

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Oregon Symphony  
ARLO HELMAR, MUSIC DIRECTOR

## GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 12 | 7:30 pm  
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## Opera for Pink Martini Singer

One local band is pushing forward its lead singer to join an orchestra. China Forbes of the internationally acclaimed band Pink Martini will perform Opera arias with the Portland State University Orchestra on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.

Titled "A Room With A View," Forbes will perform works by Catalani, Puccini, and Offenbach, with guest Angela Niederloh-Hayward.

"China is such a tremendous role model for our students and we are delighted to welcome her to PSU," said Ken Selden, conductor of the orchestra.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, and free with a Portland State ID card. Tickets can be purchased at [pdx.edu/boxoffice](http://pdx.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 503-725-3307.



China Forbes



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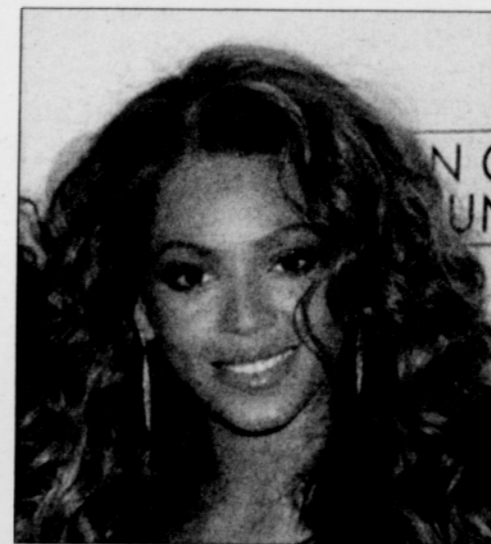
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Ashley Lewis

## Leading Grammy Nominations with Six



Beyonce



Pharrell Williams

(AP) - The year's brightest newcomer, Sam Smith; the most nominated female in Grammy history, Beyonce; and mega-producer Pharrell Williams led the Grammy Award nominations, with six nominations apiece.

Smith's "In the Lonely Hour," Beyonce's surprise self-titled release and Pharrell's "GIRL" will compete for the coveted album of the year, along with Beck's "Morning Phase" and Ed Sheeran's "X," the most streamed album on Spotify this year.

The Recording Academy announced its nominees for the 57th annual show Friday.

Pharrell earned a whopping three nominations for the top prize thanks

to his production work on Beyonce and Sheeran's albums, which means the hit-maker only has a chance to walk away with four awards when the Grammys are presented on Feb. 8.

Beyonce, surprisingly, was not up for song or record of the year. Her nominations include best urban contemporary album as well as R&B song and R&B performance for "Drunk in Love" featuring Jay Z.

For song and record of the year, Smith's "Stay With Me" will battle Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off," Sia's "Chandelier" and Meghan Trainor's "All About That Bass," the viral hit that launched the buzzed songwriter's own singing career.

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