



# BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

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## **Billings Symphony Orchestra welcomes new musicians for 2008-2009 Season**

Billings, MT: The Billings Symphony announces the appointment of three musicians to its roster for the upcoming 2008-09 Season: Kyle Melugin, Section Percussion; Garion Holian, Section Viola; and Mark Fenderson, Section Trumpet. In addition, Nicole Ficek, violin, and Lewis Rawlinson, cello, were again selected for intern positions with the orchestra.

Hopeful musicians auditioned on June 19 on the campus of Montana State University-Billings. "The Audition Committee and I were very pleased with the caliber of talent by those who auditioned," said Anne Harrigan, music director of the Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale "and I look forward to working with the fine musicians who were selected to join the orchestra as we prepare for the 2008-2009 Season as we Celebrate the Masters."

Season tickets for the 2008-09 Season are on sale now. For information or to buy tickets, call the Symphony office at (406) 252-3610 or log on to [www.billingsymphony.org](http://www.billingsymphony.org).

***About The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale:*** *Since the founding of The Billings Symphony Society in May of 1951, the organization's mission has been to enhance the quality of life in this part of the Rocky Mountain Northwest by offering musical enlightenment and intellectual stimulation to traditional audiences, as well as those who are geographically isolated, economically challenged and culturally underserved. Today, fifty-seven years later, that mission remains the driving force behind The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (BSO&C), the only symphonic orchestra and chorale serving a regional population of 400,000 people located throughout south central Montana and northeastern Wyoming. The 135+ members of the BSO&C present an annual season from September through June, featuring six subscription concerts, two performances of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker with the accompaniment of a renowned ballet company, a New Year's Eve event, four performances of a Free Family Concert and a free Symphony in the Park pops-style concert. Each season, The BSO&C perform for more than 35,000 people and introduce children, youth, adults, and seniors around the region to symphonic music and the performing arts through **Explore Music!**, its music education and community engagement program.*

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