

 **BILLINGS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA & CHORALE**

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The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale and Partners in Performance presents
Itamar Zorman, violin, and Kwan Yi, piano

BILLINGS MT- The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale along with Partners in Performance presents a chamber concert featuring Itamar Zorman, violin and Kwan Yi, piano, at First Congregational Church in downtown Billings. The concert is Sunday, February 25 at 3 pm.

Itamar Zorman was born in Tel-Aviv in 1985 to a family of musicians. He began studying violin at the age of 6 with Saly Bockel at the Israeli Conservatory of Music in Tel-Aviv. After he graduated in 2003, he continued his studies with Professor David Chen and Nava Milo. He received his Bachelor of Music from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance in 2009, and then went on to receive his Masters from Julliard. He also received an Artist Diploma from The Manhattan School of Music and Julliard in 2010 and 2012 respectively.

As a soloist and chamber player, Zorman has played with the American Symphony Orchestra, the Tokyo Symphony, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Santa Fe Symphony and numerous organizations around the world. He is a founding member of the Israeli Chamber Project and is a member of the Lysander Piano Trio. His first solo CD recording, *Portrait* was released in Europe in August 2014 and the US in February of 2015.

Kwan Yi has been praised by audiences and critics alike as a pianist of "lyrical elegance" and "ravishing, pitch-perfect clarity". He has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia in such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kimmel Center, Kennedy Center, Chicago Symphony Center, the Metropolitan and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museums, Jordan Hall, Jones Hall, Mann Performing Arts Center, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Library of Congress, Kravis Center of the Arts, Großer Sendesaal des Hessischen Rundfunks, Auditorium du Louvre, Teatro Principal de Alicante, Suntory Hall, and Seoul Arts Center.

A recipient of many honors and prizes, Mr. Yi's awards include Mieczyslaw Munz Prize, National Federation of Music Clubs Award, and top prizes in the Sendai International Piano Competition in Japan, and the Trio di Trieste International Chamber Music Competition in Italy.

Mr. Yi is a graduate of the Curtis Institute, Juilliard School and the Peabody Institute where he worked with Leon Fleisher and Robert McDonald. He has also attended the Steans Institute at Ravinia Festival.



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Mr. Yi is on faculty at Radford University in Virginia.

Partners in Performance (PiP), founded by the violinist Midori in 2003, is a non-profit organization that co-presents chamber music concerts with the goal of stimulating interest in classical music in smaller communities without the financial resources of major urban centers. Through PiP, high profile artists—including Midori—can donate their services for concerts to galvanize community attention and offer support to smaller-scale arts presenters. The concerts provided by these artists will also raise funds for future classical music programming and special projects in these communities. Since 2003, PiP has co-sponsored over two dozen chamber music programs all around the country. For more information, please visit <http://pipmusic.org>

Itamar Zorman and Kwan Yi will be performing at the First Congregational Church at 310 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101 on February 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 252-3610 or online at billingsymphony.org. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults.

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