**UNITED IN SONG 2022: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR,**

**Hosted by Renée Fleming with Chris Jackson,**

**Premieres New Year’s Eve, Saturday, December 31, on PBS**

**And Streaming on PBS.org and the PBS App**

**Musical Performances from Matt Doyle,**

**Carolina Gaitán, Mandy Gonzalez, Natalie Grant, Joaquina Kalukango, Roman Mejia, MILCK, Ricardo Morales, Tiler Peck,**

**Jacqueline Schwab, Reginald Smith, Jr., Rhonda Vincent, Wendlo, Brett Young and Raye Zaragoza**

**Also Featuring the Background Vocals of the Boise State University Meistersingers, Ohio University Singers and Spelman College Glee Club With the American Pops Orchestra Conducted by Luke Frazier**

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*Left to right: Mandy Gonzalez, Joaquina Kalukango, Reginald Smith II and Carolina Gaitán.*

ARLINGTON, VA – Filmed on location in beautiful historic theaters across the country, **UNITED IN SONG 2022: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR** celebrates our nation’s extraordinary cultural and musical diversity — from folk to opera, country and Broadway to bluegrass and beyond. Featuring performances from award-winning artists, the program also reflects on what brings us together as Americans and how we can all unite through the arts. Hosted by four-time Grammy Award winner and renowned soprano Renée Fleming (filmed at the Gala Hispanic Theatre in Washington, DC) with Emmy and Grammy Award-winner Chris Jackson (filmed at the Triad Theater in New York City), this third **UNITED IN SONG** special program premieres on New Year’s Eve, Saturday, December 31, 8:00-9:30 p.m. ET, with an encore performance from 9:30-11:00 p.m. ET ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/))on PBS, [PBS.org](http://www.pbs.org) and the [PBS App](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/).

Filmed before a live audience at the historic Peoples Bank Theatre in Marietta, Ohio, featured artists include Grammy Award-winning Queen of Bluegrass **Rhonda Vincent** (“Kentucky Borderline”), Platinum recording artist and Billboard and CMA nominee **Brett Young** (“In Case You Didn’t Know,” “Mercy”), classical clarinetist **Ricardo Morales** (“Impromptu,” “Clarinet Sonata”), *Hamilton* Drama Desk Awardee **Mandy Gonzalez** (“Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” “Que Sera, Sera”), Grammy and Emmy Award-winning baritone **Reginald Smith, Jr.** (“Ain’t That Good News”), nine-time Grammy nominee **Natalie Grant** (“In Better Hands,” “It Is Well”) and concert pianist **Jacqueline Schwab** (“Shenandoah”).

At the lovingly restored Egyptian Theatre, one of Boise, Idaho’s most cherished landmarks, musical performances include singer-songwriter and activist **MILCK** (“Make Your Own Kind of Music,” “I Belong”), Tony Award winner **Matt Doyle** (“One Song Glory”), and powerhouse folk songstress **Raye Zaragoza** (“Change Your Name”).

From the beautiful Art Deco Earl & Rachel Strand Theatre in Marietta, Georgia, performances include alternative pop duo **Wendlo (“Never Gonna Give You Up”),** Grammy Award-nominee and star of Disney’s *Encanto*, **Carolina Gaitán** (“I Am Bolero”), Tony Award winner **Joaquina Kalukango** (“Let It Burn”), and New York City Ballet’s **Tiler Peck** and **Roman Mejia** (“I’ll Be Seeing You”).

The **Boise State University Meistersingers**, **Ohio University Singers** and the **Spelman College Glee Club** provide background vocals, spotlighting upcoming talent from across the country.

All performers are joined by **The American Pops Orchestra** under the baton of Music Director **Luke Frazier**.

Frazier remarked, “I can’t think of a better way to ring in the New Year than featuring incredible artists performing in historic theaters in cities across the country.” He added, “Having grown up in a small town, I know the importance of regional theaters in the life of the arts. These venues, just like the programming on PBS, provide a way for audiences to be inspired and entertained and for countless aspiring artists to dream of a life in the arts.”

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**About the American Pops Orchestra**

APO was founded in 2015 with a mission to breathe new life into orchestral pops programming and inspire diverse audiences to discover the wealth of the material in the Great American Songbook in dynamic new ways. Seeing an opportunity to challenge the status-quo of the repertoire performed by orchestras, founder and music director, Luke Frazier, created The American Pops with the intent of breaking the mold of the traditional pops orchestra. This new distinctly “American” orchestra brings together versatile musicians and reimagined programming focused around the Great American Songbook, presenting it with an approachable, fresh spin to engage diverse audiences. Through non-traditional orchestral settings, APO aims to deliver popular American classics to those who already know and love them, while also introducing these timeless pieces to younger generations in approachable settings. Other APO appearances made on PBS include WICKED in Concert; Ella Wishes You a Swinging Christmas; ONE Voice, The Songs We Share; We Are Family and more. To learn more, visit [www.TheAmericanPops.org](http://www.TheAmericanPops.org).

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