

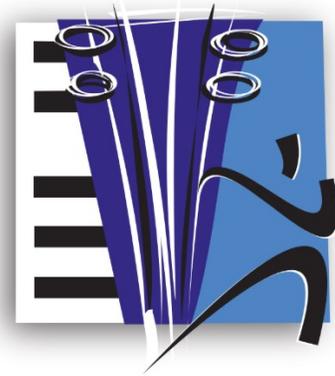
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Bitterroot Performing Arts Council



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR by Laurie Ruffner



Fall has always been my favorite time of the year; especially in Montana. It's full of beauty, unpredictable weather, elk bugling and change. Some of us may be feeling like there's been too many challenges and too much change in 2020 for our liking.

Often though, through unforeseen challenges and change come wonderful new opportunities to explore outside of our normal comfort zones allowing us to incorporate new ideas. The BPAC has had to move to cutting staff hours while still maintaining our box office, our monthly Board Meetings and continuing to pursue grants to support us as we move forward and can resume our normal operations and safely re-open our stage for live performances.

As we are still on our "Extended Intermission," we began thinking not about what we can't provide but what could we do to stay relevant and also continue to build upon our mission.

We are so excited to be working on and building an addition to the BPAC which incorporates both local and global performing artists to build a streaming "library" of available vignettes for our local Band, Drama, and Choir programs for our teachers, students and patrons to access. Through generous grant funding and your ongoing support, this exciting new offering, "BPAC Presents Performing Artists in Education" is creating a lot of excitement! There will be opportunities for sponsorship as this program will become a permanent addition to our offerings. Just think; our fabulous live performances but also local and global artists sharing their knowledge, skills and talents with access for all through personalized streaming vignettes.

We are humbled and honored to serve this community and cannot tell you what your ongoing support and commitment to our organization means to us. You are the foundation and the reason we do what we do.

Thank you for your continued support and for believing in our mission to enlighten, inspire, educate and entertain you through the presentation of the performing arts.

Together, we will get through this. May you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

A sneak peek at what some of our past artists have been up to during the pandemic.



Simone Dinnerstein

Simone Dinnerstein recorded “A Character of Quiet” in June of 2020 in her home in Brooklyn, New York. Her dear friend and producer, Adam Abeshouse, drove down from Westchester with a van full of equipment, and they made the album over the course of two evenings. It was released September of 2020.



Phoebe Hunt

Phoebe has developed an online school of music, Seeds Of Music LLC, to nurture music education both within adults who already play music, connecting them to her greater community of music teachers through online academies, as well as through developing curriculums for children's education including Ukulele Sprouts, a program that teaches parents to be their own child's first music teacher.



Tim Fain

Many of us have been joining Tim every week enjoying his Resilience Series that has been coming from his home studio in Montana. If you haven't had the time to enjoy them you can find Tim Fain's “Resilience” on his Facebook page.



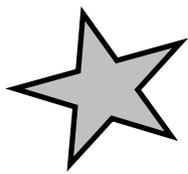
AJ Croce

AJ Croce has some new music coming out soon. “By Request” available for pre-order on vinyl, CD, and digitally. By Request is a retrospective of Croce's life. It's not just a assemblage of songs, but tracks attached to specific memories for the artist, some stretching as far back as 35 years or more through his life.

Laurie's Playlist for Fall 2020

- Someone You Loved – Simply Three
- Santa Fe – Ottmar Liebert
- All In It Together – Mavis Staples
- I'm On My Way – Rhiannon Giddens with Francesco Turrisi
- Even Though I'm Leaving – Luke Combs
- All of Me – John Legend





Season Subscriber Super Stars



Thank you to our Super Stars. Most donors donated at least the amount they would have normally purchased their season tickets if we were able to have a season this year. We want to say a Super Thank You! While we can't gather together this year these Super Stars will help the Bitterroot Performing Arts weather this storm.

Mandy Barnings
Nanette Seltzer
Diane Davis
Bobby & Shirley McGibbin
Jan Driscoll
Jacqueline Locke
Byron & Mary Williams
Bob & Jane Cron
Stephen & Gail Goheen
Judy & Rich Morrisey
Bill & Becky Peters
Cory Keith
Katy Bosio
Kathy & Ron Messer
Sandy Herrick

Archie Thomas & Mary Schrumpf
Andrew & Louise Massie
Steve Mandala
Terry & Jerry Hinman
Joan Cartal & Ian Purse
Jan & Alan Abel
Mary & Terry Hammerschmidt
Helen Gurtner
Marshall & Tonia Bloom
Frank Pelfrey
Joyce Pando
Peggy Tonon & Warren Neyenhuis
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Janet & Warren Webber
Dave & Carole Mackie
Tori Nobles
Sarah Southwell
Mel & Mary Alice Holloway
Ben & Rachael Watters
Paul & Sonny Stone
Bob & Peggy Ratcheson
Paul Policastro & Patti Rosa



Down at the box office we are excited about our new project, *BPAC Presents*.

Season 1, Episode 1, was kicked off at Big Creek Coffee Roasters and featured loved and local artist Cove Jasmin from the band Shakewell. Cove is no stranger to teaching music. You can often find him at the Bitterroot School of Music in Hamilton, MT, teaching lessons and getting

people excited about music. For you that enjoy our local music scene in Western Montana you can also find Cove on stage with Skakewell.

We are just getting this new project off the ground. Beloved, talented, and retired music teacher, Peggy Bucheit is joining us on this project. We are thankful for all the talent and expertise we have in our area to put this project together. The goal of Bitterroot Presents is to highlight Performing Arts and Artists and connect them with students of all ages. The Bitterroot Performing Arts Council may be taking a break from entertaining you on our stage but behind the curtain we are continuing our mission to Entertain, Inspire, Enlighten and Education.



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