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offers

## **\$15 Student and Senior RUSH TICKETS to Mark O'Connor's *An Appalachian Christmas***

**featuring the O'Connor Band with special guest Nancy Ives**

*"All Christmas music should be played so elegantly on violin" - Boston Globe*

*With all the hustle and bustle associated with this time of year, it's a real joy to find something so simple and pure as this holiday offering from Mark O'Connor." – The Daily Local News, PA*

PORTLAND, OR., December 12, 2016 — For the first year, All Classical Portland will offer Rush Tickets to Mark O'Connor's *An Appalachian Christmas*. \$15 Rush Tickets will be available to students and seniors (62+) all day Wednesday, December 14th in person at the box office. Each student or senior can purchase up to 2 tickets per ID!

Join All Classical Portland and Grammy-winning violinist Mark O'Connor at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall this Wednesday, December 14th in his acclaimed *An Appalachian Christmas* tour. Mark and the O'Connor Band seamlessly combine elements from folk, bluegrass and classical traditions to create "heavenly" (*Associated Press*) interpretations of Christmas classics that transcend genre and have universal appeal.

**Nancy Ives, principal cellist with the Oregon Symphony**, will make a special guest appearance performing parts originally crafted by Yo-Yo Ma on three selections. The Grammy-nominated O'Connor Band, (Mark on violin, his wife Maggie on violin and vocals, his son Forrest on mandolin and vocals, Forrest's fiancée Kate on violin and vocals, and family friends Geoff Smart on bass and National Flatpick Guitar Champ Joe Smart) delivers stunning vocal harmonies, classic covers, and sophisticated instrumentals with a fresh sound that has won over fans of every musical style. This performance will include several Portland premieres of hit tracks from their debut, Grammy-nominated album, "Coming Home."

Let All Classical Portland whisk you away from the holiday hype and take you on an enchanting journey to the heart of Appalachia, where simplicity and beauty rule the season.

**Watch the O'Connor Band here perform here:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t\\_Siw3RIfZc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_Siw3RIfZc)

Check out this backstage warmup from last year's Appalachian Christmas tour:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-VP5gHr6do>

**Sponsored by Bob's Red Mill**, this special concert kicks off a month of seasonal holiday music including All Classical Portland's annual **Festival of Carols, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**: four days of beautiful, uplifting and heartwarming classical music, carefully selected to be the perfect accompaniment to your holiday activities.

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