Dear Music Lovers,

Welcome back to another evening of great music with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra! Tonight’s program features two very familiar and well-loved musical works, Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons* and Copland’s *Appalachian Spring*, and a lesser-known piece that I think you will enjoy greatly, Ellington’s Suite from *The River*.

In some ways, this program has more-than-normal variety. Just think of the nearly 250-year time-span between the composition of the *Four Seasons* and the composition of *The River*! Yet, all three pieces tie together in many ways: the telling of a story through music; the musical depiction of man’s response to nature; the recurring theme of spring, whether referring to the season or a source of water; and the idea of dance. For instance, the many dances in Vivaldi’s work and the fact that the Copland and Ellington pieces were both written as ballets.

Ellington wrote several works for symphony orchestra. Many consider him one of the greatest composers of the 20th century—and not just for his contributions to jazz. When you hear the full orchestra enter majestically for the first time in the opening movement of *The River*, just imagine that this is from the same man—the same musical voice—that gave us “Take the ‘A’ Train,” “Sophisticated Lady,” “Satin Doll,” and “It Don’t Mean a Thing.” Amazing! And the jazz sections really jam—you will be impressed with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra players’ versatility.

Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* has always been one of my personal favorite pieces of music, being one of the first pieces I ever conducted. Even before that, I remember playing it as an oboist in a youth orchestra at Interlochen music camp. I mention this not only because the piece brings back good memories for me, but because I think this piece brings back a special nostalgia for every American, even upon first hearing it. Copland himself lived by the ‘simple life’ credo that is so eloquently portrayed in this work from the very first bar, not just during the variations to “The Gift to be Simple.”

Gareth Johnson and I have worked together twice before, and I can say you are in for a treat. I have noticed that audiences are taken away by his pure joy in performing and by his intensity and virtuosity as a violinist. It is always a pleasure working with him. In addition, Gareth joined us earlier in the week for education concerts, school visits, and a presentation at the Rotary Club. I want to thank him for giving his time and talents so generously during his stay here in Cheyenne.

We are sure you will be delighted with tonight’s concert. Thank you for all your support and donations to keep the Cheyenne Symphony the gem that it is!

Best wishes,

[Signature]
Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra

Dr. William Intriligator, Conducting

**Upcoming Cheyenne Events**

**January**

22  CLTP • *Inherit the Whole* • Mary Godfrey Playhouse
26  100 Years of Broadway • Cheyenne Civic Center

**February**

12-14  CLTP • *Romance, Romance* • Historic Atlas Theatre
19-21  CLTP • *Romance, Romance* • Historic Atlas Theatre
26  CSO Hausmusik • *An Evening with Zuill Bailey*
27  CSO Concert • Dvořák Cello Concerto

**Audience Surveys**

Surveys are available and can be found at the Friend’s table at tonight’s concert. Please fill one out and drop it in the gold box, which is also located at the Friends’ table in the lobby. Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable information to help the CSO grow and make improvements in its programming. Thank you for your support.
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Buford Trading Post

Buford Trading Post, owned by Don Sammons, is located just 26 miles west of Cheyenne, across from Vedauwoo State Park. Buford is the highest town between New York City and San Francisco on Interstate 80 and has endured for the past 144 years. Founded in 1866 as Fort Sanders, a military fort, soldiers were stationed there to protect travelers on the Overland Trail and the tracklayers for the Union Pacific railroad. Buford was the county seat for Laramie County when it was still Fort Sanders. The county seat was moved to Cheyenne in 1886. The Frontier Index, the local newspaper, was originally published there out of a boxcar. In 1880, when the U.S. Post Office opened, the town was renamed Buford. A noted guest was President U.S. Grant, who stopped there in 1869. It was also alleged that Butch Cassidy robbed Buford.

Due to a lightning strike on August 17, 2003, the Buford Trading Post was totally destroyed by fire. Arising from the ashes, the new facility has been completely reconstructed in the traditional log style. They now have pay-at-the-pump fuel available 24 hours, seven days a week. Keeping in line with Cheyenne pricing, diesel and two grades of gasoline plus E-85 are sold. Their clean and modern restrooms are also open 24 hours. The entire grounds are very well lit and under continual surveillance for your safety. When traveling between Cheyenne and Laramie on I-80, at anytime of the day or night, feel free to stop in for a rest, a restroom or a tank of gas. Buford Trading Post provides ample paved parking for cars, trucks, semis, and RVs. The convenience store has a diverse variety of beers, snacks and sodas, as well as various sundries such as ice, camping and auto supplies. They also have a jewelry and gift shop for all your souvenir needs.

A little over two years ago, Don’s son, Jonathan, moved from Buford to Montana, making Buford, Wyoming the Nation’s Smallest Town with a population of one.

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Here in our territory, we have not been as severely impacted by the current recession as other areas of the nation. However, our families and businesses are beginning to feel the effects of this economic crisis. There are no easy answers and we do not know how long economic recovery will take. But, here is what we do know.

We know that investing in our communities is vital to ensuring a vibrant, successful future for all of us. In 2008, First Interstate Bank, its directors and employees, the Foundation and the Scott family donated in excess of $4 million to many worthwhile organizations and causes in our communities in Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota.

We know that a tough road lies ahead. But to us, the cup is more than half full, not half empty. As we look ahead, we are keeping our focus on all that is good and positive in our communities. Because in the end, as neighbors in this place we call home, it’s our strength and commitment to each other, our families, our local businesses, community and economic development that will see us through the challenges ahead.

First Interstate Bank is proud to have the opportunity to support the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and all that it adds to our community.

Coming Next Month...

Back-to-Back Nights of Zuill Bailey

Hausmusik • Friday, February 26
An Evening with Zuill Bailey
Hosted by Sloan & Anna Marie Hales

CSO Concert • Saturday, February 27
Dvořák Cello Concerto
The Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors, staff and musicians wish to express their gratitude to the following individuals who have given to the 2009 Annual Fund campaign. The Annual Fund is a generous portion of the Cheyenne Symphony’s fund raising efforts. The campaign begins on January 1st each year and continues throughout the calendar year. Gifts received directly benefit the CSO’s operations. Contributions may be made any time by phoning the CSO office at 307-778-8561 or by mailing your gift to the CSO at P.O. Box 851, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

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The Cheyenne Symphony thanks Safeway for its generous donation to help feed the orchestra members during rehearsals.

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At Kroger, we understand that strong communities are everyone's responsibility. Each year, The Kroger Co. Foundation provides charitable assistance in the hundreds of communities across the country that our customers and associates call home. Foundation grants help fund non-profit organizations doing important work in the areas of education, diversity, women's health, community need and the fight against hunger.

Thank you to King Soopers for help with providing lunch for the orchestra during the YES! Concerts this past week.

Without music
Life would be a mistake.
—Friedrich Nietzsche
Art in Music

Historical Overview of Art in Music

The concept of joining forces with the Cheyenne Symphony and Laramie School District No. 1 Art Department took place over twenty years ago and was the brainchild of then symphony conductor David Lockington. The first several years of working together found students on the stage or in the audience drawing as they listened to the symphony rehearse. They drew, painted and sculpted, rushing to get their artwork ready for display. This presented a problem because the symphony only rehearses together the week before the concert. Time did not allow for the students to finish their pieces in the professional manner they desired. Another time constraining issue was the matter of gathering, hanging and judging all this artwork before the performance.

Today the students receive an education packet describing the music and introducing them to the composers. Teachers receive a CD of the music that is being performed for the Art in Music concert. This allows the teachers and students to work with these materials for many weeks in preparing their artwork. The goal of Art in Music for both the Cheyenne Symphony and Laramie County School District No. 1 Art Department is to correlate some of the best classical pieces with two- and three-dimensional art by creating a new form of artwork—creation of art stimulated by classical music.

This process has brought two different forms of culture into the same arena. The students have the opportunity to create in a different environment and the Symphony is awed by the individual works the music stimulates. In past years, the CSO’s season program has featured a young artist’s creation as its cover art.

Tonight is the Art in Music concert, so as you listen to the music, visualize the pieces you have seen in the upper and lower lobbies. Then go back out after the concert and take another look. Amazing, isn’t it?

Wyoming Hereford Ranch

Sloan and Anna Marie Hales of the Wyoming Hereford Ranch are generous corporate sponsors of the Symphony. In addition to providing significant financial assistance, they graciously open their home for several annual Symphony events, including Hausmusik and Baroque in the Barn. The Wyoming Hereford Ranch was established in 1867 by Alexander Swan, a Scottish entrepreneur. Swan created a cattle empire consisting of one million acres of land with over one hundred thousand head of cattle. He and an associate, George Morgan, imported 146 Herefords from England in 1883 and changed the history of western cattle. Subsequent owners of the Wyoming Hereford Ranch continued the tradition of breeding and selling fine Hereford cattle. The WHR is the oldest, continuous registered livestock operation in the United States. In spite of inclement weather, sparse grazing and the vagaries of the cattle market, WHR has not only survived, but has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence.

The Hales family is the seventh owner of the WHR and the first to reside on the premises. Their ownership of the ranch of over twenty years is only exceeded by Henry Cromwell, the founder of Quaker Oats during the mid-portion of the 20th century. The Hales also host over one hundred other community functions. They invite visitors to their home to envision the glories of yesteryear as well as the pride of the present and the promise of the future.

Sloan and Anna Marie’s generosity and commitment to enhancing all of our lives has been recognized by several organizations. In 2002, the Hales were honored by the Wyoming Arts Council for their contribution to the arts. They also have been honored by the Cheyenne Greater Chamber of Commerce as the “Citizens of the Year.” They truly exemplify Winston Churchill’s observation that “We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give.”

McDonald’s Restaurants

McDonald’s of Cheyenne, Laramie and Rawlins are proud to continue their support of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra as an underwriter of the Art in Music program. Exposing students to the music of the master, and helping them to express themselves through their artwork, is our goal.

A commitment of “giving back” to our communities has played a major role as business owners in Wyoming for 27 years. Helping develop young people in all aspects of life is an important part of our business environment.

We applaud Laramie County School District No. 1 Art Program for continuing to raise the level of quality art that is produced and displayed. We can expect much of the same Symphonic Brilliance in the 2009-2010 season from our Music Director and Conductor, William Intriligator, and the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra as we experienced in the last season.
YES! Concert Sponsors

Wyoming Arts Council

The Cheyenne Symphony has been a proud recipient of numerous grants from the Wyoming Arts Council over many years. The Symphony always rates very high in funds granted to Wyoming cultural arts organizations by the Council. This year the CSO will receive grant support for our concert season and our arts education program.

The Wyoming Arts Council is a state agency within the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. It was established in 1967 to provide a full spectrum of programs and services to Wyoming artists and arts organizations, and is celebrating 42 years of service to the state in 2009. A ten-member Council is appointed by the Governor to advise in program planning, policy formulation and funding decisions. The Council meets four times a year in different locations around the state and considers major grant applications annually. Smaller grants are available for additional projects throughout the year. The Wyoming Arts Council’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Wyoming by providing resources to sustain, promote and cultivate the arts.

Funding from the Wyoming Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and numerous private sources enables the Arts Council to provide assistance to more than 200 Wyoming nonprofit organizations, schools, colleges and other arts entities. Council grants, which are matched with local funding, provide partial support for performances, exhibitions, readings, artist residencies in schools and other arts projects. More than sixty Laramie County organizations, schools and individuals have benefited from Arts Council services in the past five years.

City of Cheyenne

The City of Cheyenne is a strong supporter of the YES! Concerts, which are presented to more than 3,000 Laramie County School District No. 1 and No. 2 fifth and sixth grade school students. This project brings young students to the Cheyenne Civic Center to promote an appreciation of all types of music and to broaden their experience base. For some students this is the first live concert they will experience in what is, hopefully, the beginning of a lifelong appreciation of music.

Target

The Target store in Cheyenne is very proud to have celebrated its 24th year of serving both the residents and the community of Cheyenne. In addition, Target is extremely proud to sponsor the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra. Since the opening of the Cheyenne store, Target has contributed to the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra’s many musical and educational programs. This past year, Target continued its proud history of giving by providing a major grant to underwrite the YES! Concerts.

Caring about the community is part of Target’s legacy of giving. Since 1946, they have given five percent of their income to the communities they serve. Today that equals more than $3 million every week to support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism.

Target’s education programs are reaching more kids, teachers and classrooms than ever. Through “Take Charge of Education,” Target has given more than $200 million to over 100,000 K-12 schools nationwide. Target is making the arts affordable and accessible by offering more than 1,500 free or reduced-admission days a year at over 70 museums and performing arts organizations.

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Walmart

The Walmart Foundation strives to provide opportunities that improve the lives of individuals in our communities including our customers and associates. Through financial contributions, in-kind donations and volunteerism, the Walmart Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our four main focus areas:

- Education
- Workforce Development/Economic Opportunity
- Environmental Sustainability
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The Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra asks you to join us in thanking those community-minded businesses who are members of the Cheyenne Symphony Business Partner Program for the 2009-2010 concert season. These valued Business Partners provide funding to sponsor Classic Conversations, the HighNotes and Musical Notes newsletters, and other activities that help us communicate with you. The contributions of the Cheyenne Symphony Business Partners are a critical part of the continuing success of your symphony.

There are three levels of donations available to businesses interested in being a Cheyenne Symphony Business Partner. Gold Business Partners contribute $1,000 and sponsor Classic Conversations, a one-half hour informal conversation with the Maestro before each masterpiece concert; Silver Business Partners contribute $750; and Bronze Business Partners contribute $500. All partners receive varying proposal rewards based on their level of support. Business Partners receive a profile of their organization in the HighNotes newsletter and recognition as a sponsor in the season program. To become a Cheyenne Symphony Business Partner, please contact the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra office at 307-778-8561.

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At Questar we believe it is our responsibility and privilege to invest in the communities where we live and work. Our commitment is one of action. Through our employee volunteer team and shareholder-funded endowments dedicated to education and the arts, we work to strengthen the communities where we do business. By getting involved in the issues that affect the greatest number of customers and colleagues, we strive to make life better for those around us while investing in our future.

Questar concentrates financial and volunteer support on projects and organizations that share our commitment for promoting healthy cities and neighborhoods and improving the quality of life of others, especially families and children. Our primary areas of focus are:

- Education
- Health and human services
- Civic and community involvement
- Culture and the arts

Through the Questar Education Foundation, the company funds scholarships and new construction at universities and colleges throughout our service area. The Questar Arts Foundation makes possible annual donations to internationally renowned arts organizations.

Questar shareholders also match employee United Way pledges dollar for dollar. In 2008, employees and retirees together gave over $658,000 to United Way agencies in their communities.