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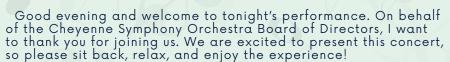
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SEASON

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT





It's hard to believe, but the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra (CSO), in one form or another, has been entertaining and inspiring our community for almost 70 years! That enduring legacy has been made possible due in large part to the unwavering support of our season ticket holders and our numerous individual, charitable, and business sponsors. To all such individuals and entities, thank you for your support!

If this is your first CSO experience, we welcome you. You are in for a treat! The musicians on stage tonight are seasoned professionals who spend countless hours mastering their respective instruments. In addition, our director, Maestro William Intriligator, in collaboration with an artistic advisory committee, has carefully crafted tonight's concert to provide a nuanced repertoire showcasing the artistry, power, and cultural significance of live symphonic performance. You will not be disappointed you chose to spend the evening with us.

As we all know, we live in a fast-paced culture with easy and immediate access to limitless content of sometimes questionable substance. In such an age, the CSO's mission to create and grow interest in and understanding of symphonic and choral music, especially for young people, is more important than ever. We know that no internet video can ever replace or replicate the experience of live music you will experience tonight. However, symphony orchestras nationwide are losing audience members at an alarming rate. Despite this trend, the CSO Board, staff, and Symphony Friends are resolute that this extraordinary orchestra will continue for another 70 years and beyond. We are committed to offering thoughtful and compelling core programing while also expanding our programming to appeal to new and different audience members. We are committed to continue our educational programs in the Laramie County school district to teach our young people the importance and relevance of all arts, including classical and choral music. We are committed to recruiting new volunteers who can invigorate our Board and the Symphony Friends with fresh and innovative ideas. If you wish to join us in these commitments, we welcome your feedback, volunteerism, donations, sponsorships, and continued support.

Please enjoy tonight's performance and we'll see you at our next concert!

Sincerely,

Jessica Schneider CSO Board President



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DR. WILLIAM INTRILIGATOR

Music Director & Conductor

William Intriligator currently serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra in Iowa. He is an experienced orchestra leader whose musicianship, leadership, personality, and passion have enabled both organizations to reach new audiences, attain new artistic heights, diversify programming, and achieve unprecedented success.

During his tenure with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, Intriligator has presented many special programs including film with live orchestra, Symphony Underground with regional bands, concerts of film music, ballet productions, family matinees, multi-media productions, new educational initiatives, round-table events, collaborations with regional choruses, a season-long exploration of women composers, and a multi-year Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss exploration.

As a guest conductor, Intriligator has led performances with many distinguished orchestras across the country, including those of Honolulu, Houston, Minnesota, Richmond, Saint Paul, Savannah, Syracuse, and Tulsa. In 2017, he made his European conducting debut in Italy with the Bari Symphony Orchestra. After the success of that concert, the orchestra immediately invited him to return to Bari and conduct two more concerts.

Intriligator previously served as Apprentice Conductor and Staff Conductor at the Minnesota Orchestra, and Assistant Conductor of the Southwest German Radio Orchestra. He was a regular guest conductor of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra for five seasons while living in the Twin Cities, conducting the SPCO in educational concerts, family concerts, regional tours, and concerts of new music.

As an advocate for new music, and especially for young composers, Intriligator and his orchestras have commissioned and premiered over 25 works. Also an eager opera conductor, he has led productions of works by Mozart, Verdi, Bizet, and Puccini, and he was previously Assistant Conductor of the Minnesota Opera. He has also led staged ballet productions, musicals, rock and country concerts, and film with live orchestra.

Originally from Santa Monica, California, Intriligator earned many accolades as an oboist before turning to conducting. He graduated with highest honors in music from Princeton University. He then studied conducting in France with Charles Bruck and in Germany and Austria with Michael Gielen. He earned his masters and doctoral degrees in orchestral conducting at the University of Minnesota. Intriligator was a conducting fellow at the Aspen Music Festival for two summers and attended the Pierre Monteux School for four summers. He was also a protégée of Christian Thielemann in Germany, Italy, and the U.S.

Please visit his website at **www.williamintriligator.com** for more information.

SEASON

NOTE FROM THE MAESTRO

Welcome to Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra's 2023/24 concert season...
The Universe Awaits!

As reflected in the season title, this year's theme draws its inspiration from outer space. Some of the programs simply allude to space, such as Mahler's "Titan", and others are directly inspired by space, like Holst's *The Planets*.

In addition to Mahler & Holst, other highlights this season include Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony, Debussy's Clair de Lune, Nielsen's Helios Overture, Mason Bates' Mothership, Blake Tyson's Ceiling Full of Stars for percussion ensemble, Copland's Quiet City performed with projections of the night sky. Schubert's Fifth Symphony, Wagner's Flying Dutchman Overture, Benjamin Britten's Four Sea Interludes from his opera Peter Grimes, Florence Price's Adoration, and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Outstanding soloists will be featured throughout the season, including pianist Adam Zukiewicz, the Heartland Marimba Quartet, soprano Aundi Marie Moore, Composer Derek Jenkins, CSO principal cellist Beth Vanderborgh, CSO principal trumpet Derek McDonald, CSO principal oboe Gina Johnson, and Cheyenne native Sarah Hartmann, actor/director.

This season we'll be performing favorites of both families and long-time patrons with our annual Movie Music Matinee in November and in December a beloved Holiday Magic concert, featuring Guest Conductor, Scott O'Neil, tenor Joshua Cooper, the All-City Children's Choir, Cheyenne Chamber Singers and En Avant Dance Studio!

Plus, we also welcome back a true Wyoming event, Baroque in the Barn, at the picturesque Wyoming Hereford Ranch as well as two unique Hausmusik recitals. Finally, Save The Date for Symphony Underground featuring Float Like a Buffalo on June 7, 2024 and Symphony at Sunset June 9, 2024! Symphony at Sunset is a FREE event that is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of the orchestra to our community accompanied by a lovely Wyoming sunset in Lions Park!

As always, each performance of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra is designed to inspire and move you, to refresh your spirit and to bring you joy. We hope this season lifts you up as CSO "lifts off" to a musical universe awaiting us ALL!

On behalf of the musicians, staff, and Board of Directors, thank you for your support of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra!

Musically yours,

William Intriligator, Music Director & Conductor



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Program Notes

To enrich your understanding of the pieces CSO will perform this season, we provide informative summaries and notes for each program. Program notes are written by CSO's Bass Trombonist Dr. William Runyan, Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University.

Lunch & Learn

Grab lunch and join Maestro Intriligator—along with a rotating cast of guest artists—for an informal, entertaining discussion, featuring musical insights about the composers, their works, and the world of Classical music. The discussions will be open to the public at the Laramie County Library, the Friday before each concert at noon. They will also be livestreamed on CSO's Facebook page and be available for later on-demand viewing on CSO's YouTube channel and website.

Classic Conversations

One hour before each Masterpiece Series concert Maestro Intriligator will present Classic Conversations, a unique musical experience in which he shares insights about the evening's performance. The conductor may also be joined by the guest artist.

The discussion will center around the music that will be performed during Saturday's concerts, point out what the audience should listen for, give historical context in which the music was composed, and discuss the meaning behind the music. This information greatly adds to one's appreciation and understanding of the performance. We also invite you to read the program notes, which contain relevant biographical information about the composer, and other historical information about the music. Many concert-goers are convinced they enjoy the programs more by attending these sessions.

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Ceiling Full of Stars

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William Intriligator, Music Director & Conductor with the Heartland Marimba Quartet - Matthew Coley, Ryan Pearson, Marco Schirripa & Lynn Vartan

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Adoration (1951) (3.5')

Florence Price (1887-1953) Arr. by Elaine Fine

Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major, D. 485 (1816) (30)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

I. Allegro

II. Andante con moto

III. Menuetto. Allegro molto

IV. Allegro vivace

INTERMISSION

A Ceiling Full of Stars (2009) (8')

Blake Tyson (b.1969)

Featuring the Heartland Marimba Quartet & CSO Percussionists

Concerto for Marimba Quartet and Orchestra (2020) (32') Kevin Romanski (b.1975) All movements are connected and played without pauses

- I. Allegro non troppo, ma appassionato-
- II. Andantino sostenuto-
- III. Allegro non troppo, ma appassionato-
- IV. Allegro moderato

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GUEST ARTISTS

The Heartland Marimba Quartet

The Heartland Marimba Quartet (HMQ) has appeared in more than 250 concerts and events across the country since its creation in 2016 by acclaimed soloist Matthew Coley. Through its programming, HMQ offers a platform for the music of American composers and continues to expand its repertoire with works from composers worldwide. The four distinctly creative forces of Matthew Coley, Ryan Pearson, Marco Schirripa, and Lynn Vartan combine to create a virtuosic and electrifying ensemble. With its mission of reaching a wider audience and increasing appreciation for marimba music, HMQ develops and disseminates the classical marimba art form in both academic and community contexts.

Highlights of 2023 include performing the world premiere of Kevin Romanski's Concerto for Marimba Quartet and Orchestra with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. HMQ also recorded two albums featuring the music of Matthew Coley and Marco Schirripa, and became the resident ensemble for the Center for Mallet Percussion Research in Kutztown, PA. 2022 included performing Efrain Amaya's Marahuaka Concerto and Coley's Journey with the Minot Symphony Orchestra, performing a concert with the eight HM Ensemble artists and guests for the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, and making concert debuts in Germany and Chicago. In 2021, HMQ performed Coley's arrangements of Gottschalk's Grande Tarantelle and a Scott Joplin "Ragtime Medley" with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, William Intriligator, conductor; and the University of Nebraska-Omaha Wind Ensemble, Karen Fannin, conductor. During the 2019-2020 season, they released an album entitled VISION and collaborated with the Dubuque Arts Council on a two-week educational residency. That season also saw the premiere of Coley's Rivers of Rage Concerto with the Millikin University Percussion Ensemble. HMQ's 2018-2019 season highlighted works written for Heartland Marimba, including Alex Orfaly's Fôr Marimbas, Steven Simpson's Fluidity, and The Principle of Vibration by Brett William Dietz. In 2018, HMQ had the honor of being the ensemble in residence for the Society of Composers National Conference in Tacoma, Washington, and premiered works with the University of Puget Sound Wind Ensemble, Gerard Morris, conductor.

Another facet of HMQ's work includes organizing and leading marimba orchestra performances. The marimba orchestra idiom, which dates back to the early 20th century, is an important part of classical marimba in America. Such ensembles, typically ranging from 25-100 marimba players, can be a grand spectacle, as seen at the 1933 Century of Progress International Exposition in Chicago with Clair Omar Musser's 100–piece marimba orchestra. In 2020, HMQ was invited to be principal artists with the International Marimba Orchestra directed by Gordon Stout, and performed concerts in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, and Indianapolis, Indiana. HMQ has also directed marimba orchestra projects with the percussion students of Arizona State University, San Diego State University, and past Heartland Marimba Festivals.

HMQ was awarded a grant from New Music USA in 2020 and launched the New Quartets Project Consortium in 2021 to continue its ongoing effort to support women composers. The quartet has commissioned six new works by Jenni Brandon, Kirsten Broberg, Dorothy Hindman, Nyokabi Kariuki, Nirmala Rajasekar, and Dolores White. Many of the works that HMQ performs are published by HM Publications, further contributing to HM's broad support for the classical marimba art form.

For more about the group, please visit www.HeartlandMarimba.com.

GUEST ARTISTS

Kevin Romanski - Composer

Though he was born in New York State and holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and master's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers University, Romanski has been living and working in Taiwan for many years. He currently serves as an associate professor and director of musical studies for the Department of Performing Arts at Shu-Te University. In addition to teaching and performing, Romanski takes on various roles at the university, including directing Broadway productions



(in Chinese) and overseeing dance and costume/stage design. He also maintains a busy performing career as a pianist and percussionist in both America and East Asia.









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Heartland Marimba Quartet



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Olasuyi Ige
Summer Lusk
Jenny Shea
Elizabeth Furuiye
Jana Hanni

VIOLIN II

Eva Toncheva,
Acting Principal
Leslie Stewart,
Asst. Principal
Stephanie Garvey
Katie Kerwin
Julie Swanty
Jaylene Willhite
Ashley Schnell
Roman Carranza

VIOLA

James Przygocki,
Principal
Sarah McCoy,
Acting Asst. Principal
Sarah Avery
Leslie Fox
Russel Guyver
Glesse Collet
Sabrina Romney Lloyd

CELLO

Beth Vanderborgh, *Principal*

Becky Kutz Osterberg,
Asst. Principal
Suzy Wagner
Yi-Ching Lee
Em Smith
Stephanie Flores Guerrero

BASS

Benjamin Hornacek,
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The **Cheyenne Symphony Foundation** is a supporter of the CSO's education programs and its profile can be viewed on page 39 of the program.

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Laramie County School District No. 1 and its music department have been strong supporters of music education for all students and have encouraged the Cheyenne Symphony's education programs for many years. Each year all the District's fifth and sixth grade students, as well as junior high and high school orchestral students, are able to attend a special event presented by the Cheyenne Symphony. The annual YES! (Youth Education Symphony) presentation gives students an opportunity to learn about classical music as presented by the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra. They learn about the instruments, the role of musicians and the conductor, and about the music that is presented.

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Adoration—Florence Price

Florence Price, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, was a pioneer black American composer who distinguished herself early on. Most notably, she is remembered as the first black American woman to garner success as a composer of symphonic music. Her first symphony is perhaps her best-known work. Winner of a national prize, it was given its première in 1933 by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra—a social and cultural milestone in this country at that time.

As a young woman she journeyed north to Boston to study at the New England Conservatory, and afterwards returned to Arkansas and Georgia to teach at various small black colleges. After marriage she and her husband left a racially troubled Arkansas in 1927 for Chicago and her further study at the American Conservatory of Music. Her career blossomed, and recognition for her art led to the afore-mentioned symphony in 1931, followed by two more symphonies, concertos, and other works for orchestra. She composed in a variety of other genres: chamber works, piano music, and vocal compositions--over three hundred in all! Her songs and arrangements of spirituals were perhaps her most performed compositions, but they are not necessarily her distinguishing works. Sadly, little of her *œuvre* has been published, but with her increasing popularity today, that situation is rapidly changing. Now, her renaissance is owed in large part to the discovery not long ago of a substantial treasure trove of her compositions in a derelict house, including major works for orchestra. Included in this remarkable find was the short work for organ, *Adoration*.

Price played the organ, and earlier in her life had spent some time playing it in church, as well as in movie theatres. Her life as a composer was understandably fraught with difficulties, so it is not surprising at all that many of her works were never registered under copyright. And thus, it is with *Adoration*. So, today we enjoy many arrangements of the piece in great variety—from 'cello choir to piano and solo viola. Tonight's version is an arrangement for string orchestra.

Adoration, written in the early 1950s, is couched in a lush, late romantic style that defies time, place, as well as personal qualities of the composer. The twentieth century that Price lived and worked in had yielded a remarkable avalanche of newer ways of composing, playing, and hearing music—led by familiar names like Stravinsky, Schoenberg, Bartók, Shostakovich, and a host of others. But, here in this little gem by Price, that contemporary world does not exist. Rather, here is an eloquent, lyrical repose of pure traditional musical beauty. Simple in its three-part form and straightforward in texture, it evidences the innate musicality of a composer who was equally gifted in the large form challenges of the symphony and the concerto. Speaking of his compositions, near the end of his life, Gustav Mahler famously said, "My time will come." And so it is with Price. Though she achieved laudable recognition during her life, her star faded, only to resurge more luminously a half century after her death.

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Symphony No. 5 in Bb Major, D. 485—Franz Schubert

The epitaph on Schubert's tombstone reads: "The art of music has entombed here a rich treasure but even fairer hopes." We all lament the "loss" of treasure that we never possessed, none perhaps more than great art that we presume may have come to pass but not for lives cut short in youth. But not all composers can live long productive lives like those enjoyed by Verdi and Strauss, for example. Often those who die young are nevertheless privileged to accomplish much, and Schubert, like Mozart, is exemplary. He left behind him a legacy of over six hundred art songs; no other composer's contribution to the genre is as significant in scope and number. And, of course, while he did compose marvelous chamber works, symphonies, and music for piano, it is his inimitable gift for melody--the essence of his *Lieder*--that equally informs and carries his instrumental works.

His short life was generally uneventful, and his personality still is somewhat lacking in vivid details for us today, but we do know that he lived and worked within a small circle of artists in Vienna. His was contemporaneous with Beethoven, but that master's music exerted little influence upon Schubert; Haydn and Mozart were his models. He matured early, for his teenage years yielded many more profound results than did those of Beethoven, Schubert having composed over one hundred and fifty songs in his eighteenth year (almost one every three days)! The next year (1816) was almost as productive, with over one hundred songs and two symphonies—including the Symphony in B flat Major.

Schubert's fifth symphony is almost as well known as the two late, mature ones, so popular with today's audiences, the so-called "Unfinished" and the "Great" C Major. But this early work is a different take on the genre. It certainly calls to mind the symphonies of Mozart—and even alludes to portions of that composer's early G minor symphony. It is modest in length, light in orchestration (no clarinets, trumpets, or drums), and terse in development. At the time Schubert was somewhat focused upon the works of Mozart, and the orchestration and other features call to mind Mozart's Symphony No. 40.

Noteworthy of this symphony are its melodious themes and interesting harmonies—all lifelong characteristics of Schubert's works. The first movement eschews a slow introduction and gets right to the point with two attractive melodies heard almost immediately, but what is of equal interest are the arresting and unusual key areas heard later: D-flat major and E-flat minor. While the typical concertgoer may not recognize these keys by name, he will sense the richness of harmony, just as almost anyone can hear the same in a Gershwin song. So, listen for it! The slow, second movement exhibits the same melodic inventiveness and harmonic adventures—even modulating to the rare key of C-flat major. The third movement really does sound like a rough, vigorous minuet by Haydn (rather old fashioned by then), but Schubert's elegant melodic gift surfaces in the contrasting middle section. The last movement is a cheerful romp that sounds like it could have been composed some forty years earlier.

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So, we have a youthful work here, one that takes Haydn and Mozart as points of departure, and blends in delightful touches of Romantic melody and harmony, all so different from that of Schubert's stormy contemporary, Beethoven.

A Ceiling Full of Stars—Blake Tyson

Percussion instruments are perhaps the oldest form of musical instruments, going back beyond the limits of recorded history. In Western music drums are important in medieval times, including the small copper bowls that are antecedents of today's timpani—makers. Timpani—with their close musical allies, trumpets—had an important and respected role in instrumental ensembles right through the Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical periods of musical history. And while the history of the orchestra in the 19th century focused upon the expansion of the woodwind and brass sections, it was ultimately in the 20th century that the percussion section came into its own. Its innovations were no doubt influenced immensely by the sensational effect that visiting Javanese gamelan musicians had upon Western ears at the great Parisian Exposition Universelle of 1889. Thenceforth, twentieth-century composers increasingly exploited the expanding sonic universe of what seems a limitless array of percussion instruments and their unique colors. Today, a typical catalogue of contemporary percussion instruments is astounding in its numbers and variety.

The contemporary symphony orchestra includes this formidable array of instrumental colors, and these same resources have led to a burgeoning repertoire for stand-alone percussion ensembles. These innovative ensembles are part and parcel of our contemporary musical life, and are found everywhere now in public schools, colleges and universities, and professional organizations.

Blake Tyson is well known in percussive arts circles as an active teacher, clinician, and composer. His many compositions for various groupings of percussion instruments are an important resource for percussionists everywhere. He holds degrees from Kent State University, the University of Alabama, and a doctorate in percussion performance from the Eastman School of Music. Currently, he is a member of the faculty of the University of Central Arkansas.

According to the composer, A Ceiling Full of Stars had its genesis in vivid childhood experiences with a small planetarium that projected galactic views on the ceiling of his home. It evidently provided hours of childhood fantasy play with its projection of a "ceiling full of stars." The mesmerizing images of childhood carried through to this sonic retransformation. In the words of Tyson, the composition is "...a journey through space as seen through the eyes of a child." The work was commissioned by the Texas Christian University Percussion Ensemble and was given its première by them in 2009.

It is set for eight or nine players, playing four marimbas, two vibraphones, glockenspiel, chimes, crotales, and four triangles. The four triangles are differentiated in pitch—high to low. The delicate "ping" of crotales emanates from a pitched, fully chromatic set of small, thick, round, brass or bronze discs.

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Crotales—sometimes called "antique cymbals" —first appeared as early as Hector Berlioz's use, but rarely until the time of Debussy and Ravel. Now, they are a standard complement in the vast panoply of contemporary percussion resources.

A Ceiling Full of Stars begins softly with the lightest of metallic textures: triangles, vibraphones, glockenspiel, chimes, and crotales. Listen particularly for the high, ethereal crotales. Pointillist "zings" gently punctuate the floating soundscape. Gradually, rhythmic activity increases, as layers of ideas stack up, leading to a crescendo that ends with the first entry of the mellow wooden bars of the marimbas. They lead off with a steady, almost hypnotic, ostinato that comes to inform the whole composition. The four marimbas seem to compete with each other, cascading alternatively, but all in a tight grove of ascending scales that carry it all along. In the best of allusions to some well-known post-modern musical techniques, layers of ideas careen alone, slipping and sliding back and forth over each other. It all presents a pleasant kaleidoscope of simple ideas made complex in their juxtaposition—and in essence, one of the cornerstones of the work. While the motoric tempo continues, near the middle, out of the deep, mellow register of the marimbas, a slow "chorale" tune emerges—strongly redolent of a medieval plainchant. The chorale fades away and the textures of the opening return, but varied in figurations. As the conclusion gradually winds down, the atmospheric, soft metallic instruments predominate, as at the beginning. The stellar experience wafts away.

A Ceiling Full of Stars exemplifies the creativity and artistry that inform the twenty-first century percussive arts. The "fourth estate" of the symphonic orchestra is now an eloquent, sophisticated equal resource in the remarkable richness of colors and textures of the ensemble.

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Concerto for Marimba Quartet and Orchestra—Kevin Romanski

Composed expressly for the Heartland Marimba Quartet; the concerto is written as a work for a marimba ensemble as soloist rather than for four separate marimba soloists. When working with the marimba, one must be careful about maintaining balance with the orchestra, as it is not a particularly loud instrument. Similar to a violin, it should not be overwhelmed by brass instruments. However, with a quartet of marimbas, there is a certain level of dynamic power that can be achieved to match any orchestra. The concerto is structured as one continuous movement, even though it implies the presence of four separate tempo/movement sections. Listeners may notice a slight hiccup in its rhythms, as an unusual compound time signature 15/8 was chosen for the slow movement section, adding an element of unpredictability. For a bit of fun, the final movement section of the work incorporates a riff-like motive inspired by Jamaican reggae, infusing a Caribbean influence. As a whole, the concerto is not intended to sound difficult for the listener to grasp. The composer wishes for the audience to view this musical work as a friend, something they can wrap themselves in like a comfortable blanket.

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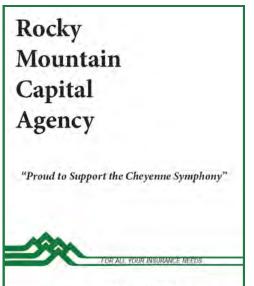
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Donald Bondurant (1927-2019) was an esteemed English and Drama teacher at East High School in Cheyenne from 1955-1990. Born in Fort Lyon, Colorado he later relocated and spent most of his life as a resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Bondurant's love for the performing arts was evident through his gracious support of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and his passion for theatre through his contributions to the Cheyenne Little Theatre, performing in productions such as The Solid Gold Cadillac in 1957. He performed with The Little Theatre of the Rockies in productions such as My Three Angels, Tiger at the Gates, The Lady's Not For Burning, and The Country Girl as well as the Albuquerque Community Theatre appearing in the production Mr. Roberts. Bondurant also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. In honor of Donald Bondurant's immense impact on the Cheyenne community, the Donald Bondurant Drama Scholarship Fund was created, care of East High School. His legacy will spread through Cheyenne and beyond as many of his students continue to participate in community theatre, and as they pursue their dreams in college.

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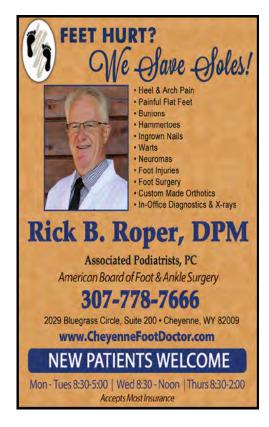
Elizabeth Tolerton (1922-2013) was a highly respected dance teacher in Cheyenne for almost 55 years. Mrs. Tolerton began her dance career as a child in Germany; she met and married her husband Jess Tolerton during the US occupation of Germany following World War II. She began teaching dance lessons in Laramié while Mr. Tolerton attended law school at the University of Wyoming. In 1952, the Tolertons moved to Cheyenne, with Elizabeth opening the Tolerton School of Ballet and Jess soon becoming a Municipal Judge. Over the course of more than five decades, the Tolertons were supporters of all facets of performing arts in Cheyenne. The Tolertons believed in giving back to their community by donating freely of their time, talent, and treasure. In addition to running her dance school, Mrs. Tolerton choreographed for numerous local productions including the Cheyenne Little Theater, the Cheyenne Melodrama, Laramie County Community College, and state beauty pageants. She was the chaperone for many years for the Miss Wyoming pageant, accompanying Miss Wyoming around the country and to Atlantic City. Elizabeth taught cotillion classes in cities from Billings, Montana to Colorado Springs, but the Tolertons never took any of their success for granted. They worked continuously to ensure that those living in Cheyenne would have exposure to the greater world of the arts. As members of the Cheyenne Patrons of the Dance, they worked to bring the finest professional dance performances to Chevenne and arranged master classes for local students. They were generous in their support of the Cheyenne Little Theater and the Cheyenne Symphony long before the Symphony attained professional status.



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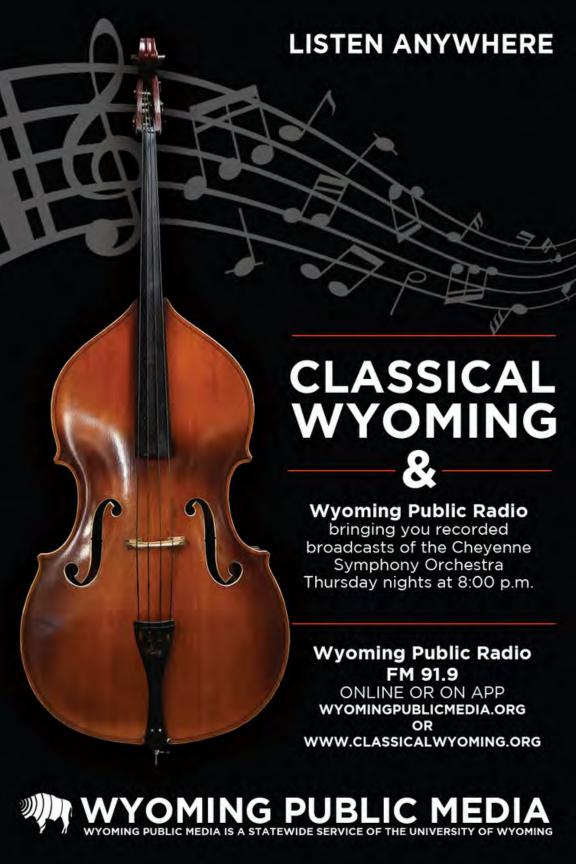
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YOUTH MUSIC EDUCATION

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Come as you are! (Ok, maybe not pj's and flip flops...) Genuinely, our priority is that you have a great time and want to come back, so dress comfortably. Most concert-goers will dress in business-casual attire, but you will see very thing from jeans to furs; ultimately it's up to you!

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3 Phones: yay or nay?

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5 How long is the performance?

Performances are typically about 2 hours long and include a 20-minute intermission, usually around the 45-minute mark. The run time of each piece is listed in the program.

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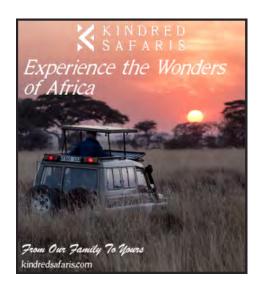
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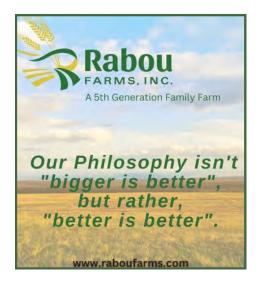
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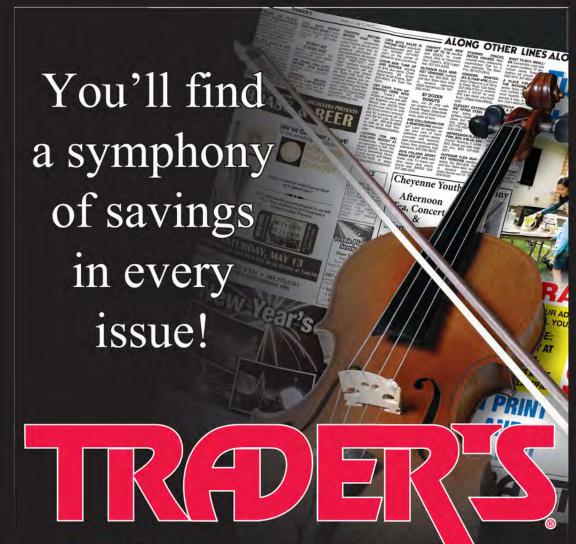
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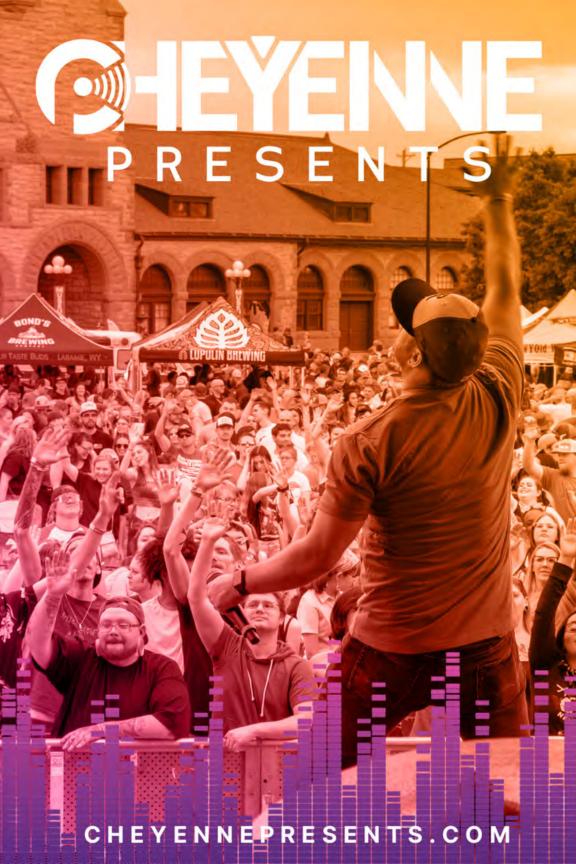
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