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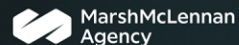
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Dear Billings,

Twenty years.

It feels impossible that the summer of 2005 is now a memory wrapped in sunlight — my first Symphony in the Park, music floating through the warm June air, familiar Montana faces stepping onto the stage. Dave Barnett. Steve Zediker. Liz Meyer. The very first Armed Forces Salute. A little girl named Rosie lifting a baton in our first Kid's Conducting Contest, not knowing she was beginning a tradition that would become part of the heart of this community.

And somehow, in what feels like the blink of an eye, those moments became a lifetime.

I have seen school gymnasiums transformed by wonder. Young audiences hearing a live orchestra for the very first time. Tiny violin cases carried by children almost too small to hold them. Beyond the Stage programs reaching farther and farther into our community, opening doors for children who may never have known music belonged to them, too.

And now those children are grown.

They sit among us as teachers, physicians, attorneys, parents, artists, and musicians. Some now walk through our doors holding the hands of their own children, ready to pass the wonder forward once again. That may be the most beautiful part of all.

Tonight is a celebration of everything we have built together — not only concerts and programs, but connection, belonging, and memory.

And the future shines brightly.

Because as long as people gather to listen together, to feel together, to be moved together, music will continue doing what it has always done: reminding us that we belong to one another.

Thank you, Billings, for sharing your hearts, your families, your stories, and your light with me for twenty extraordinary years.

Anne Harrigan



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We extend our gratitude to our generous sponsors who make Symphony in the Park a reality!

Please consider donating to help us continue this annual tradition and our largest community event of the year free of charge.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4^{PM}

MONTANA FIDDLE CLUB

Food trucks, face painting, and ice cream stations open.
Instrument Petting Zoo open 4–5pm.

5^{PM}

BILLINGS COMMUNITY BAND

Instrument Petting Zoo closed during this performance.

6^{PM}

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO OPEN 6–6:45PM

Ever wonder how much breath it takes to play a tuba or a flute? Or how a violin or cello bow feels in your hand? Thanks to Eckroth Music, you can experience instruments up close. This hands-on event is fun for the whole family.

6:45

KIDS' CONDUCTING CONTEST

This annual tradition has become a favorite for the young and the young at heart. Children are invited to come down to the stage at 6:45pm to conduct a march by John Phillip Sousa. Guest judges will select four finalists who then vie for a chance to conduct the orchestra on The Washington Post March. We're excited to welcome back all our budding musicians.

Wands are available for purchase at the Symphony Information Tent for just \$2!

7^{PM}

MAIN EVENT! BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Please see the Symphony program for the show lineup.

Instrument Petting Zoo closed during the performance; open during intermission.



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Parking and Seating

RESERVED PARKING

For \$10, you can reserve parking in the Senior High parking lot, located adjacent to Pioneer Park. A golf cart shuttle will be available to drive you right to the action! Parking passes can be purchased in advance online (billingsssymphony.org) or the day of (cash only). Limited spots are available and are first come, first served. Handicapped parking (with a proper permit) is available free of charge.

Concessions and Vendors

WATER & WANDS

Visit the Information tent to purchase ice cold bottled water and wands for the Kids' Conducting Contest.

RESERVED SEATING

Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy creekside seating under a shade tent—complete with a cash bar, so you can have it Made in the Shade! Purchase a \$20 wristband online (billingsssymphony.org), at the Billings Symphony office in advance or the day of the event (cash only). Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

GOLF CART SHUTTLE

We offer a golf cart shuttle at no charge from two locations. Pickup and drop-off at Third Street West (by the wading pool in Pioneer Park) and at the far edge of the Senior High parking lot (back north corner). Donations are accepted and will benefit our Symphony.



Khanthaly's Eggrolls

Featuring delicious egg rolls, chicken fried rice, fried noodles, chicken skewers, and fresh-made lemonade.



La Tinga

Providing a variety of authentic Mexican food and using only the freshest ingredients each dish is superior in both quality and flavor.



Antoinette's Cajun

Delight in authentic Cajun comfort food. Antoinette's Cajun brings you the heart and soul of Louisiana with every flavorful bite.



I'm Cravin' Bar-B-Que

If you're craving stick-to-your-ribs barbecue, this is your place. Also offering fries and chili to pair with that BBQ brisket, pulled pork, or chicken sandwich.

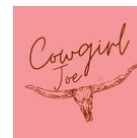


Rollin' Ritos

Savor the exciting fusion of Asian and Mexican flavors in every bite. We roll up the best of both worlds into delicious, unique creations.



Crepe Diem - Fresh, made-to-order French crepes! Each Crepe Diem crepe is made extra-special, with a "crepe-lovin' taste." Choose from signature dessert crepes, savory crepes and more.



Cowgirl Joe

All your coffee classics with that perfect Montana vibe! With rotating specialty drinks there is always something new to try.



Opa Grill

New to the Billings food truck scene, the Opa Grill offers Greek-style gyros, falafel, salads, baklava, and other Greek inspired dishes.



The Rollin' Donut

We serve freshly made, delicious mini donuts cooked in heart-healthy canola oil.



Georgette's Galettes - Offering ready to eat Belgian waffle treats, known as a galette. This delightful Belgian pastry has a soft sweet buttery vanilla taste with a surprising crispy crunch.



Honeybee Lemonade

With fresh-squeezed honey lemonade made with raw Montana honey all across Big Sky Country. A refreshing drink perfect for a hot day.



Snow Drift Snow Cones (Snowie)

The perfect summertime treat! Enjoy shaved ice cones in a variety of delicious flavors.



City Vineyard

Pair your picnic fare with a beverage from our friends at City Vineyard, offering a variety of beer and wine for sale.

Billings Symphony 2025-2026 Orchestra

FLUTE

Tyler Menzales, Principal
Lauren Reineking
Miao Liu

OBOE

Sue Logan, Principal
Kris Ostwalt
Sandy Stimson

CLARINET

Laurel Linde, Principal
Amy Schendel
Wendy Bickford

BASSOON

Liam Jackson, Principal
Kirsten Kennedy
Julien Rollins

HORN

John Dutton, Principal
Elizabeth Schmidt
Mike Nelson
Kira Goya

TRUMPET

Mark Fenderson, Principal
Christopher Danz
Tyler Honcoop

TROMBONE

Mark Soueidi, Principal
Larry Lynam
Steve Patton

TUBA

Cole Fayemi, Principal

TIMPANI

Danny Kocher, Principal

PERCUSSION

Sam Metzger, Principal
Kyle Melugin
Rebekah Reger

VIOLIN

Randy Tracy,
Concertmaster
Rosie Weiss,
Assistant Concertmaster
Lisa Bollman, Principal
Second
Kathy Griffin, Assistant
Principal Second
Maurine Akin
Amur Bashirov
Jaclyn Burke
Laura Dalbey
Julie Johnson
Kristi Kazmierski
Barb Kirk
Beckett Koch
Teresa Lawrence
Michael Mleko
Vikki Payne
Chelsea Pierce
Cathy Pomeroy

VIOLA

Samantha Inez, Principal
Madeleine Mleko, Assistant
Principal
Kate Dalbey
Emma Antonides**

CELLO

Cody Byrum, Principal
Olivia Hunt, Assistant
Principal
Teal Zankie
Mary McCullough
Joseph Engel
Marley Ball
Kassidy Conlon

BASS

Richele Sitton, Principal Bass
Micah Stoddard
Daphne Henderson
Justin Henderson

*Leave of Absence ***



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Symphony in the Park 2026 Program

Anne Harrigan, music director

Russ Riesinger, emcee

VFW Post 6774 and The Marine Corps League, honor guard

Clinton Curtis, vocals

Trevor Krieger, fiddle

Colin McAdoo, vocals

Chris Smith, vocals

Rosie Weiss, fiddle

The Star-Spangled Banner	Francis Scott Key & John Stafford Smith
American Salute	Morton Gould
Some Enchanted Evening from <i>South Pacific</i>	Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II/arr. Daryl McKenzie
Olympic Reel	Mark O'Connor
The Foxhunter's Reel	Traditional Irish/arr. Daryl McKenzie
The Impossible Dream from <i>Man of La Mancha</i>	Joe Darion & Mitch Leigh/arr. Daryl McKenzie
Simon & Garfunkel Medley (Mrs. Robinson/America/American Tune)	Paul Simon/arr. Daryl McKenzie
The Washington Post March	John Philip Sousa
Kids' Conducting Contest	
Armed Forces Salute	arr. Bob Lowden

INTERMISSION—WATCH FOR THE BUCKET BRIGADE!

Support your symphony by leaving a donation in the bucket. Every Dollar Counts!

You're A Grand Old Flag	George M. Cohan/arr. Bill Kisinger
Allegro giocoso from Symphony No. 3	Johannes Brahms
Great Balls of Fire	Otis Blackwell/arr. Bill Kisinger
Luck Be A Lady from <i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Frank Loesser/arr. Daryl McKenzie
Sing Along, America! (Yankee Doodle/Over There/The Battle Hymn of the Republic/God Bless America)	James M. Stephenson
Music of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (Our House/Old Man/Teach Your Children)	Graham Nash and Neil Young
Hoe-Down from <i>Rodeo</i>	Aaron Copland
America the Beautiful	Samuel Ward/arr. Carmen Dragon
The Stars and Stripes Forever	John Philip Sousa

*Programming subject to change

Beyond the Stage

The Billings Symphony's Beyond the Stage programs aim to share music everywhere with everyone in the communities in and around Billings. We enrich over 35,000 people every year, reaching members of all ages and spreading the love and joy of music.

MUSICIANS IN SCHOOLS

Special programs and coaching sessions designed for school-aged children and teens in a variety of classrooms and neighboring school districts.

ADVENTURES IN MUSIC! DAY

The Billings Public Library partners with the Billings Symphony to provide this extensive instrument petting zoo and children's concert. Children can try any of the large array of instruments while hearing demonstrations from Symphony musicians.

MUSICAL STORY TIME

Musical Story Time brings stories to life through live music and narration. This program combines children's books with classical selections, sound effects, and hands-on learning for toddlers and young students. This project is funded in part by the Montana Arts Council, an agency of the State Government, and by the National Endowment for the Arts.

MASTER CLASSES & CLINICS

Utilizing the talents of visiting guest artists and featured performers to provide classes and clinics to all ages.

SYMPHONY FOR SENIORS

By visiting local nursing homes, senior meal sites, memory care unity, and assisted living facilities, Billings Symphony musicians are able to help enrich residents' lives through music.

HEALING HARMONIES

Billings Symphony musicians share the healing power of music with patients, visitors, and staff of the Billings Clinic.

SYMPHONY OUTREACH FOR UNHOUSED LIVES (S.O.U.L.)

S.O.U.L. presents music performances in area homeless shelters & recovery centers. These performances, held at regular intervals, promote community, creative interaction, and therapeutic benefit.

TUTTI BEHIND WALLS

This weekly guitar class at the Montana Women's Prison provides hands-on music education taught by Billings Symphony musicians. Inmates learn many life skills to assist them during and after their incarceration.

PRE-CONCERT CUES

Watch interviews and presentations by featured guest artists before each Classic Series concert. (Doors open at 6:30PM; concert cues begin at 6:40PM.)

BEYOND THE STAGE PROGRAMS ARE PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

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RURAL RHYTHMS

Billings Symphony musicians perform for residents in rural communities, many who are unable to make the drive to Billings for our concerts. Communities visited range from Roundup to Big Timber.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

The Billings Symphony is thrilled to be able to welcome Billings area students to the Alberta Bair Theater each season for a free music education experience. Young People's Concerts are an important element of the Billings Symphony's educational outreach efforts to engage and inspire young audiences. Each concert is specially designed to encourage 5th & 6th graders to include music as part of their lives.

MAESTRA IN SCHOOLS

Anne Harrigan, Billings Symphony's Vincent W. & Janet M. Carpenter Music Director, visits school orchestras to provide musical expertise to ensembles.



Thrilled to join in on the Symphony in the Park fun!



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Dvorak No. 8

Directed By **Eric Garcia**

SAT, SEPT. 26, 2026 • 7:30PM



Rafael Aguirre:

Grande Musica

THUR, SEPT. 10, 2026 • 7PM

Visit our website for venue details

Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2

Directed By **Wilbur Lin**

SAT, OCT. 24, 2026 • 7:30PM



Rocky Mountain Jazz Collective: Big Band Machine

SAT, OCT. 10, 2026 • 7PM

Q Staton Performing Arts Center



The Nutcracker Ballet

SAT, NOV. 28, 2026 • 2PM & 7PM

SUN, NOV. 29, 2026 • 2PM



Cerus Quartet:

Past Lives, Present Voices

THUR, NOV. 5, 2026 • 7PM

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Tchaikovsky No. 4

Directed By **Tristan Rais-Sherman**

SAT, DEC. 19, 2026 • 7:30PM



Poesis Quartet: BISQC 2025 Winners

THUR, FEB. 4, 2027 • 7PM

Billings First Congregational Church



Elgar's Enigma Variations

Directed By **Deanna Tham**

SAT, JAN. 23, 2027 • 7:30PM



Aristo Sham:

A Night of Fantasy

THUR, APR. 1, 2027 • 7PM

Cisel Hall MSU-B



Brahms No. 2

Directed By **Jacob Joyce**

SAT, FEB. 20, 2027 • 7:30PM



Cantus:

Simple Gifts

THUR, MAY 6, 2027 • 7PM

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral



Sibelius No. 2

Directed By **Conner Gray Covington**

SAT, MAR. 20, 2027 • 7:30PM



Rocky Mountain Jazz Collective:

Homage to Thelonious Monk

SAT, JUN. 12, 2027 • 7PM

Q Staton Performing Arts Center



The Cycle of Beginnings

SAT, APR. 24, 2027 • 7:30PM

Featuring the Billings Symphony Chorale



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SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 2026 • 7:30PM

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026 • 3PM

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral



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Adventures in Music! Day

SAT, SEPT. 19, 2026 • 9AM—12PM

Billings Public Library

A Winter's Tale

SAT, JAN. 30, 2027 • 12PM

Alberta Bair Theater

Symphony in the Park

SUN, JUN. 27, 2027 • 7PM

Pioneer Park

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Fall & Spring Concerts

SUN, NOV. 22, 2026 • 4PM

SUN, APR. 11, 2027 • 4PM

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Youth Chamber Project

MON, DEC. 21, 2026 • 5PM

MON, MAY 10, 2027 • 5PM

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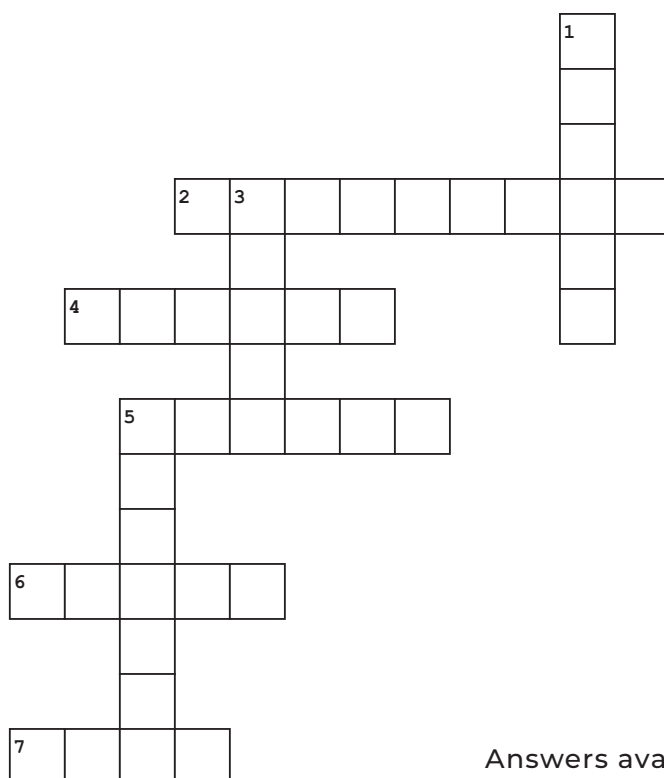
Introducing the: Young Friends Program

It is important to the Billings Symphony that music is accessible to everyone, no matter the age. This season, we are excited to announce a new program designed to eliminate barriers for our younger audience members—introducing the Young Friends Program. This program offers the following options:

- **Students K-12: Free Admission**
- **College/Graduate Students: \$10 Admission**
- **Under 30: Deeply reduced ticket price, averaging a 40% discount**
- **Prelude Society: Membership/subscription package for people under 40**



Symphony Solver's Challenge Crossword



ACROSS

2. Era of music featuring Haydn and Mozart
4. A large group of singers performing together
5. Highest-pitched member of the string family
6. Keyboard instrument with strings struck by hammers
7. Solo vocal piece performed in an opera

DOWN

1. Austrian composer of "The Magic Flute"
3. Tempo marking meaning "slow and stately"
5. Italian composer of "The Four Seasons"

Answers available from anyone in a 2026 Symphony in the Park shirt.

Symphony in the Park 2026

See more details on page 3.

4^{PM} MONTANA FIDDLE CLUB

5^{PM} BILLINGS COMMUNITY BAND

6^{PM} INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO (OPEN 6-6:45PM)

6:⁴⁵ KIDS' CONDUCTING CONTEST

7^{PM} MAIN EVENT! BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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