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The Ugly Sweater Holiday Show brings jazzy holiday cheer to Anchorage

Alphonso Horne & The Gotham Kings return with local guest artists

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA – Holiday music gets an unexpected twist when The Ugly Sweater Holiday Show returns to Anchorage Dec. 4 and 5. Presented by Anchorage Concert Association, this lively take on the traditional holiday concert brings Alphonso Horne & The Gotham Kings together with local guest artists The Parkstrippers Marching Band and Ashley Young at the Discovery Theatre.

For the second time, Alphonso Horne leads the show. This time he is bringing The Gotham Kings to mix jazzy takes on holiday classics with a New Orleans twist and world-renowned tap dancer DeWitt Flemming Jr. Part variety show and part holiday celebration, the evening offers a playful break from the bustle of the season.

Audiences can expect a spirited mix of music, unexpected moments, and Anchorage talent, all tied together by a host with a flair for the unconventional. Guests are encouraged to come in their ugliest sweater for a night that does not take itself too seriously and a chance to be named ugliest sweater of the night.

A Juilliard graduate and multiple GRAMMY Award nominee, trumpeter Alphonso Horne has performed with artists including Wynton Marsalis, Patti LaBelle and Rihanna. His credits also include the Broadway production A Wonderful World, celebrating Louis Armstrong, and appearances on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

The Parkstrippers Marching Band, Ed Washington, and Ashley Young will join in the fun, celebrating both holiday music and the musicians who make Anchorage's creative community shine. Every year, Ashley Young brings the tradition of singing Silent Night in her traditional language of Tlingit, making the show a one-of-a-kind Alaskan holiday experience. Throughout the show, the band will also be joined by 16 exemplary band students representing each of the high schools in the Anchorage School District.

The Ugly Sweater Holiday Show featuring Alphonso Horne & The Gotham Kings takes place Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Discovery Theatre. Presented by Anchorage Concert Association. Sponsored by The Penney Family. Tickets are available at the CenterTix box office (263-ARTS) and anchorageconcerts.org

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performance and presents local and internationally acclaimed artists from the entire spectrum of the performing arts. Learn more at anchorageconcerts.org.

Anchorage Concert Association Upcoming Events

- **The Nutcracker with Eugene Ballet – Nov. 27–29, 2026, Atwood Concert Hall**
- **The Ugly Sweater Holiday Show – Dec. 4 & 5, 2026, Discovery Theatre**
- **Celtic Woman – Dec. 11-12, 2026, Atwood Concert Hall**
- **Chris Funk – Jan. 8 & 9, 2027, Discovery Theatre**
- **International Guitar Night XXVII – Jan. 22 & 23, 2027, Discovery Theatre**
- **Breabach – Jan. 30, 2027, Atwood Concert Hall**

See full list of shows.

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