

Minnesota Orchestra

Osmo Vänskä, conductor | Sylvia McNair, soprano

Holiday Concerts

Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 7 pm & 10 pm | Orchestra Hall

Tonight's program will be announced from the stage.
There will be no intermission.



Photo: Lisa-Marie Mazzucco

Osmo Vänskä, conductor

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Sylvia McNair, a two-time Grammy Award winner, has a stellar three-decade career in the realms of opera, oratorio, cabaret and musical theater. Her performances have taken her from the Metropolitan Opera to the Salzburg Festival, from the New York Philharmonic to the Rainbow Room, and from the U.S. Supreme Court to the Vatican. She has appeared as a soloist multiple times with nearly every major opera company and symphony orchestra worldwide. She last performed with

the Minnesota Orchestra in a tribute to George and Ira Gershwin at Sommerfest 2011.

Highlights of her 2014-15 season include performances with Leonard Slatkin and France's Orchestre National de Lyon to celebrate the opening of Slatkin's 70th birthday season, as well as the release of her newest recording, *Subject to Change!*, a cabaret show about her life in music. She has made more than 70 additional recordings, from Mozart arias to the music of Jerome Kern and Harold Arlen; among them are a recent Christmas CD, *Peace*, and *Romance*, a disc of Latin American jazz standards. For more information, visit sylviamcnair.com.