



CHRISTMAS FOREVER

WITH PACIFIC SYMPHONIC
WIND ENSEMBLE

& SAXOPHILIA

DEC 6, 2025

@ 7:30PM

**Evergreen Cultural Centre
#1205 Pinetree Way,
Coquitlam**





Greetings all and welcome to a Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble Christmas (and it is, mostly, Christmas) show. This is my first PSWE concert NOT being Music Director. Christin Reardon MacLellan has taken the reins and I am happy. Tonight we are joined by the Saxophilia saxophone quartet (including me) to play a diverse selection of Christmas-related pop tunes, sacred pieces, classical excerpts and, one of my favourite related arrangements, Stephen Bulla's Rhapsody for Hanukkah. Enjoy and celebrate (honestly, you should)!

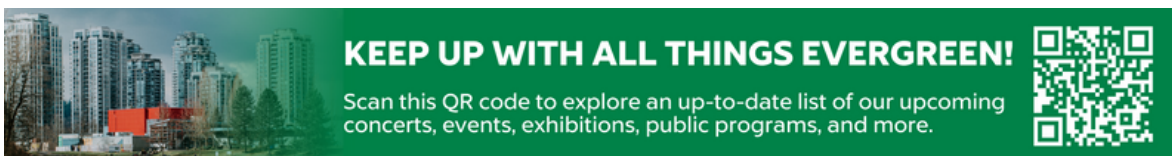
-David Branter

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Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sunday, May 31, 2026



PACIFIC SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

with Associate conductor, David Branter

Christmas Dreams Christopher Tyler Nickel

Fantasy on the Huron Carol Robert Buckley

Performed by PSWE

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Rowland H. Pritchard.
arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

Noël Provençal Jean Bouvard

Let It Snow Jule Styne
arr. Rich Shanklin
Performed by Saxophilia

Midnight Sleigh Ride Eddie Sauter, Billy Finegan
arr. Tom Wallace

A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson
Performed by PSWE

INTERMISSION

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson

Rhapsody for Hanukkah Stephen Bullah

Performed by PSWE

Caroling, Caroling

Alfred Burt
arr. Fred Stride

Come Emmanuel

Traditional Hymn
Arr. Fred Stride

Russian Dance from Nutcracker Suite

Peter Tchaikovsky
arr. Ralph Martino

Performed by Saxophilia

Waiting for Father Christmas

Riho Päts
arr. Alan Matheson & David Branter

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin
arr. Rich Shanklin

Performed by PSWE and Saxophilia

Saxophilia

Julia Nolan soprano saxophone

Kris Covlin alto saxophone

David Branter tenor saxophone

Colin MacDonald baritone saxophone



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Saxophilia formed in August 1996 with Julia Nolan, Colin MacDonald, Tony Sheppard and David Branter as founding members. The Vancouver-based saxophone quartet has dedicated itself to exploring and presenting new and challenging repertoire while also playing lighter and more traditional repertoire. With Kris Covlin replacing Tony Sheppard in 2014, the group has recorded two prior CDs, *Saxophilia* and *Metamorphosis*, and tonight are launching their newest release, *Christmas with Saxophilia*.

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Dr. David Branter has a BM, MM, and DM from Indiana University and performs as both a classical and jazz saxophonist and clarinetist. He has acted as Music Director for the Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble (PSWE) from 1996-1999 and again starting in 2013. In July of 2015, Dr. Branter directed PSWE in two programmes and premiered several works with PSWE, including the titles *Cool* (February 2007), *Hip* (March 2012), and *The Tribe* part 1, (November 2014). David Branter performs regularly with jazz groups led by Alan Matheson, as well as John Korsrud's Hard Rubber Orchestra. He has taught at Douglas College, UBC's School of Music, and from 1979, at Vancouver Community College. Dr. Branter retired from VCC as of 30th of April 2018.



The **Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble** is a 45-piece band made up of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. The highly skilled adult musicians come from many different walks of life, but all aspire to present the best performances of modern wind band music through a regular four concert season. PSWE is also an active supporter of student musicians, and offers workshops and masterclasses, as well as joint concerts with school groups. Individuals also often serve as mentors to your players.

For more information on PSWE, visit our website: <http://pswe.ca>

Or follow us on our socials:

Facebook: @PacificSymphonicWindEnsemble, Instagram: @pswe.windensemble

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Music Director

Christin Reardon
MacLellan

Associate Conductor

David Branter

Flutes/Piccolos

Miranda Doherty
Marni Johnson
Sabine Lague
Cheryl McHugh
Sheila Woody

Oboes

Teigan Paish

Clarinets:

Mary Backun
Robert Buckley
Iris Hwang
Lasse Leslie
Marcia Nottle
Walter Quan
Robert Sheffield
Louise Whitehead
Peter Zajonc

Alto Clarinet:

Marcia Nottle

Bass Clarinet

Jack Liang

Saxophones

Bryan Canuel
Valerie Crocker
Mia Gazley
Luke Vincent
Tina Wang

Bassoons

Julia Nolan
Kyrie Vincent

Trumpets

Jeremy Backun
Heidi Goetz
Don Harder
Steve Thompson

Horns

Lawrence De Guzman
Steve Ho
Brenda Larsen
Adam Law
Brenda Wilson

Euphonium

Tom Angelus
Matt Taylor

Trombones

Nick Francis
Greg Passmore
Gerald Rogers
Matt Taylor
Robert Toren

Tubas

Alasdair Cameron
Ben Horodyski
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