Holiday Pops Spectacular

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

On Saturday December 2nd AND Sunday December 3rd, both at 4:00pm, we will continue our 2017-18 Season, A Musical Voyage Around the World, with our annual Holiday Pops Spectacular.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this annual event, we have expanded to two performances. If anyone you know might have been turned away from sold-out concerts in the past, please let them know about the extra performance this year. The program, 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 holiday classics from Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride and Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from the Messiah to the Festive Sounds of Hanukah.

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 the Yakima Children’s Choir led by Anne Chapman and Nichola Hill, directors. There will be a youthful spirit to several of the selections on this year’s program.

Finally, 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!

We look forward to seeing you on December 2nd OR 3rd at the Capitol Theatre for our annual Holiday Pops Spectacular!

Sincerely,

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

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our November performance, *The American Dream*. Whether you stood for the Armed Forces Salute, turned to your neighbor to share your own or your family’s story of immigration to America, or sang the national anthem with the Yakama Warriors, this program more than most seemed to open everyone’s hearts and encourage conversation, smiles and tears long after the final chords faded away. As much as the evening may have seemed to be about memories of times past, we were very much in the present with one another and with the music – underscoring the power of live symphonic performance to take us beyond the boundaries of our everyday world. It was an experience I will not soon forget.

Looking ahead, for each of the last three years the YSO’s Christmas Pops Spectacular Sunday matinee concert has been sold out; and for the second consecutive year we have added a Saturday matinee so that we don’t have to turn anyone away (yet!). If you have purchased a subscription that includes this program, or if you have secured single tickets, **please check to be sure your printed tickets reflect the date you are planning to attend.** We want to be sure there are no last-minute disappointments due to mix-ups around the concert dates, especially for subscriptions purchased many months ago.

Also, please note that Sunday’s concert will end just as the Downtown Yakima Holiday Lighted Parade is making its way past the front door of the Capitol Theatre. If you have time to stick around and enjoy the parade, it’s been a delightful coda for our Christmas concerts over the years. If you need to leave immediately after the concert, please remember to plan your parking accordingly; if you park to the south and east of the theater you should still be able to access your vehicle easily while the parade is underway.

As we dive into the holiday season and take a short hiatus from the stage, please keep an ear to the ground for our upcoming activities outside the concert hall. Though our next concert, *South of the Border*, doesn’t make its way to the stage until early February, our collaboration “The Voyage of the Monarch” with the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and the Yakima-Morelia Sister City Association begins in January with a Monarch-themed exhibition at Essencia Artisan Bakery, with a number of related events unfolding in the following weeks.

See you at the symphony!

David Rogers, Executive Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra
**Affiliate & Partnership Updates**

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra (YYSO) & Yakima Ensemble for Strings (YES!) YYSO.ORG
Bruce Walker, YYSO Conductor / Christy Baisinger, YES! Conductor

Please join the youth symphony ensembles in our 52nd season!

- **December 10, Sunday at 3:00pm** at the Capitol Theatre: Winter Concert – FREE!
- **February 25, Sunday at 3:00pm** at the Capitol Theatre: KinderKonzert – FREE!
- **March 16, Friday at 7:00pm** at the Harman Center: Waltzing With the Youth Symphony Fundraiser – $15 per ticket
- **April 29, Sunday at 3:00pm** at the Capitol Theatre: Spring Concert – FREE!

Interested in joining the youth orchestra? We have openings in these sections: violin, viola, cello, double bass, oboe, percussion. Send an email to us at **yyso.yes@gmail.com** or call **(509) 248-1414**.

**Yakima Symphony Chorus (YSC)**
**Justin Raffa, Chorusmaster**

The Yakima Symphony Chorus is still open to new members (especially men!) for Prokofiev’s *Alexander Nevsky* in mid-May as well as a non-orchestral program in early March. Guests are welcome to attend and participate in any rehearsals, which take place **Monday evenings from 7:00-9:15** at St. Paul Cathedral; contact Chorusmaster Justin Raffa more details: **chorusmaster@ysomusic.org**. We’d love for you to join us!

**Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA)**
**Stephanie Hsu, Founding Director**

Yakima Music en Acción’s leadership site, YAMA Philharmonia, housed at Davis High School, has just completed its tenth week of programming for the season, and we are instituting exciting new leadership development opportunities for students. The first-ever YAMA Student Council has been elected into office for the purpose of representing the students’ desires in decision-making about concerts, repertoire, trips, curriculum, fundraising and program development. In addition, after intense application processes, nine Philharmonia students are now receiving private lessons from YAMA Teaching Artists, and ten Philharmonia students have been chosen to be Assistant Teachers at YAMA’s Garfield Elementary site every Friday.

All three YAMA Orchestras and the YAMA Chorus are working hard to prepare for our Winter Concert on **Saturday, December 16th** at The Seasons Performance Hall. The doors open at **1:30pm** and the show, which is free and open to the public, begins at **2:00pm**. We hope to see you there!

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**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!**

- **December 6:** Christy Baisinger
  Yakima Ensemble for Strings Conductor, cello
- **January 3:** Denise Dillenbeck
  YSO concertmaster, violin
- **February 7:** Gary Malner
  community musician, accordion
- **March 7:** Rebecca Stamm
  YSO violinist, violin

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**Brown Bag CONCERT SERIES**

**The Seasons Performance Hall**
Friday, December 1, 2017 • 12:00pm noon

**TICKETS AT THE DOOR. $5**

**Steven Slusher**, baritone
Director of Choral Activities, Yakima Valley College

**Anne Schilperoort**, piano

**Canticus**

Music of the Season
Holiday Choral Music

The Seasons Performance Hall
December 9, 7:30pm
December 10, 4:00pm

Tickets and information via brownpapertickets.com

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Anne Chapman

Anne is a native of Iowa where she received her BA in music education from Graceland University. She fell in love with the Pacific Northwest when she moved here with her husband Jeffrey after college. She has been an elementary music specialist in the Yakima School District since 1986 and has been at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary since 1988. She received her master’s degree in education at Central Washington University in 2005 and obtained her national board teaching certification in 2008. Anne enjoys singing in Canticus under the direction of Dr. Scott Peterson and participating in the Central Lutheran Church Festival Choir and Bell Choir.

Nichola Hill

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Rachel Riddle

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