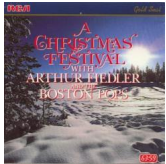


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01. Leroy Anderson - *A Christmas Festival* 02. Irving Berlin - *Holiday Inn: White Christmas*
03. Leroy Anderson - *Sleigh Ride* 04. Felix Bernard - *Winter Wonderland* 05. Leon Jessel -
Parade der Zinnsoldaten, Op. 123 06. Katherine K. Davis - *The Little Drummer Boy "Carol of the Drum"* 07. Ralph Vaughan Williams - *Fantasia on Greensleeves* 08. Raymond Scott - *The Toy Trumpet* 09. Mykola Leontovych - *Carol of the Bells* 10. Victor Herbert - *Babes in Toyland: March of the Toy Soldiers* 11. Engelbert Humperdinck - *Hansel and Gretel: Dream Pantomime* 12. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - *German Dances (3), K 605: no 3 in C major "Sleigh ride"* 13. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky - *Nutcracker, Op. 71: no 14c, Act 2 - Variation II, Sugar-Plum Fairy and Coda* 14. *Christmas Medley: Here We Come A-Caroling (Wassail Song)* 15. Johnny Marks - *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* 16. Franz Xaver Gruber - *Silent Night* 17. John Frederic Coots - *Santa Claus is comin' to town* Boston Pops Orchestra Arthur Fiedler Chorus Arthur Fiedler Orchestra (1) Arthur Fiedler - conductor

In Boston, Christmas music is synonymous with The Boston Pops, and for many people, Christmas music is synonymous with its legendary conductor, Arthur Fiedler. The album contains many Pops favorites including Leroy Anderson's arrangement of Christmas carols and his well known *Sleigh Ride*. We actually hear the authentic rendition of *Sleigh Ride* on this recording since the Pops made Anderson's music famous. The recording includes classical favorites such as music from the opera *Hansel and Gretel*, Mozart's *Sleigh Ride*, a highlight from *The Nutcracker*, and *Fantasia on Greensleeves*. Newer works include Al Hirt's *Toy Trumpet*. The recording concludes with the Pops timeless rendition of *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*.

As soon as the music of this recording begins, the listener is transported to Boston's Symphony Hall. So take a break from the hectic holiday season and enjoy the sound of the Boston Pops!
--- Timothy Kearney, amazon.com

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Among the myriad of my favorite Holiday and Christmas Cds, this one tops the list ! I gave this to many loved ones, young and older, this year. Its selection is wonderfully varied and its orchestration sustains a mood of reflection and joy. ---Jackie B., arkivmusic.com

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