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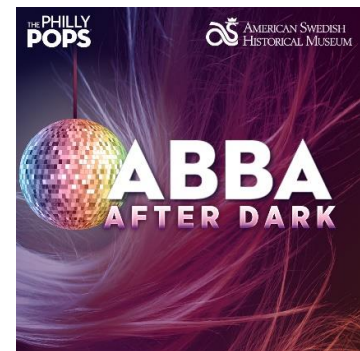
**Come belt out your favorite ABBA hits with The Philly POPS!**

**ABBA After Dark Presented by The Philly POPS**

**and the American Swedish Historical Museum**

**Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

Philadelphia, PA—Join us for this fun-filled evening of live music, singing and dancing queens! The Philly POPS in partnership with the American Swedish Historical Museum (ASHM) is hosting an ABBA After Dark sing-along on Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 pm. You can listen in or sing-along as The Philly POPS plays a variety of ABBA's iconic hits on the museum terrace. Come dressed in your best ABBA attire for a chance to win tickets to the *POPS Rocks ABBA: Mamma Mia! And more...* concert at the Kimmel Cultural Campus November 17, 20 and 21.



Sing-along repertoire (subject to change):

- Take a Chance On Me
- Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!
- Chiquitita
- Mamma Mia
- Waterloo
- Money, Money, Money
- Dancing Queen
- The Winner Takes It All

The music will start at 7:00 pm, but come early to enjoy the ASHM galleries as well as appetizers and beverages for sale. ASHM will open at 5:00 pm for tickets holders and will be serving nibbles, such as Swedish meatballs and Philly pretzels. Tickets are \$10 per person and include museum admission. Grab your ticket today before they sell out! Register at: <https://www.americanswedish.org/events/abba-after-dark>

**About POPS Rocks ABBA: Mamma Mia! and more...**

The Philly POPS puts on its dancing shoes for *POPS Rocks ABBA: Mamma Mia! and more...* November 17, 20 and 21 at the Kimmel Cultural Campus.

Music Director and Principal Conductor David Charles Abell and the full Philly POPS orchestra will take audiences through ABBA's career, highlighting tunes that soared to the top of the charts in the '70s and '80s. Favorites include: "Dancing Queen," "Gimme! Gimme!

Gimme!," and "Chiquitita." This performance marks Abell's first performance back with the POPS in Verizon Hall since 2019.

"ABBA's music is pure joy—which is something I think we all could use about now," said David Charles Abell. "Their music is a perfect example of pop, and the full POPS orchestra will bring plenty of fun and excitement to these arrangements and orchestrations. And, as a Scandinavian group, Rajaton adds an extra layer of authenticity."

Joining the POPS is Finnish vocal group *Rajaton* (Rah-ya-tahn). Last seen with the POPS in 2014, Rajaton performs worldwide and has released 16 different albums in their over-20-year career. They currently have one double platinum, three platinum and eight gold records in Finland, with worldwide sales of over 400,000.

Tickets start at \$35 and are available at [www.phillypops.org/abba](http://www.phillypops.org/abba).

### **About The Philly POPS**

The Philly POPS, the largest standalone pops orchestra in the United States, delights audiences with the inspired performance of American popular music. The POPS celebrates this distinctive musical heritage through an expanding repertoire of innovative concert performances and a robust set of educational and engagement initiatives.

As the official POPS orchestra of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia's partner in civic celebration, The Philly POPS serves a consistently growing audience of over 450,000 annually. Music Director and Principal Conductor David Charles Abell and the 65-piece Philly POPS orchestra keeps listeners tapping their toes to an impressive repertoire of songs from American traditional music up through to today's chart-toppers.

In addition to Subscription Series performances at The Kimmel Center, The Philly POPS presents innovative programming with contemporary artists at the Met Philadelphia in The Philly POPS at the Met Philadelphia series. Other ensembles that make up The Philly POPS are: The Philly POPS BIG Band, which plays a rock and rhythm and blues repertoire and The Philly POPS Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia, under the direction of Artistic Director for Jazz, Terrell Stafford.

Outside the concert hall, free Salute Series performances – including Memorial Salute, July 3 POPS on Independence, July 4 POPS on the Parkway and the I'll Be Home for Christmas: A Salute to the Military and First Responders concert – celebrate the American tradition of service around important national holidays. POPS in Schools enhances music education for 3,000 Philadelphia School District students; and POPS Outside brings POPS music to local communities. The Philly POPS performs as a founding resident company of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, as the Principal Orchestra of the Met Philadelphia, and at venues throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's NRG Station/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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