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VOCALIST SHELÉA REPLACES YOLANDA ADAMS IN SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S HOLIDAY SOUL PERFORMANCE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Rising star and vocalist [Sheléa](#) joins the San Francisco Symphony and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir for Holiday Soul, an exuberant performance of soul, jazz, and Christmas classics led by conductor Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser on Wednesday, December 8. Sheléa replaces vocalist [Yolanda Adams](#), who, with much regret and disappointment, must withdraw from the performance due to an enforced unexpected quarantine. Ms. Adams offers a very sincere apology.

With widespread comparison to the vocal expertise of legendary Whitney Houston, and the piano prowess of Alicia Keys, it's no surprise that artist and actress, **Sheléa** (pronounced shuh-lay-yuh), has garnered co-signs from the likes of Stevie Wonder, Mary J. Blige, Missy Elliott, David Foster, Queen Latifah, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Hudson, Quincy Jones, and more. Blending traditional pop, jazz, R&B and soul, Sheléa brings a contemporary edge to classics, and a classic touch to contemporary pop standards. With years of making a name for herself as a vocal powerhouse, having performed twice at the White House; Library of Congress; Carnegie Hall; the Kennedy Center; and more, 2020 marked her acting debut as Dorinda Clark in *The Clark Sisters: The First Ladies of Gospel*. The Lifetime biopic drew 2.7 million viewers and "was the strongest original movie for all television for 2020 across key demos

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including both broadcast and cable." With the film as the top social trend across all television, Sheléa's name was prominently found leading the charge. Sheléa makes her San Francisco Symphony debut with this performance.

If you need assistance with your ticket, contact the Box Office by phone at 415-864-6000, email at patronservices@sfsymphony.org, or in person at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Calendar editors, please note:

Tickets

- Tickets for concerts at Davies Symphony can be purchased via sfsymphony.org or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415-864-6000. Tickets prices range from \$55 to \$200.

Location

- Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

Health & Safety Information

- Davies Symphony Hall is currently operating at full audience capacity. The San Francisco Symphony requires proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for everyone ages 12 and up entering Davies Symphony Hall—including patrons, performers, volunteers, and staff. Full vaccination is defined as completion of the two-dose regimen of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine administered two weeks or more in advance of the concert. Audience members between the ages of 5 and 11 must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test within 72 hours of the event, or antigen [rapid] test within 24 hours of the event). Audience members under age 5 must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test within 72 hours of the event, or antigen [rapid] test within 24 hours of the event). All patrons are required to wear a face mask while attending performances. Details about health and safety protocols at Davies Symphony Hall can be found [here](#).

HOLIDAY

Holiday Soul

[Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:30pm](#)

[Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser](#) conductor

[Sheléa](#) vocalist*

[Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir](#), Terrance Kelly director

San Francisco Symphony

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL "Hallelujah" Chorus from *Messiah*

TRADITIONAL NEGRO SPIRITUAL (arr. William Henry Smith) "Ride the Chariot"

FRANZ GRUBER (arr. Terrance Kelly / Ben Heveroh) "Silent Night"

ADOLPHE ADAM (arr. Terrance Kelly / Ben Heveroh) "O Holy Night"

NORMAN HUTCHINS "Emmanuel"

DARWIN HOBBS "I Give You Praise"

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (arr. Mervyn Warren) "Hallelujah" from *Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*

DR. JUDITH CHRISTIE MCALLISTER "Everybody Dancin'"

VARIOUS

Shel a in concert with the San Francisco Symphony

**Please note that the vocalist for this performance has changed from what was previously announced.*

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