Christmas with Spice

Dear Friends and Supporters of the YSO:

On Sunday December 6th at 4:00 pm we will continue the Roger and Beverly Vandiver 2015-16 season with our annual Christmas Pops Spectacular. This concert, suitable for the whole family, represents a blend of tradition and innovation. On the one hand, the orchestra and chorus will perform all of your favorite Christmas classics from Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride to Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from the Messiah. But on the other hand, each year we include fresh new music and present a different guest group to join the orchestra and chorus. This year, we will be joined by Mariachi Huenachi under the direction of Ramon Rivera. This will, of course, add a spicy Mexican flavor to the event! In addition, make sure to warm up your vocal chords and be ready to join the entire cast at the end of the concert for our traditional sing-along that includes family favorites from Joy to the World to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!

On Saturday December 12th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm, the Yakima Symphony Orchestra and Capitol Theatre will co-present Tchaikovsky’s timeless classic ballet The Nutcracker. Featuring the Eugene Ballet Company and guest conductor Nikolas Caoile, this is a must-see for all children and a real treat to be enjoyed by grown-ups time and time again. In Yakima, the opportunity to see this live production only comes around once every two years, so this is the year to see The Nutcracker!

We look forward to seeing you on December 6th and 12th at the Capitol Theatre as we present Christmas with spice!

Sincerely,

Lawrence Golan
The Helen N. Jewett Music Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra

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From the Executive Director

This month we welcome our new Patron Relations Manager to the YSO family. Kerrie Bigham brings a passion for music and the arts as well as a strong belief in the value of arts education, and after a number of years teaching and developing programs for reading comprehension on both sides of the mountains she has followed her family roots to settle in the Yakima Valley. When you come to the YSO office or into the concert hall, please say hello to Kerrie and introduce yourself.

The Yakima Symphony is grateful for the patience and perseverance of Cindy McConnell, who did a terrific job sorting out a complex array of responsibilities on a volunteer basis for seven weeks while our search was underway; and we thank also the many part-time volunteers who contributed behind the scenes to the success of our first two months of The World of Shakespeare. We are fortunate to live in such a generous community!

As the calendar year winds into the holiday season, I hope you will help us share the Yakima Symphony Orchestra with even more of the Yakima Valley. The Christmas Pops Spectacular is likely to be sold out once again; if you are not able to attend, for this of all concerts I urge you to be sure your seats are occupied by someone who will enjoy this special annual tradition. You might also consider giving the gift of live symphonic music—a subscription to the five amazing programs remaining in our Pops and Classical Series from February through May is less than $40 per seat for all five concerts, and we will continue to offer these prorated subscriptions through the end of December. And of course a contribution to our Annual Fund campaign can help us bring great performances to the stage as well as memorable musical experiences to schools and other venues throughout the region. However you choose to share the YSO, thank you, and have a very merry Christmas!

David Rogers, Executive Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra

CALL TO ARTISTS:
Home Grown Art Exhibit
A Yakima Symphony Orchestra & Cowiche Canyon Conservancy Symphonic Infusion celebrating the images and sounds of the place we call home
January 11 – March 31, 2016
At Essencia Artisan Bakery
For information, please visit: www.ysomusic.org
For information and prospectus, please visit: www.cowichecanyon.org

The Eugene Ballet Company with
The Yakima Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky’s
The Nutcracker | Two shows:
Saturday, December 12 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm
Tickets at the Capitol Theatre Box Office

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Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra (YYSO) & Yakima Ensemble for Strings (YES!) www.yyso.org
Bruce Walker, YYSO Conductor and YSO Cover Conductor
Christy Baisinger, YES! Conductor

50 Years! Happy Anniversary to the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra! Please join us at our upcoming performances:

- December 5, Saturday, 11:00am, Holiday Open House at the Yakima Valley Museum. FREE!
- December 13, Sunday, 3:00pm, Winter Concert at the Capitol Theatre. FREE!

Spring semester auditions (all instruments except flutes): Saturday, January 2. For requirements, information and to schedule an audition, please visit our website.

Yakima Symphony Chorus – Justin Raffa, Chorusmaster

Thank you! The Yakima Symphony Chorus would like to thank everyone for joining us for the Día de los Muertos concert on October 24th. It was the first concert for our new chorusmaster, Justin Raffa, and it was a rousing success! It was very exciting to sing for a full house, and we appreciate everyone who came!

Next up…We are looking forward to our next project, the Christmas Pops concert. The chorus will be singing with the orchestra for various familiar favorites and we will be presenting two new pieces featuring the chorus—“Spanish Carol” by Andrew Carter and “El Decembre Congelat” arranged by Robert Sieving. Join us for some holiday cheer!

Thinking of singing with us? Stop by and try it out! That’s right—the Yakima Symphony Chorus has open rehearsals! If you’ve ever thought about singing with the chorus but aren’t sure what to expect in rehearsal, you can come to the sanctuary at St. Paul’s Cathedral at 7:00pm on any Monday night (except the Monday of concert week) and sing along with us for a rehearsal. Music is always available so come join us and see what it looks like from the other side!

Yakima Music en AccIÓN (YAMA) – Stephanie Hsu, Director

YAMA students, teachers, and families are looking forward to a holiday season filled with music and cheer with their own performances as well as opportunities to experience YSO’s special holiday musical events. YAMA and La Casa Hogar are organizing a joint field trip to bring families to YSO’s Christmas Pops Spectacular, featuring Mariachi Huenachi, on Sunday, December 6th. All YAMA students will be taking a field trip together that Friday, December 11th, to experience the YSO’s first rehearsal of The Nutcracker and to get a chance to interact with the musicians—including some of their YAMA teachers—during their break. The month will culminate with two events the following week, with the younger YAMA musicians of the YAMA Preludio Orchestra performing at Garfield Elementary’s annual holiday show on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00pm and YAMA’s Chamber Orchestra performing at a special holiday party and volunteer thank-you event on Friday, December 18th at 7:00pm organized by the YAMA Parent Committee.

Meet The Orchestra!

Children learn what they live…The YSO joins the Yakima Valley Museum on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00am at their children’s story hour. FREE!

- Wednesday, December 2
  Theme: Shakespeare, Handel
  Special Guest: Nancy Beier, Voice

- Wednesday, January 6
  Theme: Shakespeare, Korngold
  Special Guest: Kathy Dyblie, Viola

Celebrating Creative Community Collaboration

Share the Warmth! Coats 4 Seniors

Help area seniors stay warm this winter by donating gently used or new winter coats. Also accepting hats, gloves and scarves.

Five donation locations, NOV 16–DEC 20
- Landmark Care & Rehabilitation
  710 N 39th Avenue
- Willow Springs Care & Rehabilitation
  4007 Tieton Drive
- Harman Center, 101 N 65th Avenue
- Yakima Chamber of Commerce
  10 N 9th Street
- Selah Care & Rehabilitation
  203 N Naches Avenue

AND

The YSO will serve as a donation location at our Christmas Pops Spectacular concert: Sunday, December 6th, 4:00pm at the Capitol Theatre. Look for the donation bin as you arrive at the theatre!

Coat Boutique (donated, laundered, sorted and displayed coats, hats, gloves, scarves) Tuesdays in December @ the Harman Center, 11:00am–6:00pm

Canticus—a 20 member vocal ensemble under the direction of Dr. Scott R. Peterson, accompanied by Anne Schilperoort.

Two Upcoming Christmas Concerts:

Saturday, Dec. 19: A Canticus Christmas
7:30pm in the Sanctuary of Central Lutheran Church, 1604 West Yakima Avenue; $15 suggested donation, $10 for seniors and students.

Sunday, Dec. 20: Canticus Christmas Showcase Sunday Supper performance at Apple Tree Golf Resort; Pasta Bar Dinner at 4:00pm, performance at 5:15pm, desserts at 6:00pm; Dinner and Performance; $10 in advance, $15 at the door; call 966-5877 to make reservations.
Memorial Legacy Hall Open House
Celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the Memorial Foundation, the philanthropic partner of Memorial Family of Services and honoring our community’s amazing spirit of generosity with gifts of time, talent and treasure and the collective impact on community health.

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The Roger and Beverly Vandiver 2015-16 Season

The World of Shakespeare

Christmas Pops Spectacular
Sunday, December 6, 2015, 4:00pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Yakima Symphony Chorus; Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

A Comedy of Errors
Saturday, January 9, 2016, 7:30pm
The 4th Street Theatre
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Ryan M. Hare, bassoon
Annual multi-sensory concert
This is an age 21 and over event.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Saturday, February 6, 2016, 7:30pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Elena Urioste, violin
Luisa Sermol, narrator
Women of the Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

Home Grown
Saturday, February 27, 2016, 7:30pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Planes on Paper, with Mikey and Matty

A Stormy Night–Gold Medal Concert
Saturday, March 19, 2016, 7:30pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Stanislav Khristenko, piano
(Gold Medal Winner of the 2013
Cleveland International Piano Competition)
Michael Mendelson, actor

What a Wonderful World
A Tribute to Louis Armstrong
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 7:30pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Byron Stripling, trumpet and vocals

From Romeo and Juliet to West Side Story
Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30pm
Lawrence Golan, conductor
Laurie Gayle Stephenson, soprano
Steve Amerson, tenor
Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

Classical and Pops Concerts are held at the Capitol Theatre.

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