

Sway to the Sounds of Christmas: A Musical Ballet Extravaganza at The Royal Opera House, Mumbai

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."

- Buddy the Elf (from the movie *Elf*)

Across centuries, Christmas, carols, and ballet have been integral to holiday celebrations. Carols, originating in medieval Europe, were joyful songs sung during festive occasions. As Christmas became more widespread, carols evolved into melodies that embodied the season's joy. Simultaneously, ballet, rooted in Renaissance entertainment, grew into a refined art form. However, it was Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* that debuted in 1892, that firmly linked ballet with Christmas.

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Royal College of Music, London, The Harmony Chorus, The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet, Furtados, The Royal Opera House, Mumbai, and Avid Learning are excited to present **A Classical Christmas - An Evening of Carols and Ballet**. Under the artistic direction of **Sandra Oberoi**, the special performance features soloists Tiana Oberoi and Tiara Oberoi joined by The Harmony Chorus, and accompanied by Avinash Grubb on the piano, guaranteeing an indelible evening filled with heartwarming melodies and ballet artistry.

Celebrate the festive season immersing yourself in timeless compositions from **Britten's Ceremony of Carols** and other favorites by **Rutter**. Witness the stage ablaze with the seamless harmony of exquisite vocal solos by 18-year-old soprano from India, **Tiana Oberoi**, a scholar at the Royal College of Music in London and winner of several Classical singing competitions and, actor-musician **Tiara Oberoi**, who is in her final year of Musical Theatre Studies at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London and winner of the Commonwealth Prize for Composition in 2020, for her piece, *Lacrimosa*. The solo magic would be embellished by soulful duets and trios intricately woven with dazzling choreography by ballerinas ringing in Christmas on stage.

Members of the choir are all students at **Harmony - The Music School** founded by Sandra Oberoi in 2008. Sandra is an internationally acclaimed music educator, singer, vocal coach, and researcher who has led the award-winning versatile choir with children and youth from Bangalore, The Harmony Chorus since 2011. The much-accomplished show choir was a finalist on Colors TV's *Rising Star* and has represented India as a cultural ambassador performing at prestigious venues including The Nehru Centre and The Purcell School in England.

Experience an unforgettable evening of artistic brilliance that embodies the true essence of Christmas and festive cheer.

Where: Royal Opera House, Mama Parmanand Marg, Mumbai - 400004

When: Wednesday, 20th November 2023 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM - Performance

Tickets: www.insider.in (Rs. 300 onwards)

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