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Bitterroot Performing Arts Council



JOIN IN OUR SPRING FOR THE ARTS



It's been over a year since we have been able to bring world-class performing artists to our community. Some of you may be wondering when performances will begin and why we are continuing to fundraise. We are very hopeful that the fall will bring an opportunity to gather together again. This is entirely dependent on when our venue at the Hamilton High School Performing Arts

Center is available to use, when artists will begin performing at indoor venues and when our patrons will feel comfortable coming. In the meantime, we continue to seek grants and fundraise with events like our Spring for the Arts fundraiser, so that we can be in the best position to return to the Hamilton stage with amazing performances.

It's time to apply...

*for the Monica Grable
Performing Arts Scholarship.*

This scholarship is made possible through the sale of student art at our Spring for the Arts fundraiser as well as board members and patrons who specifically donate to this scholarship. Due to the generosity of our patrons and donors the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council was able to give two \$1,000 scholarships last year. If you have a high school senior have them inquire with their advisor for an application.

To participate in our online auction you will need to register. Please register at least 24 hours before you want to start bidding.

You can access the auction from our website at www.bitterrootperformingarts.org

Viewing of auction items will begin on April 1st. Bidding goes live on April 9th at 6pm and will close on April 16 at 6pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call the box office at 406.363.7946.

After almost 5 years of service with the BPAC as Executive Director, Laurie Ruffner has decided to move on to other endeavors. Laurie was key in expanding the organization's reach and building its revenue stream, and we appreciate her hard work over the years. Her resignation leaves a vacancy with the Executive Director position, which will be advertised and filled as soon as the BPAC is given the go-ahead with our venue at the Hamilton High School stage.



A peek at what some of our past artists have been up to...



Seamus Egan from Solas Seamus Egan was one of the founding members of Solas. Solas was a part of our 2015-2016 Season and 2009-2010. You might enjoy seeing the Seamus Egan project at www.seamuseganproject.com or at his Facebook page. When thinking of traditional Irish artists it is hard to think of a more influential artists than Seamus Egan.



Le Vent du Nord Le Vent du Nord was on our stage as part of our 2013-2014 Season. They recently presented a live stream concert from the International Arts Center in Canada. If you have been live streaming concerts you might enjoy checking out some of the live stream events and concerts with the International Arts Center.



San Jose Taiko Who remembers seeing San Jose Taiko in our 2007-2008 season? Their YouTube channel is worth taking some time to watch. Since 1973 they have captivated global audience with the powerful sounds of Taiko Japanese drumming. They continue to connect people through cultural understanding, creative expression and rhythmic heartbeat.

BPAC BOX OFFICE BEATS

Good Kisser...Lake Street Dive

I got loaded...Wood Brothers

Grace has a gun...Katie Pruitt

Song of the banjo...Alison Brown

Midnight in Harlem...Tedeschi Truck Band





Thank you to the generous BPAC community. You are all Super Stars. We are looking forward to presenting concerts as soon as our venue is open for us to use. Your kindness and financial help during this past year will allow us to be ready to present concerts in the future.



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Diane Davis		Paul & Sunny Stone	Todd & Karen Borman	mistakes please reach out to the box
				office.



At the box office we are excited about our new project, *BPAC Presents*. This new project is a video library that we are building that can be accessed by educators for use in the classroom to see different aspects of the performing arts.

Season 1, Episode 2, was recorded mostly in the Seahorse Recording Studio in Hamilton, MT. It featured artist Jessi

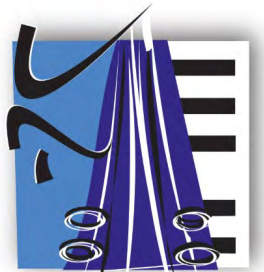
Trauth with some of her band members from *Cork & Spark*.

We got a taste of that classic jazz, with tinges of soul and blues sprinkled in. Jessi also shared her story with students of how she started dancing in Missoula and how it took her New York City, San Francisco and now back in the Bitterroot Valley. You can find Jessi at her new business, *Jessi's Wine & Goods*, and we know many of you have seen her with her band, *Cork & Spark*, at the Top Hat.

We are excited to be working with Jeepfisher films with this ongoing BPAC Presents project as we develop this media library to share with classrooms near and far to continue the BPAC's mission to Entertain, Inspire, Enlighten and Educate.



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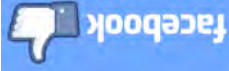
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