

Glacier Symphony and Chorale  
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## **Glacier Symphony season finale features Italian pianist Robert Plano**

Glacier Symphony will conclude its successful 26th season with a rousing finale concert featuring the young, outstanding, Italian pianist, Roberto Plano performing one of Beethoven's most enigmatic works, the "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor." "The Vision" concerts will be held in Kalispell on Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. at Flathead High School.

Music Director John Zoltek, has made a slight change to the concert lineup, substituting the Dvorak "Symphony No. 9 "New World" for a Mahler work previously announced. Schubert's tuneful "Rosamunde Overture" will complete the concert program.

"We are delighted to welcome Roberto Plano back to perform with the Glacier Symphony," Zoltek comments. "I still hold very fond memories of his performance of the Schumann Piano Concerto that we gave a number of seasons back. Consequently, I decided to ask Roberto to return to perform Beethoven for this season finale concert, which is destined to be a very exciting one!"

Zoltek describes Plano as a "pianist's pianist," an extraordinary interpretative artist with a remarkable tone and keen sense of beautiful musical lines. "These qualities will be illuminated in this the 3rd piano concerto by Beethoven, a work that exists in both the classical and romantic sound worlds."

"To end the program I have chosen Dvorak's great and ever popular "New World" Symphony composed by a Czech composer and fusing "American" elements with that of his homeland, a truly great work, highly romantic and passionate that will prove to be a fitting and exciting conclusion to our highly successful 26th season," he adds.

Mr. Plano has garnered many important awards in his short career as a concert pianist. In 2005 he was one of 10 finalists in the Van Cliburn Piano Competition, and in 2001 he was first prizewinner of the Cleveland International Piano Competition. He is a Laureate of the 2003 Honens International Piano Competition (Calgary, Canada) and the 2006 Axa Dublin International Piano Competition. He has played in concert halls from New York to London and around the world. His charming, outgoing personality has made him a favorite for guest appearances on a number of radio stations including NPR's "Performance Today" and WGBH (Boston) "Classics In the Morning." Critics have lauded his playing as "masterful," "fiery," and "transcendent." The Birmingham News stated that "His execution of scale passages was the musical equivalent of polished glass."

Single tickets for "The Vision" concert are priced at \$23 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for youth for general admission. Single Reserved Seats, priced at \$28, \$23 and \$15 are available by calling the GSC office, 257-3241 or can be purchased online at [www.gscmusic.org](http://www.gscmusic.org)

General admission tickets can be purchased at the following outlets: Books West in Kalispell; The Village Shop, and Montana Coffee Traders-downtown, in Whitefish; Glacier Wallflower in Columbia Falls; ArtFusion in Bigfork; Sliters Ace Hardware in Lakeside and at the door. Call 257-3241 for more information.

SIDEBAR(S)

### **Concert Talk will explain the stories behind the music**

Maestro Zoltek will share his knowledge about the stories behind the concert pieces and the composers who wrote them at a free preconcert talk beginning at 6:45 p.m. on May 16, and 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, both at Flathead High School. The ConcertTalk series is an occasional lecture series before selected Masterworks concerts.

### **Symphony Rush tickets available at FVCC**

A limited number of reduced price rush tickets to "The Vision" concert will be offered Friday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Flathead Valley Community College. All tickets will be \$12 during the special two-hour rush period; this is the only time tickets are offered at this price. The tickets will be sold in the foyer of the student services building, outside the bookstore. The special

sale is open to the public; you do not need to be a student to purchase tickets. Visit the Website [www.gscmusic.org](http://www.gscmusic.org) or call 257-3241 ext. 1.

**Free bus offered to North Valley Symphony goers for Saturday concert**

Enjoy a free ride to the Saturday May 16, concert on the "Symphony Express" bus. Leaving the parking lot at Mountain Mall, near McDonald's, in Whitefish at 6 p.m. sharp, the bus will arrive at the door of the concert in Kalispell in time for the preconcert talk at 6:45 p.m.

The bus ride is open to anyone who wants to attend a concert, even those needing to purchase tickets at the door. The only requirement is reserving a seat in advance by calling 257-3241. Rocky Mountain Transportation and Depratu Ford/VW in Whitefish are sponsoring the bus service.