Holiday Pops Spectacular

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra:

On Saturday, December 7th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 8th at 4:00pm we will continue with the Rosemary A.C. Gottlieb 2019-20 Season and the Gilbert Orchards Pops Series 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 dancers from the Yakima School of Ballet; Lisa Price, Director. These wonderful young dancers will be performing several selections from the classic holiday ballet, The Nutcracker, by Tchaikovsky. You might be interested to know that while there are many different editions of The Nutcracker, for these performances we will be using my edition, published by Spurwink River Publications and used by numerous ballet companies throughout North America.

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 7th and 8th at the Capitol Theatre for the Holiday Pops Spectacular!

Sincerely,

Lawrence Golan

The Helen N. Jewett Music Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra

In 2018, Santa Claus made a special guest appearance to share with Maestro Golan his holiday wish to conduct the YSO. Who will this year’s guest conductors be…? (Photo by Gary Miller)

Subscriptions Make Great gifts!

For information and prices on pro-rated Capitol Series, Classical Series and Pops Series subscriptions, call the YSO office at (509) 248-1414, Monday–Friday, 8:00am–5:00pm.

Order before December 17 and pick up on/before December 20. Happy Holidays!

CAPITOL THEATRE YAKIMA

TICKETS: (509) 853-ARTS (2787)
For online purchases, link via www.ysomusic.org
Call to Writers!

Nature's Storytellers Writing Contest
Prizes & Public Reading Event
Submission Deadline: January 12, 2020
For information and guidelines, visit www.ysomusic.org and click on the COLLABORATIONS tab.

Call to Artists in the Making!

Children's Artmaking Event
with Artist Jay Carskadden
Saturday, January 18 at the Yakima Central Library (downtown). Sessions at 2:00pm and 3:30pm. Free!

From the Executive Director

Many thanks and congratulations to the Yakima Symphony Chorus, and everyone who contributed to the success of last month's Heart Mountain concert! Kudos go to composer Sarah Mattox not only for the music but also for the time and care that went into the related interpretive materials; and it was especially meaningful to have in attendance family members of Kara Kondo, whose words were the basis for the major work on the program. We are grateful to Monsignor Ecker and St. Paul Cathedral for their support and accommodation of the chorus throughout the year, and especially during what was already a busy weekend in the cathedral.

Looking ahead, if you have tickets for the Holiday Pops Spectacular, please take a moment now to be sure which performance your tickets are for. The Saturday performance is in the evening, at 7:30pm, and the Sunday performance is in the afternoon, at 4:00pm. If you are coming on Sunday, the annual Downtown Yakima Holiday Lighted Parade will be passing in front of the theater as the concert concludes; so 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 or go around the parade route.

Since we have no performances in January, we will not have a January edition of Prelude; but that does not mean nothing is happening: there are two dates to remember that month as we kick off our Nature’s Storytellers collaboration with Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and friends. January 12th is the submission deadline for the Storytellers Writing Contest, in partnership with the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets, from which winners will be selected for a reading event to be held on February 19th. On January 18th, we are partnering with the Yakima Central Library for a Children’s Artmaking Event with artist Jay Carskadden; there will be two afternoon sessions, and anyone may reserve a space in advance by contacting the library. You can consult the “Collaborations” menu on the YSO website for more information.

Finally, as we approach the end of December and the end of the tax year for many, I have been encouraged by one of our valued supporters to offer an annual reminder: to everyone for whom the intersection of age and wisdom has resulted in a minimum required distribution from an IRA, that distribution or any part of it may be donated directly to a 501c3 non-profit organization with no tax penalty.

See you at the Symphony!

David Rogers, Executive Director
Yakima Symphony Orchestra

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

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Affiliate & Partnership Updates

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

The Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra and Yakima Ensemble for strings will conclude the first half of their 2019-20 season with a free Winter Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm at the Capitol Theatre. Featuring music by Elgar and Bruch and selections from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, the concert also will include the eastern Washington premiere of *Nisqually River Run* by Washington State composer Austin Schlichting.

- **December 15, Sunday, 3:00pm** at the Capitol Theatre: Winter Concert – FREE!
- **January 25, Saturday, 7:00pm** (stay tuned for location): *Waltzing With the Youth Symphony* Annual Fundraiser. Dance to live orchestral music, learn to waltz, walk around a Cake Walk and enjoy fine desserts and a fantastic silent auction. Funds raised support operation of the youth symphony including paying for rehearsal and performance space, music purchase and rental, tuition financial assistance and conductors’ salaries. Tickets are $15 via any youth symphony member or by calling the YSO office at (509) 248-1414.
- **April 19, Sunday, 3:00pm** at the Capitol Theatre: Spring Concert – FREE!

Visit www.ysomusic.org/connecting/youth-symphony/ for updates on auditions, rehearsals, performances and fundraisers.

Yakima Symphony Chorus (YSC) / Justin Raffa, Chorusmaster

The Yakima Symphony Chorus is looking forward to the *Holiday Pops Spectacular*, where we will be joined behind the orchestra by the Yakima Valley College Choir, led by Steven Slusher. After a holiday break, the chorus will resume rehearsals on **Monday, January 13th** for our next project, opera choruses for the February 29th *Name That Tune* program.

If you are interested to sing in the Yakima Symphony Chorus, new singers are welcome to observe and/or participate at any rehearsal starting January 13th; rehearsals take place on **Monday evenings from 7:00-9:15pm** in the chapel at St. Paul Cathedral. No audition is necessary. For more information, please contact chorusmaster Justin Raffa: chorusmaster@ysomusic.org.

Yakima Music en Acción (YAMA) / Josh Gianola, YSO Teaching Artist

YAMA is charging full steam ahead as the season barrels towards fall performances with over 120 students! YAMA (Yakima Music en Acción) is an after-school orchestra program serving 3rd–12th graders in the Yakima Valley. Students are exposed to high level music-making in a variety of settings, and work with professional musicians every day of the week. An artistic partner of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, YAMA strives to provide high quality music education to all students, while disrupting barriers to educational access.

YAMA and the YSO are proud to provide hundreds of tickets to live performances, events, and opportunities in our community. In November YAMA students received masterclasses and a performance from YSO’s guest artist Mark Kosower—principal cellist with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. Coming up, YAMA students and families will be in attendance for YSO’s *Holiday Pops Spectacular* on December 7th, where a special YAMA guest will make their conducting debut! We hope to see you there!

Please join us for these upcoming performances!

- **December 21 @ 2PM** – Winter Showcase @ Seasons Performance Hall
- **March 22 @ 6PM** – YAMA Upbeats Show @ Englewood Christian Church
- **May 16 @ 2PM** – Spring Showcase @ Seasons Performance Hall

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.

- **December 4:** Mary Sundquist, Yakima Symphony Chorus
- **January 8:** Sally Rose of “Julie & Sally,” banjo & guitar
- **February 5:** Janni Holsclaw, clarinet and flute

Music in the Community

First Friday Brown Bag Concert Series | 2019-20

Presented by Anne Schilperoort, YSO Principal Keyboard
12:00noon
The Seasons Performance Hall

- **December 6:**
  Walla Walla Praise Ringers (bell choir)
- **February 6:**
  Solo and Ensemble Highlights

Second Sunday Series

at Englewood Christian Church
511 N 44th Avenue
Organized and Underwritten by Jane and Roger (former YSO Trombone II) Finch

- **December 1, 2:00pm:**
  Stan Kenton Jazz Band Christmas
- **December 22, 3:00pm:**
  39th Finch Family Christmas
- **January 12, 2:00pm:**
  David McLemore, YSO Principal Tuba
- **February 9, 2:00pm:**
  Cellos from the Yakima Symphony Orchestra

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- **December 15, 4:00pm:** Handel’s Messiah
  Englewood Christian Church
  511 N 44th Avenue

Yakima Valley Community Band

- **December 2, 7:30pm:** Winter Concert
  Eisenhower High School Auditorium, 611 S 44th Ave.
The 2019-20 season includes six Classical Series concerts and five Pops Series concerts at the Capitol Theatre, conducted by YSO Music Director Lawrence Golan, and one special performance by the Yakima Symphony Chorus.

The Yakima Valley Classical Series

**Symphonic Dances**
February 8, 2020, 7:30pm

**Scheherazade & Other Remarkable Women**
March 21, 2020, 7:30pm
Angelique Poteat, clarinet

**String Fever**
April 18, 2020, 7:30pm

**Beethoven Bash**
May 30, 2020, 7:30pm
Daria Rabotkina, piano
Yakima Symphony Chorus; Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

The Gilbert Orchards Pops Series

**Holiday Pops Spectacular**
December 7, 2019, 7:30pm OR
December 8, 2019, 4:00pm matinee
Yakima Symphony Chorus; Justin Raffa, chorusmaster
Yakima Valley College Choir; Steven Slusher, director
Yakima School of Ballet; Lisa Price, director

**Name That Tune**
February 29, 2020, 7:30pm
Steven Mayer, piano
Yakima Symphony Chorus; Justin Raffa, chorusmaster

**Villalobos Brothers**
May 9, 2020, 7:30pm

**Raise the Baton**
Gala Fundraiser
March 27, 2020
5:30pm
The 4th Street Theatre

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