

With symphonic band and guest youth choir. \$6-\$32; Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-239-4566; [www.metroyouth-symphony.org](http://www.metroyouth-symphony.org)

**Dec. 6-8 Symphony's All-Tchaikovsky program** The Oregon Symphony plays Act 2 of "The Nutcracker" and more. \$15-\$98, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-228-1353; [www.oregonsymphony.com](http://www.oregonsymphony.com)

**Dec. 13-14 "Wintersong!"** Portland Symphonic Choir salutes the season with "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," Ralph Vaughan Williams' transformation of traditional English carols. \$20-\$35; St. Mary's Cathedral, 1716 N.W. 18th Ave.; 503-223-1217; [www.pschoir.org](http://www.pschoir.org)

**Dec. 21 "Happy Holidays"** The Oregon Symphony celebrates Hanukkah, the winter solstice, Kwanzaa and Christmas. \$5-\$42; Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-228-1353; [www.oregonsymphony.com](http://www.oregonsymphony.com)

**Dec. 26 Portland Youth Philharmonic's "Concert-at-Christmas"** The country's oldest youth symphony (it's 85) pulls out all the stops with all four of its ensembles plus an alumni orchestra playing Rossini, Puccini and Verdi. \$11-\$37; Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-223-5939; [www.portlandyouthphil.org](http://www.portlandyouthphil.org)

**BABES IN TOYLAND**

**Nov. 1-23 "James and the Giant Peach"** Oregon Children's Theatre bites into the Roald Dahl kids' favorite. \$13-\$24; Newmark Theatre, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-228-9571; [www.octc.org](http://www.octc.org)

**Nov. 14-30 "The Jungle Book"** Tears of Joy's puppet masters present Rudyard Kipling's tale of Mowgli. \$14-\$16; Dolores Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway; 503-248-0557; [www.tojt.org](http://www.tojt.org)

**Nov. 28-29 "La Boutique Fantasque"** The Portland



Left: The Portland Ballet whisks the audience to a 1900s toyshop on the French Riviera, in "La Boutique Fantasque."

Blaine Covert

Ballet dances Leonide Massine's charming 1919 bonbon about an enchanted toyshop. A sprightly Rossini score, great sets and costumes, some fine solos (dancing toys are a sure sign of the season). And at about an hour's length, it's short enough to hold kids' attention. \$6-\$40; Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway; Ticketmaster 503-224-4400 and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.theportlandballet.org](http://www.theportlandballet.org)

**HOLIDAY POPS**

**Nov. 29-30 "A Von Trapp Family Christmas"** The Oregon Symphony hosts the touring Von Trapp Family Children, great-grandkids of the family from the classic "The Sound of Music." Expect yodeling. \$15-\$92; Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway; 503-228-1353; [www.oregonsymphony.com](http://www.oregonsymphony.com)

**Dec. 9 "A Celtic Christmas"** It's a homecoming of

**Dec. 19-20 Aaron Meyer's "Holiday Music from Around the World"** The violinist welcomes the fiddle-playing and Irish step-dancing Gothard Sisters, gospel group the Brown Sisters, his violinist father and others. \$20-\$35; First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.; 503-515-3461; [www.aaronmeyer.com](http://www.aaronmeyer.com)

**Dec. 19-20 Chris Botti** The jazz and pop trumpeter, an Oregon native, joins the Oregon Symphony for a holi