

Glacier Symphony and Chorale Press Release
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Glacier Symphony and Chorale Launches 27th Season with Powerful Prokofiev Concerto and Rhapsodic Brahms

Glacier Symphony opens its 27th season with an ambitious concert highlighting two contrasting works of individual genius and creative beauty from the great symphonic repertoire—the 2nd Symphony in D Major, by Johannes Brahms, and the powerfully evocative Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, by Sergei Prokofiev. Featured guest artist will be piano virtuoso, Spencer Myer. The concerts will be held Saturday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 11, at 3 p.m. in Flathead High School Auditorium, Kalispell. The concerts will be conducted by Glacier Symphony and Chorale Music Director John Zoltek

“This opening concert will showcase two extraordinary works of differing complexity emphasizing the differences and similarities in orchestral textural, melodic invention and thematic development of the two composers and their stylistic milieu,” says Zoltek.

“I chose this particular Prokofiev Concerto to open our season because it will prove to be an apt vehicle for the technical mastery of our pianist Spencer Myer. The 2nd Concerto was composed when Prokofiev was a young man and is full of brilliant passages of virtuosity that can only be handled by the most accomplished of pianists. It is considered by some to be the most demanding piano concertos from the early 20th century,” he continues.

Also on the program will be Johannes Brahms Symphony No. 2 a work for orchestra that is decidedly more lyrical and will provide a distinct musical contrast to the Prokofiev. Long considered an absolute staple of the repertoire ever since it’s inaugural performance, Brahms 2nd Symphony is a signature of that composer’s style melding Romantic sensibilities with a solid classical formal technique.

Pianist Spencer 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.

A graduate of The Juilliard School he was conferred a Doctor of Musical Arts degree by Stony Brook University in 2005. Myer’s orchestral, recital and chamber music performances have been heard throughout North America, Canada, Europe, Africa and Asia and he maintains a busy

touring schedule. He is an advocate of contemporary music and inter-arts collaboration, and has worked with the Chicago- and New York-based ICE (International Contemporary Ensemble), Indianapolis' Dance Kaleidoscope, Ohio Dance Theatre and New York City's New Triad for Collaborative Arts and The Juilliard School's "Composers and Choreographers" series.

Among the Glacier Symphony's season innovations is a streamlined ticketing system that offers reserved seating in three pricing tiers to fit every music lover's budget. For single tickets, patrons will now be able to purchase their seats online at www.gscmusic.org <<http://www.gscmusic.org>> . – choosing the location from the seating chart and selecting it with a simple mouse click. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$30 for all age groups. Patrons can also walk into the GSC office at 720 Main Street in Kalispell to purchase tickets.

"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 \$10! 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.

Satterlee notes that Season Ticket packages are still available. "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," he adds.

To obtain a brochure of the GSC concert season call the GSC office, 257-3241 or visit the website www.gscmusic.org