

# BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

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Join the Billings Symphony Chorale as their Powerful Voices fill the Beautiful St. Patrick Co-Cathedral with Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* and other Shaker Favorites

BILLINGS, MT- The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale presents their annual chorale concert *An American Landscape* Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm. Both performances are held at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral in downtown Billings.

Under the direction of longtime chorale director Dr. Steven Hart, The Billings Symphony Chorale will perform traditional and shaker style melodies including: *Humility* arranged by Ron Jeffers, *City Called Heaven* arranged by Josephine Poelinitz, and *Frostiana* by Randal Thompson, based on the poems of Robert Frost.

Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* was commissioned by the Massachusetts town of Amherst to commemorate its bicentennial in 1959. The town of Amherst suggested Thompson use the poems of Robert Frost (1874-1963) due to his close association with the town, in which he lived in for several years. Thompson was given the opportunity to choose which of Frost's poems he wanted to use. With the seven poems he choose, he created a seven-movement suite of choral songs he felt depicted what it was like to live in New England and Amherst at the time.

Dr. Steven Hart says of *Frostiana*, "... Seven Country Songs paints beautiful scenery. Each piece creates nostalgic, peaceful images in music and words. Composer Randall Thompson included "The Road Less Traveled" and "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening", two of Robert Frost's most famous poems for this work."

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral is handicap accessible with ramps and elevators to use at your convenience. Street Parking is available. There is also a parking lot across the street on N. 31<sup>st</sup>.



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Tickets are \$17 for general seating and \$27 for reserved seating. They are available by calling 406-252-3610, online at [billingsymphony.org](http://billingsymphony.org) or at the BSO&C Box Office at 2721 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. Suite 350, Billings, MT 59101

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Dr. Hart will hold special chorale auditions for February's performance of *Mozart's Requiem* on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Lincoln Center. Auditions by appointment only. Please email [auditions@billingsymphony.org](mailto:auditions@billingsymphony.org) to reserve your spot. For more details please visit <https://billingsymphony.org/ensemble/join-our-team/>.

For more Information about *An American Landscape: A Chorale Concert* visit: <https://billingsymphony.org/an-american-landscape-a-chorale-concert/>

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