



## Harmony in the Bitterroot: Celebrating Growth in Performing Arts

🎵 Exceptional performing arts are flourishing in the Bitterroot, and we are proud to be a part of it!

These past few years have been an exciting time of expansion for the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council. Building on the longstanding success of the Bitterroot Performing Arts Series in Hamilton, we have grown to be a year-round presenter of performing arts in the Bitterroot Valley. Our summer programming continues to grow: this July, we will celebrate our 3rd annual summer concert at the Daly Mansion, and in August we will revive the tradition of an opening night concert at the Ravalli County Fair. In addition, we are excited to be presenting several concerts a year at the Mary Stuart Rogers Performing Arts Center at Victor Schools, including a return engagement of the Missoula Symphony Orchestra this coming December.

I want to thank everyone who helps make our programs such a success, from our all-volunteer board of directors to our amazing staff, all the volunteers who keep our events running smoothly, and our sponsors and donors who make it financially possible to continue bringing stellar performing artists to our community.

Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

Larry McCloskey, Executive Director

### BPAC Calendar

- 07/01/24 Season Announcement
- 07/13/24 Naturally 7 at the Daly Mansion
- 08/08/24 Deadline for renewing series subscribers
- 08/13/24 New series tickets go on sale
- 08/27/24 Lil Smokies at the Ravalli County Fair
- 09/03/24 Individual season tickets go on sale
- 12/14/24 Missoula Symphony in Victor
- 03/08/25 JigJam in Victor

## SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES!

Hurry and secure your tickets now for a fascinating evening at the Daly Mansion grounds with Naturally 7 on July 13, 2024! Their amazing vocal play and innovative vocal arrangements await, promising an unforgettable night under the Big Sky.



But that's not all—mark your calendars for our first-ever concert at the Ravalli County Fair on August 27, 2024, featuring the electrifying newgrass tunes of The Lil Smokies! Tickets are selling fast, so don't wait! Grab yours today for two extraordinary events that will leave you begging for an encore!



### *Hamilton Farmers Market 2024*

Step right up, folks! The bustling energy of the Hamilton Farmers Market is back for the season, and we want you to be a part of it! Our booth at the market is nestled amidst the stalls of fresh produce, baked goods, and artisanal crafts.

Come and see us! Whether you're a current or past season subscriber or just looking to add a sprinkle of culture to your weekend plans during our up-coming season, we've got something for everyone. Our lineup will not disappoint and promises to captivate and inspire.

But wait, there's more! Not only can you snag tickets to our awesome performances right here at the market, but you'll also have the chance to chat with our friendly team. Got burning questions about the shows? Curious about behind-the-scenes secrets? Got a suggestion for a future performance? Interested in volunteering? We've got you covered! Our enthusiastic staff is here to help you navigate our season and ensure you have an unforgettable experience.

So why wait? Swing by our booth at the Farmers Market and let the magic of the performing arts sweep you off your feet.

See you there!





## THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO LEND YOUR SUPPORT

THE BPAC IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND IN ADDITION TO TICKET REVENUE WE RELY ON DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS, AND VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION OF BRINGING EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMING ARTS TO OUR COMMUNITY. THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

### **INTRODUCE YOUR FRIENDS**

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS OFFERED BY

THE BPAC. BRING THEM TO A PERFORMANCE FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT! (TICKETS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!)

### **DONATE**

A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR OPERATION IS FUNDED BY DONATIONS FROM LOCAL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES. EVERY DONATION HELPS US FURTHER OUR PERFORMING ARTS MISSION.

### **VOLUNTEER**

FROM SETUP TO CLEANUP, GREETING OUR PATRONS AT THE DOOR, COLLECTING TICKETS, USHERING, WORKING WILL CALL AND MERCHANDISE TABLES, THERE IS PLENTY TO DO AT A PERFORMANCE AND OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THE SHOW.

### **SPONSOR A PERFORMANCE**

BE A HERO! PERFORMANCE SPONSORS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF FINANCING EVERY SHOW. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR DEDICATION TO BRINGING HIGH QUALITY PERFORMANCE ARTS TO OUR COMMUNITY. SEE THE ARTICLE TO THE LEFT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCE SPONSORSHIPS

CALL US AT 406-363-7946,  
OR VISIT  
BITTERROOTPERFORMINGARTS.ORG  
FOR MORE INFO.

## BE A HERO: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT!

In a world where everyday heroes often go unsung, there's an opportunity for you to step into the limelight and make a difference supporting the performing arts. Imagine being the driving force behind an event that brings joy, inspiration, and positive change to countless lives. As a sponsor, you have the power to do just that – to be a hero in your own right.

Sponsoring a show isn't just about putting your name on a poster; it's about making a meaningful impact in the Bitterroot Valley and beyond. Whether it's supporting a concert or dance performance, your sponsorship has the potential to touch hearts and change lives.

But what exactly does it mean to be a hero through sponsorship? It means providing the resources necessary to bring dreams to life. It means giving artists, performers, and organizers the support they need to share their talents in our hometown.

And the benefits of sponsorship go far beyond mere recognition. By aligning your brand with a show or event, you could enhance your reputation, build goodwill, and connect with our audience in a meaningful way. You could reach new customers, strengthen existing relationships, and demonstrate your commitment to making a positive difference to our community.

But most importantly, sponsoring a show allows you to be part of something bigger than yourself. It's a chance to join forces with like-minded individuals and organizations who share your passion for creating a better world. Together, you can inspire others to follow your lead and become heroes.

So why wait? Take the leap and become a hero today by sponsoring a performance. Your support will not only make a tangible difference in the lives of those in our community, but it will also serve as an example of the power of generosity, compassion, and community spirit. Together, we can make our world a brighter, more beautiful place – one sponsorship at a time.

How? Give us a call at 406.363.7946 or visit our website at [www.bitterrootperformingarts.org](http://www.bitterrootperformingarts.org).

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## CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WITH BILL HARLEY: A TOUR THROUGH MONTANA

This spring, the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council was thrilled to partner with several organizations around the state for a series of performances by the beloved children's entertainer and storyteller, Bill Harley. As we joined hands with Montana Public Radio (MTPR) to celebrate 50 years of exceptional children's programming, Bill Harley embarked on a week-long tour across the Treasure State, bringing laughter and learning to audiences young and old.

Bill Harley is no stranger to the hearts of Montanans. For over four decades, his whimsical tales and catchy tunes have been a staple of MTPR's children's programs, resonating with the child in all of us. His masterful storytelling and musical prowess have earned him two Grammy awards, numerous Parents' Choice awards, and a cherished place in the memories of countless families.

The tour kicked off on May 11th, weaving through the scenic backdrop of western Montana. Each performance is a testament to the joy and wonder that children's programming can bring into our lives. From the Myrna Loy to the Wachholz College Center and culminating in a special evening at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds sponsored by the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council on May 15th, Bill's tour was a celebration of community, creativity, and the power of storytelling.

As Bill Harley took the stage, we're reminded of the countless ways in which MTPR's children's programming has enriched our lives. From the first monster lurking in the bathroom to the adventures of Joey and Chloe with the Swamp Monsters, Bill's stories have helped us navigate the complexities of childhood and adulthood with humor and wisdom.

## A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Our 20th series will be challenging to beat, but we are well on our way to complete our series scheduling for '24-'25! Additional programming will compliment our schedule with crowd-pleasing entertainment from Naturally 7 at the Daly Mansion grounds to Lil Smokies prior to the Ravalli County Fair. Please check our website for all of our upcoming performances and mark your calendars!

It's been a pleasure serving as the BPAC Board President for the last 5 years. If you would like to know more about Board and volunteer positions that may become available throughout the year, please call Deanna or Jacque at 406-363-7946.

See you at the shows!!!

Fondly, Laura Merrill

Bitterroot Performing Arts Council, President

# Office Playlist

