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# Bitterroot PAC Spotlight:

Join the Encore: Bitterroot Performing Arts Council's 20th Season Triumphs!

As we continue our 20th season journey at the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council, we are overjoyed to share the success with you – our dedicated patrons. The curtain rose on our celebratory year with the first three shows, the timeless music of Don McLean in October, the sweet voice of Suzy Bogguss in November, and a first time collaboration in December with the Missoula Symphony for a spectacular holiday concert - all sold out to your enthusiastic applause.

The song of excitement continues with our upcoming January 2024 concert starring Victor Wooten and the Wooten Brothers. We are thrilled to report that tickets are swiftly finding their way into the hands of music lovers like yourself, and a sell-out performance is on the horizon.

Your unwavering support has been the heart of our success over the past two decades. As cherished patrons, your presence has enriched our performances, and we cannot wait to continue this musical journey with you. This milestone season is a testament to your enduring commitment, and we express our deepest gratitude.

Here's to another year of memories and exceptional performances to share with you. Join us in celebrating 20 years of musical magic at the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council – where every note is played for you.

## ANNOUNCING!!!

Due to popular demand!

Summer Concert headliner...

Naturally 7

July 13, 2024 Hamilton, MT



### SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!



Mark your calendars for a mesmerizing night with the **Queen's Cartoonists** on February 10, 2024! Immerse yourself in a captivating blend of jazz, classical melodies, and animated visuals. We hope you will tell your friends about this performance and encourage them to secure tickets now for a captivating experience that breathes life into cartoons through extraordinary live music. Don't miss this one-of-akind performance!

Get ready for a beautiful evening with the **James Sewell Ballet** on March 23, 2024! Immerse yourself in a seamless blend of grace, innovation, & storytelling through the art of dance. Experience a captivating world of movement and motion. **Extend the joy** – encourage friends and family to join you in this unforgettable celebration of dance!







# **ENVISIONING THE FUTURE:** A GLIMPSE INTO THE BITTERROOT PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL'S NEXT ACTS

As we step into a new year, the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council is poised for an exciting future, brimming with innovation and artistic exploration.

Anticipate a broader range of performances as we venture into uncharted territory. For the first time, we are thrilled to announce that we will be presenting a concert at the Ravalli County Fair, bringing live music to a new audience. The fairgrounds will echo with the sounds of some fun music that you will want to get up and dance to. This marks a momentous occasion for both our council and the community.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that **Naturally** 7 will be featured at our third annual summer concert on the grounds of the historic Daly Mansion, set for July 13, 2024. Save the date on your calendar. You do not want to miss this concert.

But that is not all—collaboration is at the heart of our vision. Partnering with MTPR and other venues in Western Montana, we're delighted to be a part of a spring concert tour by the acclaimed Bill Harley. This collaboration extends beyond the stage as we present two free concerts here in the Bitterroot Valley in May. We will be presenting a free family friendly concert at the Farmers State Bank Event Center and a student concert for Victor school students. This endeavor aims to create accessible and enriching experiences for students and parents alike.

The Bitterroot Performing Arts Council is not just about concerts; it is about building connections and fostering a love for the arts. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Here's to a future filled with new venues, collaborative endeavors, and the continued celebration of the performing arts in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley!

## ADDED CONCERT OUTSIDE OF OUR MAIN SERIES.

In addition to our season line-up the BPAC is thrilled to offer concerts at the Mary Stuart Rogers Performing Arts Center in Victor, Montana. Don't miss the chance to attend our next Victor special event.

### REVERIE ROAD

March 1, 2024

A fresh, eclectic Celtic combination, featuring Winifred Horan, John Williams (founding Solas members) and Katie Grennan (former Gaelic Storm fiddler) and pianist Utsav Lal.



Tickets are \$30 and are on sale now.

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### GRATITUDE AND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As we reflect on the success of our 20th season and the future ahead, the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council extends profound gratitude to our dedicated board members, tireless volunteers, & cherished season subscribers.

To our esteemed board members, your vision and commitment guide us through every crescendo and cadence, shaping our organization.

To our invaluable volunteers, your passion and selflessness make our performances unforgettable for our patrons. You are an important, integral part of all we do.

And to our loyal season subscribers, you are the melody that sustains us, your unwavering support resonating in every note played on our stage.

Together, you form the foundation upon which the arts flourish in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley. Your contributions are the harmonies that make our journey extraordinary. Thank you for being the true stars of our performances.

### YEAR END FUNDRAISING

We're sure you're aware that it takes money to bring in great artists and carry out the type of educational outreach we do here at the BPAC. With expenses on the rise, it takes more than ever. Tickets cover only about half of the cost of carrying out our mission. The rest comes from donors, sponsors, and Grantmakers who see the value that we provide to the people of the Bitterroot. Asking for money is not the most fun part of my job, but a necessary part, so here's my year-end plea. Art enriches the quality of life in a community. Help us continue bringing exceptional quality performing arts to the Bitterroot. We still have a ways to go to meet our year-end goal, and your contribution will make a difference! Use the QR code below or go to our website at www.bitterrootperformingarts.org and look for the DONATE tab.



Thanks,

Larry McCloskey, Executive Director

# 2023 Year-End Fundraiser

