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Big Band Brings Big Fun For the Holidays

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA— Six-time Emmy-winning composer, Grammy- nominated musician, and nationally-syndicated radio host John Tesh begins the holiday season with John Tesh: Big Band Christmas, Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center’s Cohan Center.

Thenewtour features the master pianist performing holiday classics with all new big band arrangements. Tesh will perform his signature piano and vocals along with an 11-piece rhythm and horn section, showcasing holiday classics such as “Sleigh Ride,” “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year,” “I’ll Be Home for Christmas,” “Let it Snow,” as well as solo piano versions of “What Child is This?,” “Jingle Bells,” and additional selections from his new hit Christmas CD, Big Band Christmas.

“I grew up listening to the jazz greats with my parents when I was a kid on Long Island and I’ve always believed that the ‘big band swing’ style of Christmas arrangements is the most exciting way to present this music,” said Tesh. “It truly takes you back to the early 1900’s, when these arrangements defined our culture. The idea behind this new Big Band Christmas tour is to swing the audience (into wishing) they (could) leap from their seats and dance in the aisles. It is our mission, our purpose and our promise for Christmas 2011.”

Playing for over 200,000 live concert fans each year, Tesh has steadily gained an outstanding reputation as one of the best entertainers touring today. His live shows give him the unique opportunity to showcase in person what millions of his committed radio listeners have found through the years on his “Intelligence For Your Life” radio show:

"Tesh is an engaging keyboard player who revels in getting the audience involved in his performances. (Press Enterprises)

Tesh also recently launched a live stream of his radio show, “Intelligence For Your Life 24/7, Presented by John Tesh,” featuring the latest on health and wellness, relationships, money, and more. The new website and streaming player is presented continuously and is accessible on www.Tesh.com; it can also be accessed through iTunes and Tunein webcast directories.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from $24 to $58 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.
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