



BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale Cancels or Postpones Remaining Events for the 2019-2020 Season

Billings MT- The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale has canceled or postponed all remaining concerts, events, and outreaches until future notice, following the directive of Montana Governor Steve Bullock, that recommends limiting public gatherings to no more than 10 people to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The BSO&C's highest priority remains the safety and well-being of our patrons, musicians, and staff. We are disappointed that we cannot perform for you, and are examining different opportunities to continue to *Enrich Lives through Music* during this time.

The following performances have been canceled or postponed:

March 14, 2020- **West Side Story: Symphony Concert Version**-Postponed, date TBD

April 18, 2020- **Rachmaninoff**-Canceled

April 19, 2020- 2020-2021 Orchestra Auditions-Postponed

May 2, 2020- **The Who Cares Symphony Benefit**-Canceled

Ticket Information

Tickets for postponed performances will be honored on the rescheduled date. Patrons with questions are encouraged to call the BSOC Box Office at 406-252-3610 or email symphony@billingsymphony.org. Please be aware, while our physical office is closed until future notice, the staff are working remotely and your inquiry might take longer than normal to answer. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Exchanges, Refunds, and Donations

As a community-supported symphony, the BSOC needs your support now more than ever. We ask that you consider donating your ticket back to the BSOC for a tax credit. You can also exchange your ticket for another performance during the 2020-2021 season, exchange your ticket for house credit to use at a later date, or request a refund to your original form of payment. Exchanges and refund requests must be made in writing or sent by email no later than fourteen days after the canceled scheduled performance and may take up to 90 days after said event to process. No refunds will be given on transaction fees.

We here at the BSOC want to thank all of our patrons and supporters during this unprecedented time. In an on-going effort to *Enrich Lives through Music*, we will be regularly posting music education and other content to our social media platforms to help those with school-aged children at home. Like and follow our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages to keep up to date.



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What's coming?

The BSOC is looking forward to announcing our 2020-2021 season. Our 70th Anniversary season celebrates the 250th birthday of Beethoven and showcases local and national talent. New season brochures are coming soon. To get on the BSOC's mailing list, visit <https://billingsymphony.org/contact-us>.

Mark your calendars for our main summertime event, *Symphony in the Park*. We have joined with the Yellowstone Art Museum and *SummerFair*, turning this event into the ultimate Fun Family Friendly weekend at Pioneer Park. *SummerFair* begins Friday, June 26th and ends Sunday, June 28th. *Symphony in the Park* is Sunday, June 28th from 4-9 pm. We are excited to bring *live* music to the Billings Community once again!

We are working on an alternative virtual benefit to replace the *Who Cares Symphony Benefit*. Details coming soon.

Same Symphony, New Look! The BSOC is rebranding!

What can you do to help?

Consider a donation in lieu of a voucher or refund. We are also deeply grateful to donors' continued contributions even without a spring production. Tell your friends about the important role we play in the fabric of our community and ask them to join you in supporting us during this challenging time.

The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (BSOC) is the largest professional orchestra in Montana. Established in 1951, the BSOC strives to enrich lives through music. Consisting of over 135 musicians, the BSO&C serves a regional population of 400,000 people located throughout South Central and Eastern Montana, and Northeastern Wyoming by introducing music to children, youth, adults and seniors through Explore Music!, the BSOC's community engagement program. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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