



# BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

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**The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale Welcomes New Musicians to the  
2017-2018 Season Roster.**

The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale is proud to announce the results of our 2017-2018 orchestra auditions. Double blind auditions were held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at MSU-Billings.

Out of 46 auditionees from across the country, 13 were selected including 3 interns. They are as follows:

Matthew Mitchener- Principal Percussion- New York, New York  
Zachary Matheson – Principal Timpani – Pittsburgh, PA  
Tyler Menzel – Principal Flute – Great Falls, MT  
Julia Barnett – Piccolo – Pacific Palisades, CA  
Kjirsten Arrington – Cello – Ammon, ID  
Sara Levesque – Viola – Billings, MT  
Renee Tostengard – Viola – Billings, MT  
Leslie Fox – Viola – Cheyenne, WY  
Erin Cummings – Violin – Sheridan, WY  
Julie Johnson – Violin – Billings, MT  
Sophia Barthell – Violin Intern – Billings, MT  
Beckett Koch – Violin Intern – Billings, MT  
Ana Strong-Garcia – Violin Intern – Billings, MT

The 2016-2017 season continues with *Symphony in the Park*, Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park. We are excited to have student violinist, Kariana Jinjguji join the orchestra for this event. We are also happy to have up and coming local band DDX Experience perform on the *Symphony in the Park* stage.

The 2017-2018 season begins with *Montana Splendor* on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Alberta Bair Theater. *Montana Splendor* welcomes the return of pianist Andrew von Oeyen, performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. For more information about the upcoming season, please visit [billingsymphony.org](http://billingsymphony.org). Season subscriptions are now available.

The 2017-2018 season is proudly sponsored by The Oakland Companies.

For more information about *Symphony in the Park* visit:

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