

# PEOPLE POWER PASSION

Experience the BILLINGS SYMPOHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE'S 2007-2008 Season

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## Season-at-a-Glance

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September 13, 2007 – 5:30 p.m. @ ABT

### Masterclass with David Kim

Area string musicians are encouraged to participate in a FREE Master Class led by internationally renowned cellist David Kim, concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Call Candy Holzer at the Symphony office to register: (406) 252-3610. Deadline: Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

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September 15, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger) @ ABT

### Opening Night with David Kim

Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

David Kim, *violin*

Jean Sibelius: *Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius: Violin Concerto

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4

Back by popular demand, David Kim, concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, performs the beloved Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto, one of today's most-played concertos for this instrument. Opening Night also includes the Finnish composer's homage to his homeland, *Finlandia* and concludes with Tchaikovsky's searing and tumultuous *Symphony No. 4*, featuring the orchestra's brass section. For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingssymphony.org](http://www.billingssymphony.org).

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September 22, 2007 – Auditions between 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. @ YWCA, 909 Wyoming Ave.

### Nutcracker Auditions

Open to boys and girls ages 7 and up, most with one year ballet minimum. See [www.billingssymphony.org](http://www.billingssymphony.org) for audition times by role/age group. Students should arrive 20 minutes prior to audition time to register. \$5 audition fee. Checks payable to Eugene Ballet Co.

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October 12, 2007 – 5:00 p.m. @ ABT

### Percussion Clinic with The North Texas Percussion Trio

Area percussion musicians are encouraged to participate in a FREE percussion clinic/demonstration led by renowned percussionists – Mark Ford, Christopher Deane and Brian Zator – The North Texas Percussion Trio. Call Candy Holzer at the Symphony office to register: (406) 252-3610. Deadline: Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

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October 13, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger) @ ABT

### **The Glory & The Grandeur**

Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

Mark Ford, Christopher Deane, Brian Zator, *percussion trio*

Michael Sample, *photographic images*

Mark Ford: *Stubernic*

George Walker: *Lyric for Strings*

Ferde Grofe: *Mississippi Suite*

Russell Peck: *The Glory and The Grandeur*

Aaron Copland: *Appalachian Spring*

This concert explores the myths and legends of the American West—from Grofe's panoramic *Mississippi Suite*, a celebration of the history of the mighty river, to the theatrical thrill of Peck's *The Glory and The Grandeur*, a tour-de-force percussion concerto with bluesy scales and popular rhythms. Finally Copland's Pulitzer Prize winning *Appalachian Spring* takes you on a photographic journey of Montana via projected images of nationally renowned photographer, Michael Sample. With *The Glory & The Grandeur*, the BSO&C is proud to be a part of the Billings Cultural Partners' first annual *Golden WestFest*, a month-long series of activities from October 1-30, 2007, showcasing Billings' cultural community and rich western heritage. For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingsymphony.org](http://www.billingsymphony.org).

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November 10, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger) @ ABT

### **Montana Virtuosos**

Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Laura Jackson, *guest conductor*

Guest Soloists: Nicole Ficek, *piano*; Helene Werner, *cello*; Ashlee Young, *piano*

Billings Symphony Chorale

Dr. Steven Hart, *chorale director*

#### Billings Symphony Orchestra

Richard Wagner: *Die Meistersinger*: Prelude to Act I

Edvard Grieg: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16

Antonin Dvorak: Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104

Franz Liszt: *Fantasia on Hungarian Folk Themes*

#### Billings Symphony Chorale

Giuseppe Verdi: *Il Trovatore*: Anvil Chorus

Gaetano Donizetti: *Don Pasquale*: Servants' Chorus

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Giuseppe Verdi: *Nabucco*: “Va Pensiero”  
Giuseppe Verdi: *Aida*: Triumphal Scene and Grand March

Laura Jackson, former American Conducting Fellow and Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will lead this performance. The first movement of Grieg’s Piano Concerto is a work of youthful exuberance. It, along with Liszt’s *Hungarian Fantasy* and Dvorak’s Cello Concerto will showcase the talents of three Montana Virtuosos. The second half of the program spotlights the Chorale singing hits from popular opera choruses such as Verdi’s *Il Trovatore* and *Aida*. For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingssymphony.org](http://www.billingssymphony.org).

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THE BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
WITH THE EUGENE BALLET COMPANY

# THE NUTCRACKER

November 24, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. @ ABT  
November 25, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. @ ABT

Billings Symphony Orchestra  
Anne Harrigan, *conductor*  
Eugene Ballet Company  
Toni Pimble, *artistic director*  
Billings School of Classical Ballet / Betty Loos & Jana Stockton  
Rimrock Opera Chorus for Kids (ROCK)  
Amy Logan, ROCK *director*

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: *The Nutcracker*

Don’t miss a Billings’ Thanksgiving holiday tradition. Experience all the pageantry of this quintessential tale brought to life by the exceptional dancers of the Eugene Ballet Company and more than 80 local dancers under the direction of Betty Loos and Jana Stockton with full orchestral accompaniment of Tchaikovsky’s beloved score by the Billings Symphony Orchestra along with the vocal talent of Rimrock Opera Chorus for Kids. For tickets, call the Alberta Bair Theater Box Office (406) 256-6052 or purchase at [www.albertabairtheater.org](http://www.albertabairtheater.org).

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December 1, 2007 – Tour runs from 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

### **Billings Symphony's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Tour of Homes**

Tour four of Billings' most extraordinary private residences lavishly decorated to reflect the charm of the season while enjoying live holiday music, apple cider, and cookies. A fundraiser to benefit the BSO&C. For tickets, call the Symphony office at (406) 252-3610.

Sponsored by: Davidson Home Furnishings & Design, Farmers Insurance Group-Lynn Harper, First National Bank of Montana, Freyenhagen Construction, Pierce Flooring & Design, and Poly Food.



**with Pete Jacobs & his Wartime Radio Revue**

December 31, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. @ Alberta Bair Theater

**Countdown to '08 Party** – 9:00 p.m. @ The Crowne Plaza – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ballroom

And so begins another evening with Pete Jacobs and his 16-piece big-band. Interspersing the hits of the Thirties and Forties, along with late-breaking news-stories from the war-years, as well as several original songs, and even some 1940-style radio commercials, listening to this band is like taking a time-machine back to a World War Two U.S.O. show. And with their three young female vocalists, a hot, driving rhythm section, and eight-piece horn section, the "classic-swing" sound is both full and authentic! When you add in their "armed-forces style" khaki-colored uniforms, it's all there!

Formed in November of 1997, they have already established themselves as one of the premier Big-Bands of Southern California with appearances at such swingin' landmarks as The Hollywood Bowl, The Derby, Catalina's Casino Ballroom, Pasadena Ballroom Dance Association, and have been a regular monthly featured band at Disneyland.

Following the concert at the Alberta Bair Theater, you'll be in the mood to Jitterbug, so be sure to join the band at the BSO&C's **Countdown to '08 Party** to dance in The New Year! at The Crowne Plaza. For tickets, call the Alberta Bair Theater Box Office (406) 256-6052 or purchase at [www.albertabairtheater.org](http://www.albertabairtheater.org).

Sponsored by: EBMS, First Interstate Bank, KTVQ-2 & Billings Gazette Communications

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Wednesday, January 23, 2008; 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. @ MSU-B Downtown Campus

### **Backstage at the Symphony! - Magic and Fantasy**

Cost: \$25/session (Second session in April - \$45 for both sessions)

Open to the patrons of the Symphony and to teachers of all grade levels

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The Billings Symphony in conjunction with the Alberta Bair Theater presents two workshops for educators through the Partners in Education Program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Combined with their corresponding Saturday evening symphony performances, these workshops led by Music Director Anne Harrigan provide valuable information and key insights into the concerts' repertoire and showcase the talents of special guest artists featured in the performances. For this workshop, BSO conductor Anne Harrigan and guest artist Tim Marrone from the Baltimore School of the Arts share their youth concert collaboration secrets with educators. Last year they created *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* based on Jon Scieszka's fractured fairytale through the music of Bizet, Ravel and Brahms. This year's **Magic and Fantasy** performance features the score from the Harry Potter films, Mozart's *Magic Flute Overture*, Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* and it promises to be an exciting event.

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January 26, 2008 – Two Performances: 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. @ Alberta Bair Theater

**FREE Children's Concert: Magic & Fantasy**

Boil, boil, toil and trouble...add a pinch of *Harry Potter's Suite*, a dash of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and a splash of *The Magic Flute Overture* and come dressed as a favorite sorcerer for lots of family fun. NO TICKET REQUIRED.

Sponsored by: Stillwater Mining Company, Target, The Billings Community Foundation and Billings Gazette Communications. Additional support from the Charles M. Bair Family Trust, the Montana Arts Council, the Montana Cultural Trust, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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February 16, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger)

**Tango & Romance**

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

Quartango with Tango Dancers, *guest artists*

Treat your sweetheart to an evening of passion and romance for Valentine's Day with Tango, the BSO and Quartango. The night begins with Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*, a magnificently orchestrated piece with lively melodies. Then experience Shakespeare's classic tale of youthful ardour as it unfolds by turns both passionate and violent through the hauntingly tragic music of Prokofiev from the ballet *Romeo & Juliet*. Then watch as the orchestra along with Quartango and Tango Dancers demonstrate their passion for tango – the result is nothing short of dazzling. For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingsymphony.org](http://www.billingsymphony.org).

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March 15, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger) @ Alberta Bair Theater

**Broadway Pops**

Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

Billings Symphony Chorale

Dr. Steven Hart, *chorale director*

Local vocal soloists

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This show-stopping evening will have you tapping your feet and reminiscing to Broadway hits from the likes of *Guys and Dolls*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables* as performed by local soloists, the orchestra and chorale. Thrill to the brilliant music of legendary composer Richard Rogers with songs from his celebrated career and much, much more! For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingsymphony.org](http://www.billingsymphony.org).

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Wednesday, April 16, 2008; 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. @ MSU-B Downtown Campus

**Backstage at the Symphony! - Cello Passion**

Cost: \$25/session (First session in January - \$45 for both sessions)

Open to the patrons of the Symphony and to teachers of all grade levels

The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale's Music Director, **Anne Harrigan**, shares her insights into the upcoming Symphony's performance of Shostakovich's riveting Cello Concerto and Beethoven's memorable *Symphony No. 7*. Special guest cellist Alisa Weilerstein (awaiting confirmation) will be featured in this workshop, and Maestra Harrigan will provide a sneak peek at the BSO&C's 2008-2009 Season.

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April 19, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Concert Cues with Marvin Granger)

**Cello Passion**

Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

Alisa Weilerstein, *cello*

Billings Symphony Chorale

Dr. Steven Hart, *chorale director*

The season concludes with world-renowned cellist Alisa Weilerstein performing Shostakovich's dramatic and riveting Cello Concerto. Once again, the chorale will be featured, singing Handel's *Let Thy Hand be Strengthened*, and the evening concludes with Beethoven's striking and memorable *Symphony No. 7*. For tickets, (406) 252-3610 or [www.billingsymphony.org](http://www.billingsymphony.org).

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May 3, 2008 – 2:30 p.m. @ Hilands Golf Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Billings Symphony Derby Day**

A fundraiser to benefit the BSO&C, Derby Day festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. and include ESPN pre-race coverage and live simulcast of the running of The 134th Kentucky Derby on NBC, off-track betting from Churchill Downs, delicious Derby fare, cocktails, a thoroughbred auction, and in keeping with Southern tradition, Derby attire is requested. Ladies are asked to wear hats and men to wear ties. Attendees must be 18 years of age. For tickets, call the Symphony office at (406) 252-3610.

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June 20, 2008 – Reception from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Under the Symphony Shell @ Pioneer Park  
**Party in the Park**

Mix and mingle with Maestra Harrigan under the stars and the Symphony Shell at Pioneer Park in support of the Billings Symphony. For tickets, call the Symphony office at (406) 252-3610.

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June 22, 2008 – 4:00 p.m. @ Pioneer Park

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Symphony in the Park**

Anne Harrigan, *conductor*

Symphony in the Park is the Billings Symphony's most elaborate showcase of performance and staging throughout the year and one of the most visible components of Explore Music!, the music education and outreach division of the BSO&C. **NO TICKET REQUIRED.**

Sponsored by: Wells Fargo Bank, Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch Foundation, KTVQ-2, Gap West Radio and The Billings Gazette. Additional support from the Charles M. Bair Family Trust, the Homer A. and Mildred S. Scott Foundation, the Montana Arts Council, the Montana Cultural Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Wendy's of Montana.

**TICKET PRICING INFORMATION:**

**BSO&C SEASON CONCERTS**

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student*</u>
Loge	\$43	\$43
Orchestra	\$38	\$19
Balcony Lower	\$32	\$16
Balcony Upper	\$20	\$10

\* Valid Student I.D. required

For Tickets, call the **BILLINGS SYMPHONY** at **(406) 252-3610** or visit  
[www.billingssymphony.org](http://www.billingssymphony.org)

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children Under 12</u>
<b>The Nutcracker w/The Eugene Ballet Company</b>		
Loge	\$40	\$40
Orchestra	\$35	\$17.50
Balcony	\$25	\$12.50

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children Under 12</u>
<b>New Year's Eve Swing w/Pete Jacobs &amp; His Wartime Radio Revue</b>		
Loge	\$55	\$55
Orchestra	\$45	\$20
Balcony	\$35	\$20

**Countdown to 08 Party** \$50 – *Additional*  
@ The Crowne Plaza *w ABT Ticket*  
*Stub*

For Tickets, call the **ALBERTA BAIR THEATER** at **(406) 256-6052** or visit  
[www.albertabairtheater.org](http://www.albertabairtheater.org)