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**Glacier Symphony and Chorale presents Festival Amadeus August 2-8, 2010 with two Kalispell concerts this year.**

Festival Amadeus 2010 will once again bring internationally acclaimed classical musicians, along with two string quartets and a host of talented musicians to Northwest Montana for a week of concerts and events, on August 2-8, 2010. Sponsored by the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, the music event is in its third season, with Maestro John Zoltek at the helm. Chamber Concerts will be held at the O'Shaughnessy Center, One Central Ave. in Whitefish. New this year will be two orchestra night concerts held in the expansive, sound-enhancing sanctuary, at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

Festival Amadeus begins on a convivial note with the opening night "Evening with the Artists" talk led by Music Director John Zoltek on August 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the O'Shaughnessy Center. This opening event includes free refreshments and appetizers. Guest artists will be interviewed on stage in an informal setting and each will provide the audience with a "sneak preview" of performances and personal reflections on their music and careers.

Featured guests will be pianist Joel Fan ([www.joelfanmusic.com](http://www.joelfanmusic.com)) who recently toured with renowned cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, as a member of the Silk Road Ensemble and the duo of Lorna McGhee, flute and Heidi Krutzen, harp, (<http://www.krutzenmcgheeduo.com>) both of Vancouver B.C. The two have played at many of the premiere chamber music festivals in North America including a gala performance of Mozart's Flute and Harp concerto at the 2004 National Flute Association Convention.

“Melodic Souvenirs” will start the three Chamber Night concerts on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 8 p.m. with the bar open for refreshments at 6:30 pm. Members of the Glacier String Quartet, of Kalispell and the Bridger String Quartet, of Bozeman, will be joined by two Glacier Symphony principle musicians, Reid Merley, oboe, and April Lane, piano. The performance will consist of Mozart’s “Oboe Quartet in F Major,” Borodin’s “String Quartet No. 2 in D Major” and Tchaikovsky’s “Souvenirs’ of Florence.”

Chamber Night 2, Aug. 4, 8 p.m. titled “Breathing Arches of Silver Sound” features the Canadian duo of Lorna McGhee, flute and Heidi Krutzen, harp, joined by Miriam English Ward, viola, in a selection of works. Repertoire includes Debussy’s “Sonata for Flute and viola”, J.S. Bach’s “Sonata,” Saint-Saens “Romance,” Piazzolla’s “Bordel 1900 Café 1930,” culminating with an unusual composition called “Taheke,” written by New Zealander Gareth Farr.

“Extravaganza” is Chamber Night 3, Aug. 5, 8 pm featuring pianist Joel Fan in Schumann’s “Piano Quartet in Eb Major.” Fan will be joined on the work by violinist from the Great Falls Symphony, Mary Papoulis, and cellist, Lucas Poe Kaiser of Missoula. He will also present a set of varied solo compositions for piano.

All chamber concerts will be held in the O’Shaughnessy Center, one Central Ave. in Whitefish and begin at 8 pm with the bar open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, Aug 6, the Festival moves to the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell, where the Festival Amadeus orchestra, conducted by Zoltek, will take full advantage of the acoustically resonant sanctuary auditorium. “Mozart Parisian Gallant” is the concert title, featuring the duo of Krutzen and McGhee in Mozart’s “Concerto for Flute and Harp in C Major.” Also performed will be his “Symphony No. 40 in G minor” and “Idomeneo Overture.”

Saturday, Aug. 7, will be an unusual treat with “Harmony of the World” featuring the Karin Stevens Dance Company (<http://www.karinstevensdance.com>) of Seattle, WA. The performance will blend interpretive dance with an 18-piece string orchestra comprised of the Festival strings musicians led by Zoltek. The Baroque-era music of Bach, Vivaldi, Grieg and Corigliano, will be complemented by Copland’s famous “Hoedown.” This concert will be held in the O’Shaughnessy. at 8 pm.

Sunday, Aug 8, will wrap up the Festival, again in Kalispell, featuring Joel Fan in Mozart’s “Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major” as well as Mendelssohn: “Symphony No. 4 in A major “Italian” and Schumann: “Fantasie Op 17” for solo piano.

“Festival Amadeus offers more than just nightly concerts,” explains Alan Satterlee, GSC executive director. “It has become a large collection of activities, including selected free open rehearsals; (see sidebar) an exciting music education camp where the students get to interact with professional musicians; nightly receptions, even two delicious private label Festival wines! We are proud to partner with North Valley Music School and Stumptown Historical Society. It truly has become a Festival event that celebrates the best of what classical music has to offer and promises to be the cultural event of the summer!”

Tickets are available online or by calling the GSC office at 257-3241. During Festival week, the box office at the O'Shaughnessy Center will be open from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and 5:00-8:00 pm Monday through Friday. Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 5 pm at all concerts and events.

A Festival Amadeus transferable pass for the week of music concerts is available with two pricing options. Adults pass is \$130; senior pass is \$120 and youth passes are \$60. A Pick Four pass is offered \$99, \$89 and \$40 respectively.

Individual chamber night tickets are priced at \$20 adult, \$18 senior, and \$10 youth. Orchestra Night tickets are \$30 adult, \$28 senior, \$15 youth. Single event tickets are available for the opening night “Evening with the Artists” reception on Monday August 2, for \$ 35 all ages.

To view the complete Festival Amadeus schedule of concerts and free music events go to the Website (<http://www.gscmusic.org>), 257-3241 Benefactors of Festival Amadeus include First Interstate Bank, Flathead Beacon, Glacier Bank, Montana Public Radio, Plum Creek, Tupelos, Whitefish Mountain Resort.

#### SIDEBAR

#### **Seven free events and rehearsals offered during Festival Amadeus August 2-8, in Whitefish and Kalispell**

Festival Amadeus brings together world-class musicians for a week of music making August 2-8, 2010 in Whitefish and Kalispell. Chamber and orchestra music will fill the music hall every evening and during the day musicians and instructors will come together to rehearse their performances.

Running concurrently with the Festival is Camp Festival Amadeus, a weeklong music training for young musicians grade 7-12, produced by the North Valley Music School. Several of the rehearsals will be attended by the camp students, and they will also be open to the public, offering an inside peek into the creative process of making music.

Additionally, a master class for campers with internationally renowned pianist, Joel Fan, and a workshop featuring the Canadian duo of Heidi Krutzen, harp and Lorna McGhee, flute, will be open for the public to observe for free.

“It is an incredible opportunity for young musicians to work with artists of this caliber,” commented John Zoltek, Music Director of Glacier Symphony and Chorale, and director of the Festival Amadeus event. “We encourage the students to interact with the artists as much as possible and the artists are always gracious in their critique of the budding musicians.” Cameron Blake-Grey, who coordinates the camp for North Valley Music School says that the collaboration with the Festival provides an “up close and personal” experience for the students.

“They observe the amazingly talented Festival musicians rehearse, sitting up on stage with them learning about their process, and then watch the finished product at the nightly performances. Their engagement through meeting the artists and having learned about the music turned the nightly concerts into a must attend-event for these youth.”

Open rehearsals will be held at the following times: Mozart Quartet, Monday, August 2, 1 pm at the O’Shaughnessy Ctr, in Whitefish, with Glacier and Bridger String Quartets. Tuesday, August 3, 1 pm the duo of Krutzen and McGee will rehearse at Whitefish Four Square Church, 233 Kalispell. Then at 4 pm, the public will be able to observe a master class taught by Joel Fan, at the North Valley Music School, 432 Spokane, Ave. On Wednesday, August 4, 1 pm the “Schumann Piano Quartet” with Joel Fan, will be in rehearsal at O’Shaughnessy Ctr.

On Thursday, August 5, at 3:30 pm McGee and Krutzen will hold a workshop “Making Music Together” talking about what its like to for them to work as a duo and taking questions for the students, at Whitefish Four Square Church. That evening a special Pre Concert Talk “Arts and Brain” will be given by Diane Volkman, from 7-7:45 pm at the O”Shaughnessy Ctr. These events are also free.

Camp Festival Amadeus students will perform a free public concert at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, August 6th in the O’Shaughnessy Ctr., offering a showcase of their week’s work

For more information visit the Website (<http://www.gscmusic.org>) or call 406-257-3241 for a Festival Amadeus 2010 brochure.