections. These include *A Christmas Flourish*, arranged by Randall Standridge; *Christmas Classics*, arranged by Jim Swearingen; *Traditions of Christmas*, arranged by Robert Longfield; *A Fireside Christmas*, arranged by Samny Nestico; and *It's Christmas*, arranged by Warren Barker. Each of the band's selections are medleys of familiar tunes that you hear throughout the holiday season.

The Steel Drum Band, under the direction of Andrew Orr, will perform a couple of festive selections. First up will be *Ayko-Ayko*, as arranged by Jeff Neitzke. They will conclude with *Deck the Halls*, arranged by Aaron Ziegler.

The Ponca City High School Symphony Orchestra will take to the stage to complete the evening. They will open with *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* by Eddie Pola and George Wyle, arranged by Bob Cerulli. Next, *Santa at the Symphony*, arranged by Mark Williajms. In this selection, classical music themes are interwoven with season melodies. The Symphony Strings will then perform *A Mad Russian's Christmas* (as performed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra) by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, Paul O'Neill and Robert Kinkel, arranged by Bob Phillips; and *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Gustav Holst, arranged by John Leavitt. The Symphony Orchestra will conclude with two pieces. Up first, *Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24* (as performed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra) by Paul O'Neill and Robert Kinkel, and arranged by Bob Phillips. Bringing the concert to a conclusion will be *A Christmas Festival* by Leroy Anderson. This is a high-energy medley of several traditional holiday tunes.

This evening of holiday music presented by the Ponca City High School Instrumental Music Department has no admission charge. community is cordially invited to attend and hear these outstanding ensembles.