

Glacier Symphony and Chorale Press Release  
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**Glacier Symphony and Chorale unveils its 2009-10 season with “Music that will Liven Up your life” Sunday Afternoon Concerts, Whitefish Series, Big-Name Soloists and new pricing to fit every music lovers budget!**

Music Director John Zoltek and the Glacier Symphony and Chorale today announced the concert program for the 2009-2010 Season. “Music that will Liven Up Your Life” is the focus of this year’s classical series and highlights include guest appearances by outstanding guest musicians. Among this season’s innovations is a streamlined ticketing system that offers reserved seating in three pricing tiers to fit every music lovers budget. For single tickets, patrons will now be able to purchase their seats online – choosing the location from the seating chart and selecting it with a simple mouse click.

“We are delighted to be able to provide all our patrons with reserved seats this season,” comments Alan Satterlee, GSC Executive Director. “By redesigning our ticketing system we were able to provide affordable sections in both Flathead High School Auditorium and Whitefish Performing Arts Center with some seats as low as \$8! At other venues we will have general admission seating. All of the seats will be available online, by calling the GSC office, or at the door. By pricing our Season Tickets in three different tiers, we are able to accommodate our long time reserved seat holders, but also open up new reserved seating at lower prices. This new system makes our Masterworks series even more affordable plus first time season ticket buyers in Tier 1 and 2 can also get a 50% discount.”

The GSC Masterworks series will include six concerts and feature four internationally acclaimed guest artists in performance with the orchestra. The popular 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon concerts will return as will the Whitefish Concert Series, which offers a variety of orchestra and choral music over the course of the season.

“I am pleased to present this exciting season of great music and inspiring guest artists. The 09/10 season includes a wide array of symphonic music from Brahms, Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, Nielsen, Glazunov, Saint-Saens. and a host of others, not to mention beautiful choral works and notable guest artists!” exclaims Zoltek. “Hearing live performances by the symphony and chorale is one of those unique experiences that is inspiring, creatively engaging and life enriching for everyone from first time concert goers or seasoned audiences young and old,” he adds.

The 2009-2010 season opens October 10-11, with “Prokofiev Power and Brahms 2,” a concert featuring special guest Spencer Myer, piano. John Zoltek will conduct the orchestra and Myer in Prokofiev’s “Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor.” Brahms “Symphony No. 2” will complete the

repertoire. Pianist Myer is garnering stellar audience and critical acclaim from around the globe after winning a Gold Medal in the 2008 New Orleans International Piano Competition. His busy performance schedule of recital and chamber music has taken him to North America, Canada, Europe, Africa and Asia and he is rapidly establishing himself as one of the most outstanding pianists of his generation.

November Masterworks concerts will feature the Glacier Chorale in a tribute to Montana as “The Last Best Place,” and a return of violinist, Ilana Setapen in a performance with the Glacier Symphony titled, “Autumn Violin.” For the November 14 -15 concerts, GSC Chorale Conductor, Jim Stanard has chosen musical selections that reflect the beauty of our state. Concerts will be held in Whitefish and at Glacier High School Theater in Kalispell. “Autumn Violin” on November 21 in Kalispell and 22 in Whitefish, will feature Setapen in a rendition of Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto in E minor. The orchestra will also perform Glazunov’s “Autumn for The Seasons” and Schumann’s Symphony No. 2 in C Major.

Ms. Setapen previously performed here with the 2008 Festival Amadeus Orchestra and garnered rave reviews and a local following. Beginning in September 2009, Ms. Setapen will be the new Associate Concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. She has also recently won the position of Assistant Concertmaster of the Grant Park Festival Orchestra in Chicago. “Symphony Holiday Pops,” December 5 in Whitefish and 6 in Kalispell will feature the orchestra in a selection of festive, family-friendly music. Spirited favorites such as “Nutmcracker” and “Holiday for Trombones” “Christmas Rocks and Pops” and sing along favorites will brighten dark winter days.

Handel’s “Messiah” will combine the full chorale with a smaller orchestra for concerts in Bigfork, December 18, Whitefish, December 19, and Kalispell December 20 at Bethany Lutheran Church, the Whitefish Performing Arts Center, and Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Onstage offering January 29-31, 2010, will be “South Pacific,” the American romantic classical musical penned by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Join Alpine Theatre Project and the Glacier Symphony and Chorale for this concert version musical performance.

For February’s “Escapades and Temperaments” concert on February 20-21 in Kalispell, Music Director Zoltek has invited a young up and coming artist named Ashu to perform his concert saxophone with the orchestra. Demersseman’s “Fantaisie sur un theme Original for saxophone and strings” and Williams “Escapades for Saxophone and Orchestra” will be on the repertoire. Ashu has been called “riveting...brilliant with pizzazz to burn” and is fast gaining popularity with his uncommon concert instrument. March will feature the Glacier String Quartet at concerts in Bigfork March 6 and Whitefish March 7. The refined chamber concerts will include a special guest musician to be announced at a later date.

March 13-14 will bring alive a “Night of the Operas” with the combined power of the full orchestra and chorale. Works by Gounod, Mascagni, Mussorgsky, Suppe and Verdi among others will bring alive such popular Opera choruses as “Aida,” “Cavallerie Rusticana,” “Nabucco,” “Faust and more. Both concerts will be held in Kalispell.

“Passion Poetics” will bring the Masterworks Season to a close on April 24-25 when pianist, Gustavo Romero performs Chopin’s “Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor with the Glacier Symphony. Saint-Saens “Symphony No. 3 in C minor “Organ” will add to the concert which will be held in Kalispell. The Glacier Chamber Singers will hold a post-season event in a fun-filled musical soiree called “It’s a Grand Night for Singing” at the O’Shaughnessy Center in Whitefish on May 15-16. Directed by Jim Stanard, the singers offer a humorous, yet sophisticated program, which will also feature an option for drinks and appetizers as part of the ticket.

## SIDEBAR

### Symphony Announces Auditions for the 09/10 Season

The Glacier Symphony announces auditions for the upcoming 09/10 concert season. Standard instrumental proficiency and orchestra experience is preferred and qualified High School musicians are encouraged to apply. Currently there are openings for violin, viola, cello and bass in addition to French horn, and percussion. Musicians may also inquire about auditioning for the substitution list. Rehearsals for the concert season will begin September 10th.

The Glacier Symphony is a volunteer based community orchestra that performs concerts of the standard orchestral literature year round. For audition information contact Music Director John Zoltek at 756-7383 or [jzoltek@gscmusic.org](mailto:jzoltek@gscmusic.org).



Spencer Myer, piano, October 2009



Ashu- saxophone, February 2010



Gustavo Romero, piano, April 2010



Ilana Setapen, violin, November 2009