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Hamilton Philharmonic Announces Special Matinee Performance of *Home for the Holidays* and a Unique Fundraising Campaign

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** announces a special 2pm matinee performance of Hamilton's favourite holiday tradition, *Home for the Holidays*, on Saturday, December 19th at Hamilton Place. This performance is in addition to the one at 7:30pm, and features a slightly abbreviated programme geared towards children and families.

This year *Home for the Holidays* once again features the award winning and much loved **Hamilton Children's Choir** performing holiday favourites, along with special guest **Darcy Hepner** on saxophone of the **Darcy Hepner Jazz Orchestra**, and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Performance Information for **Home for the Holidays**:

Date + Time: Saturday, December 19th at 2pm & 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57; children's tickets \$5
14-30? Join the HPO:GO program and get \$10 tickets

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

At the concert on November 14th the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra launched what may be our most unique fundraising campaign yet. Called *Keep Jamie Warm*, it is a matching dollar campaign made possible by an anonymous donor. Each new or increased gift of \$50 or more is not only matched by our donor but adds rows to a new scarf for Music Director James Sommerville to keep him warm this winter. Most importantly, all donations support the growth of the HPO in the community and help make the music happen.

The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1884 as The Hamilton Orchestral Society, and grew to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras. Today the HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programmes to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works, and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

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