



# Tempo

Symphony Friends Newsletter

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## Holiday Magic

**C**heyenne Symphony Orchestra just keeps on giving! With the autumn season just finishing up, and the days getting shorter, our thoughts turn to the holidays. We're looking ahead to another spectacular concert! Join us for some Holiday Magic at the Cheyenne Civic Center on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm.

**T**he evening promises to be a very festive occasion! According to Maestro William Intriligator, "we really wanted to keep our Holiday Concert 'local.' We aren't bringing in an out-of-town soloist since we have such great talent in this city! So, in addition to featuring the wonderful musicians of Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, we are featuring three local Cheyenne organizations: the Cheyenne All-City Children's Chorus, the Cheyenne Chamber Singers, and the En Avant Dance Studio. Each of these organizations is really excellent at what they do, and a great source of pride for our city.

**A**nother thing I like about this concert," continued Intriligator, "is that it has such variety: you will hear well-known pieces and pieces that you may not have heard before; you will hear the intimate sound of the Chamber Singers and you will also hear the full, majestic strength of all the performers on stage, including some selections for the two choruses combined. Be assured that I've chosen each piece because it is beautiful, memorable, and will bring the spirit of this magical time of year to you and your family."

**A**fter opening with "A Christmas Festival Overture", the orchestra and the Cheyenne Chambers Singers will delight you with holiday favorites such as "Brightest and Best", "Il Est Né, le

Divin Enfant", "Shepherd's Pipe Carol", and others. Intriligator says, "they have a particularly special 'chamber' sound—so delicate, subtle, and touching. I love that delicate sound, so their Director, Sean Ambrose, and I have chosen selections for this concert that really highlight that sound."

**T**he En Avant Dance studio is a wonderful partner with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra! According to Intriligator, "we have featured their skilled dancers on this holiday program for many years." Dancers will perform selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" with the orchestra, and later will treat you to the sensational tap number, "Jingle Bell Rock".

**T**he All City Children's Chorus will be featured with the orchestra in such numbers as "Believe", "Hodie" and "Ose Shalom", followed by some familiar Christmas tunes that have been jazzed up, including "Carol of the Bells", "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". Intriligator notes, "hearing these angelic voices with the orchestra is a highlight of this concert for many people each year." If you were privileged to see and hear these groups last year, you know you're in for a treat!

**A**s your heart and your ears are eagerly awaiting more, the Chamber Singers and the Children's Chorus will join forces for the beautiful "Comfort and Joy" and you'll even get a chance to sing-along with some of your favorite carols. Finally, the concert will come to a glorious close with the immortal "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah, sung by the Chamber Singers. It promises to be a memorable evening you won't want to miss!

### CSO-AT A GLANCE

#### Holiday Magic

SAT., DEC. 9 • 7:30 PM  
Ring in the season with holiday favorites like Sleigh Ride, The Nutcracker, Hallelujah Chorus, a carol sing-along and more! CSO will be joined by special guests: All-City Children's Chorus, Cheyenne Chamber Singers and dancers from the En-Avant Dance Studio!

#### CSO on the RADIO

FRI., DEC. 8 • 9:00 AM • FREE  
Maestro Intriligator joins KGAB morning host Glenn Woods. Listen in!

#### Soirées Musicales

SAT., JAN. 27 • 7:30PM  
CSO Principal flutist, Ysmael Reyes will be featured on this evening of engaging chamber orchestra works including Rodrigo's Concierto Pastoral for Flute and Orchestra and Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite. PLUS! Enjoy beautiful art created by LCSD #1 students inspired by Manuel de Falla's Three Cornered Hat Ballet Suite No. 1, which CSO will also perform.

#### Brahms and Beethoven

SAT., MARCH 10 • 7:30 PM  
Violinist Michael Ludwig makes his triumphant return to CSO performing Brahms' beloved Violin Concerto. Vaughan William's Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis and Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 round out the evening.

#### Pathétique

SAT., APRIL 28 • 7:30 PM  
CSO will be joined by returning favorite composer Michael Gilbertson and award-winning trumpeter Brandon Ridenour for a performance of a new trumpet concerto, co-commissioned by CSO. You'll also hear Smetana's The Moldau and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique."

Special thanks to  
our concert  
co-sponsors!





## 59th Annual Gala a Stunning Success!

A luxurious evening of food, drinks, and dancing helped raise funds for Cheyenne Symphony

The Gala committee, led by event co-chairs Anne Lucas and Ann Norwood, worked hard to organize an evening of fun, camaraderie, and support for the CSO. The evening started out with a Cocktail hour. Special thanks to sponsor Wyoming Spine and Neurosurgery and Freedom's Edge Brewery for the complimentary beer! Silent and Live Auctions included beautiful art, get-aways, jewelry, and even the chance to conduct Sleigh Ride on CSO's Holiday Magic Concert! Finally, guests had the chance to dance the night away with Denver's hottest horn band, Mass Hipsteria.

Co-Chair Anne Lucas says, "Thank you to everyone for supporting the 2017 Symphony Gala. At just over 10% of our

annual budgeted revenues, the success of the event is vital to our organization. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and staff, and the generosity of our donors and patrons."

### Thank you to our Gala sponsors:

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Gala co-chairs Anne Lucas and Ann Norwood breathe a sigh of relief!



Gala patrons dance the night away!



Mass Hipsteria provides lively music to close out the 2017 Gala.



Todd Reynolds, Lindsey Reynolds, Greg Dyekman, Anne Lucas, Anna Marie Hales, Sloan Hales



Kim Lovett, Lindsey Reynolds and Chloe Illoyway pause for a photo.



Board member Ila Roper and her husband Dr. Rick Roper at the 2017 Gala.



Thank you CSO Brass Quintet for serenading us during cocktail hour.



Board member Mick Finnegan sells raffle tickets!



Board member Dr. Jasper Chen, Dr. Tracie Caller and family.





# Spooktacular Matinee a specter-tacular success!

For those of you who missed it, or who may not have attended last year's matinee, perhaps you were expecting a shorter, kid-friendlier version of the Masterpiece concert with some cute kids in cute costumes.

But it was so much more! The music didn't start until 2; the fun started at 12:30. Kids were wildly creative at the trick-or-treat bag decorating table. The boys and ghouls got their treats only after enduring the trials of the haunted house compliments of Cheyenne Little Theatre! And the musical petting zoo attracted kids of all ages!

overheard on their way out of the hall discussing how much scarier Mussorgsky was when they were little compared to how scary his music is now that they are pretty grown-up.)



Mini-maestro conducts the CSO!

Maestro Intrilligator returned in a more familiar guise to conduct the evening's performance. The program featured two notably adult additions. Possibly too scary for the average matinee attendee. The first, Saint-Saens Danse Macabre featuring Concertmaster Stacy LeSartre; the second, Strauss' Death and Transfiguration—a treat anytime it is performed; truly food for the soul, although possibly the soul's darker side.

Many symphony attendees chose to stretch out that magical music induced euphoria by attending the post-concert reception at the Paramount Ballroom.

Special thanks to First Interstate Bank and McDonald's Restaurants for their support; Little Theater for the haunted house; and Central and East High musicians for helping to pass their enthusiasm for music to an even younger generation!



Colonel Sanders enjoyed the concert!

Scary music from scary movies (or at least scary parts of not-so scary movies): Beauty and the Beast and Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl were followed by This is Halloween from the Nightmare Before Christmas—accompanying a parade of kids across the stage. Occasional one of the ghouls stepped out to replace the pirate maestro with a mini-maestro! More scary movie music: Game of Thrones and Music from Spiderman and really scary music used decades later in a movie: The Sorcerer's Apprentice....

And then it got dark! With just a few hours to make the transformation,



Dorothy watches as her friend tries a violin.

And then there was the music-- Scary: Toccata in D Minor Scariest: In the Hall of the Mountain King Scariest: Night on Bald Mountain (unless you agree with Colonel Sanders and the bucket of chicken who were





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Projects can include providing rides for guest artist musicians, baking cookies for the CSO musicians to enjoy during rehearsal breaks, providing help during the annual Symphony Gala Event, creating and assisting with Symphony Friends fundraising events and much more!

Meetings are held at the Laramie County Library on the last Thursday of the month at 5:30p.m. If you would like more details please call us at the CSO office: 307.778.8561.

## Art in Music: Coming Soon to the Civic Center!

CSO's Art in Music program now in its third decade, challenges 8th-12th students in LCSD #1 to create art, both 2D and 3D, inspired by a piece selected and performed by CSO. This year's artwork is inspired by Manuel de Falla's Three Cornered Hat Suite No. 1 and will be judged by a panel of experts who will select the winners. The art will be on display in the Civic Center lobby January 16-31, 2018 during business hours. Or, view it at the concert on January 27th where you'll be treated to a live performance of the piece that inspired it all, and be introduced to the winning student artists!



2017 Art in Music submissions on display at the Civic Center

## Have a Spring Fling with the CSO!

Do you love attending CSO concerts but season tickets didn't quite fit your fall schedule? Do you have a friend or loved one you'd like to introduce to CSO? Or maybe you just attended your first concert recently and can't get enough!

You're in luck! New this season, introducing the Spring Fling package. Choose at least 2 of the 3 remaining concerts and receive a 10% discount off single ticket prices.

**Support your local Symphony and give the gift of music!**

**This holiday, stuff their stocking with a CHEYENNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SPRING FLING PACKAGE!**

**Choose at least 2 of the 3 winter/spring concerts and receive a 10% discount!**

### CHOICE OF CONCERTS INCLUDE:

**Soirées Musicales—January 27, 2018\***

*Featuring Ysmael Reyes, flute*

**Brahms and Beethoven—March 10, 2018\***

*Featuring Michael Ludwig, violin*

**Pathétique—April 28, 2018\***

*Featuring Brandon Ridenour, trumpet*

### SPRING FLING DISCOUNT PRICING:

**Package of 3 Concerts:**

Adults: \$40.50-\$121.50, Students: \$27-\$54

**Package of 2 Concerts:**

Adults: \$27-\$81, Students: \$18-\$36

\*Concerts begin at 7:30 PM

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