Holiday Pops Spectacular

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

On Saturday, December 1st at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00pm we will continue the Rosemary A.C. Gottlieb 2018–19 Season with our annual Holiday 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 holiday classics, from Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride to Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from the Messiah. 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 wonderful steel drum ensemble from the Tri-Cities Steel Band Association called Bram Bratá; B. J. Leggett, Director. Back by popular demand, Bram Bratá will add a Caribbean twist to several of the selections on this year’s program! I would also like to point out that our own Executive Director, David Rogers, an accomplished composer, has created two special orchestrations of Christmas standards for us to play with Bram Bratá.

Finally, make sure to warm up your vocal cords 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 1st or 2nd at the Capitol Theatre for the Holiday Pops Spectacular!

Sincerely,

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

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Yakima Symphony Orchestra 18-19 Season, February–May 2019

- CLASSICAL SERIES (4 concerts)
- POPS SERIES (2 concerts)

Call the YSO office (509) 248-1414 for information. Order by December 18; Pick up by December 20.

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From the Executive Director

Earlier this fall, YSO held auditions for a tenure-track opening in our viola section; we are pleased to welcome Yakima native Kathryn Kibbe as regular member of our orchestra roster. Kathryn is a former member of the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra, and in the years since while pursuing performance degrees she has played with YSO on many occasions as a substitute musician in addition to coaching for YYSO. We look forward to having her in our viola section on a regular basis!

Some reminders for the Holiday Pops Spectacular: if you have tickets for our Saturday performance, please take note that it begins at our usual 7:30pm evening performance time, which is a departure from the last two years in which both holiday concerts were afternoon matinees. If you are coming on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, please remember that the annual Downtown Yakima Holiday Lighted Parade will be passing in front of the theater as the concert concludes. If you need to be anywhere quickly after our performance, you can park to the east or south of the theater in order to reach your car without having to cross the parade route.

With no concerts after the holidays until early February, we will not publish a January edition of the Prelude newsletter; but our upcoming Pollinators collaboration with Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and other community partners will begin in January with a children’s art-making event downtown at the Yakima Central Library. As a follow-up to last year’s Monarch art project, Yakima artist Christie Tirado will lead two sessions on Saturday, January 19th in which children will learn to create art inspired by our Valley’s ecological and economic heroes: pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies. Keep an eye out for more details in the new year! This collaboration will include art exhibitions, talks and other events, culminating in late May with our final orchestra program of the season, A Hero’s Life.

In the meantime, as we approach the end of December I would be remiss not to mention YSO’s Annual Fund campaign, which launched shortly after our last concert. While the tax implications around charitable contributions may be changing, YSO’s commitment to inspire, encourage and bring our community together through music is here to stay; your investment is vital to our work, and much appreciated.

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 53rd season!

• December 1, Saturday, 11:00am at the Yakima Valley Museum: Holiday Performance @ the Yakima Valley Museum Holiday Open House FREE!

• December 9, Sunday, 3:00pm at the Capitol Theatre: Winter Concert – FREE!

• January 26, Saturday, 7:00pm at La Salle High School: Waltzing With the Youth Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser: Dancing to live orchestra music; dance instruction; desserts; silent auction. Tickets are $15; call (509) 248-1414 to purchase.

• February 24, Sunday at 3:00pm at the Capitol Theatre: KinderKoncert – FREE!

• April 14, Sunday at 3:00pm at the Capitol Theatre: Spring Concert FREE!

Please check our website for updates on performances, our fundraisers, auditions and enrollment.

Yakima Symphony Chorus (YSC)
Justin Raffa, Chorusmaster

The Yakima Symphony Chorus is excited to perform with YSO in the upcoming Holiday Pops Spectacular; for those who enjoy singing along with the orchestra from the audience, it’s even more fun from the stage! If you think you might be interested to join the chorus, look for members in front of the theater after each concert that weekend—they’ll have more information and can share a personal perspective.

We have two more projects this season, both in the spring: a performance in early March without the full orchestra, and Haydn’s “Lord Nelson” Mass in mid-April. Chorus members are not required to sing every program in a given season; commitments may be made on a project-by-project basis. Also, there is no formal audition—anyone interested to join may observe or sit in on one or more rehearsals before making a commitment. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:00-9:15pm at St. Paul Cathedral (chapel). If you love to sing, try us out!

Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA)
Jennifer Moultine, YSO Teaching Artist

YAMA is excited to have the chance again this year for a student to conduct the YSO at the first Holiday Pops show on Saturday, December 1st at 7:30pm; this opportunity was gifted to YAMA following YSO’s Raise the Baton fundraising event last spring. Students are busily preparing for the audition, and one will be selected by a jury of YAMA Teaching Artists.

Please join us for our Winter Showcase! Friday, December 7th at 6:00pm at The Seasons Performance Hall. There will be a reception to follow across the street at Le Chateau, which is a great chance to meet the hardworking musicians of YAMA in person and hear about what it’s like for them to be a part of the program.

Enjoy the YSO’s weekly column, forte, published on Thursdays in the Yakima Herald-Republic’s SCENE section (www.yakimaherald.com).
Past columns may be accessed via links on our website, www.ysomusic.org

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 5
Dave Larson, percussion

January 2, 2019
TBD

Beethoven Bear and Berlioz Bear preparing to journey to "Meet the Orchestra."

CALL TO ARTISTS

Pollinators: A Hero’s Life is a collaboration of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and friends, celebrating the heroic lives of pollinators. We are soliciting images of pollinators for a three-month art exhibit at Essencia Artisan Bakery and Gilbert Cellars Gallery. Entries are due January 15, 2019. For information and a prospectus, visit www.ysomusic.org and click on the COLLABORATIONS tab.

FIRST FRIDAY BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES | 2018-19
Presented by Anne Schilperoort, YSO Keyboard Principal
12:00noon @ The Seasons Performance Hall

December 7: CWU Horns in the Round with Jeff Snedeker, YSO Principal Horn; Christmas Selections

January 4: John Michel, cello and Joseph Brooks, clarinet

February 1: Solo and Ensemble Highlights
The Yakima Symphony Orchestra with Denise Dillenbeck, violin
November 10, 2018 at the Capitol Theatre

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Download the 2018-19 Heroes! brochure at www.ysomusic.org

The Rosemary A. C. Gottlieb 2018-19 Season

Heroes!

The Yakima Valley Classical Series

National Heroes
February 2, 2019, 7:30pm
John Michel, violoncello

Knights in Shining Armor
March 16, 2019, 7:30pm

Heroes from Olden Times
April 13, 2019, 7:30pm
Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

Ein Heldenleben (A Hero’s Life)
May 25, 2019, 7:30pm
Natasha Paremski, piano

The Gilbert Orchards Pops Series

Holiday Pops Spectacular
December 1, 2018, 7:30pm OR
December 2, 2018, 4:00pm matinee
Yakima Symphony Chorus;
Justin Raffa, chorusmaster
Bram Bratã Steel Band;
Benjamin Leggett, director

Wylie & the Wild West
February 23, 2019, 7:30pm
Wylie and the Wild West

A Tribute to Elvis
Starring Kraig Parker
May 11, 2019, 7:30pm
Michael Butterman, conductor

Special Concert

Yakima Symphony Chorus
March 9, 2019, 7:30pm
St. Paul Cathedral
Justin Raffa, conductor
Renee Heitmann, soprano

The 2018-19 season includes six Classical Series concerts and five Pops Series concerts at the Capitol Theatre, conducted by YSO Music Director Lawrence Golan except as noted, and one special performance by the Yakima Symphony Chorus.

Raise the Baton Gala Fundraiser
Sunday, April 7, 2019, 5:00pm
The 4th Street Theatre