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An all-holiday Six Picks

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Lots of singing, dancing and holiday cheer!

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Dear Matthew,

Here are this week's **Six Picks** to keep you connected to the world of performing arts. Find more links like these on our website. Enjoy!



The Hip Hop Nutcracker*
Streaming TONIGHT! Dec. 4 at
7 p.m.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker is a contemporary dance spectacle set to Tchaikovsky's timeless music. A unique and joyful event, this evening-length production is performed by a supercharged cast of a dozen all-star dancers, a DJ, a violinist, and MC Kurtis Blow, one of hip hop's founding fathers, who opens the show with a short set.



Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy: Celtic Family Christmas*
Starting Fri., Dec. 11

You're invited into the home of Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy to share their music, life and preparation at Christmas time. In addition to music, see candid moments around the kitchen, decorating the tree, and other bits of Christmas chaos. Get tickets and you'll see why Natalie and her family have come back to our stage four times!



Andrea Bocelli - Believe in Christmas
Sat., Dec. 12, 8 p.m.

Andrea Bocelli performs an exclusive worldwide livestream concert from the spectacular Teatro Regio di Parma opera house in Italy. Filmed in the round, this one-off, multi-camera event will feature Andrea and some very special guests for a magical performance to usher in the festive season.



Home for the Holidays Concert*

Fri., Dec. 18, 7 p.m.

Emily Cain, Danny Williams & Friends will be streaming live from the CCA stage to sing some of your holiday favorites. See performances by the top three winners of our talent contest, plus special guest, Fran Vogt.



Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish*

Watch now thru Dec. 27

This special show tells the story of a rag doll named Eleanor who lives in a magical world. Despite her love for her North Pole family, Eleanor's very merry Christmas wish is for a best friend and home of her own. With the help of her elf friends, she realizes that wishing is not enough and so she writes her own letter to Santa, leading to important lessons in love and life. *Upgrade available -- Order by Dec. 11 for a family party box! To watch, use promo code: YEPzG*



Hot Chocolate Nutcracker Now available

Netflix's new *Dance Dreams: Hot Chocolate Nutcracker* looks at Debbie Allen's vision of the classic ballet and the history behind her L.A. school. See the trailer [here](#). The documentary captures Allen, her instructors, and nearly 200 dancers, from toddlers to adults, preparing for the yearly production. Dancers, most of whom are people of color, perform a mix of ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip-hop, flamenco, and Bollywood dance.

Bonus pick!



Watch actress [Mary Neely](#) lip-sync songs from classic musicals. These videos are becoming increasingly elaborate, culminating in a multipart re-enactment of "Beauty and the Beast" in which Neely plays all the roles. For a few heroic weeks, she was a one-woman incarnation of musical theater itself. Info courtesy of the NY Times.

*** These streaming events are a bit different from all others. Not only have we chosen these events because of their appeal, you'll be happy to know that some or all of the proceeds will benefit the Collins Center!**

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