

BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

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The Billings Symphony Proudly Continues the Grand Tradition Of *The Nutcracker* at the Lincoln Center in Downtown Billings

Billings MT- The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (BSO&C) presents *The Nutcracker* in three performances: Saturday, November 30 at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday, December 1 at 2 pm at the Lincoln Center. Tickets range from \$26-\$52. *The Nutcracker* is performed by the San Diego Ballet under the artistic direction of Robin Morgan. More than 100 local child singers and dancers take the stage for this charming Thanksgiving weekend tradition. This year's performances will be conducted by our own Maestra Anne Harrigan.

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With its signature theatrics and beloved choreography, the San Diego Ballet delivers a light-hearted interpretation of this holiday classic that is expressive and dramatic. Principal dancers are seasoned professionals who bring strong brilliant technique, expressive artistry and high energy to this well-loved ballet. Audiences easily connect with their inspired performances to Peter Tchaikovsky's beloved score performed live by the Billings Symphony Orchestra.



Roles such as the Sugar Babes, Candy Canes, Gingersnaps, and the Boys & Girls Party Scene are performed by local dancers under the direction of Betty Loos and Julia Marble of the Montana Dance Center. Madelynn Hust will dance the role of Clara. Catherine Hofensperer will dance as Fritz.

In addition to local dancers cast in the ballet, vibrant young vocalists with the ROCK Children's Choir under the direction of Janie Sutton will sing during the snow scene.



Families will delight in the classic version of this Billings Thanksgiving weekend tradition of more than 30 years. "Must – see" simply doesn't capture the live music, high energy of the talented cast, and special stage effects.

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funds from the Montana Cultural Trust, the Montana Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Billings Symphony's 2019-2020 season is presented by the Oakland Companies.

Tickets are available by at the Billings Symphony Box Office (2721 2nd Ave N. Ste 350) by calling 406-252-3610, or online at billingsymphony.org

Tickets on the day of the performances will be sold online or in person at the Lincoln Center in the lobby of the auditorium. The Auditorium entrance located on N. 29th St. across from the Dude Rancher Lodge

For more information about *The Nutcracker*:

<https://billingsymphony.org/the-nutcracker-3/>

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