

#### Cuban defector stars in Yellowstone Ballet's The Nutcracker

Luis Victor Santana Gonzales, formerly of the National Ballet of Cuba, stars in Yellowstone Ballet Company's 31st annual production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, The Nutcracker. The performance is set for 2pm on Sunday, December 18th at the Willson Auditorium in Bozeman. He will perform the roles of the Nutcracker Prince and the

Gonzales joined the Ballet Nacional de Cuba after completed his ballet training at the National Ballet School in Havana. He rose to the level of soloist before a fateful tour to Mexico where he and six other company dancers defected.

According to a New York Times

article, "To reach the United States, where as Cubans they could gain privileged entry, the group rode buses from the Yucatán to Nuevo Laredo, on the Texas border, 1,600 miles in all. In transit and while crossing the bridge over the Rio Grande, they tried not to talk, fearing that their accents might encourage thieves to steal their passports."

Gonzales remembers spending up to 16 hours on a bus, worrying about getting caught. "We had to ride the buses in silence, without talking to not call attention to ourselves. We'd heard rumors that there were people in Mexico, along the border, who wanted to steal Cubans' papers."

Gonzales ended up in Miami with no jobs, no money and little knowledge of American life or command of colloquial English. He knew he was leaving everything behind but his desire for artistic freedom was greater than his fears.

Touring internationally is a double-edged sword for Ballet Nacional de Cuba – they lose dancers almost every time. Touring allows the world to see Cuba's renowned ballet company but it also allows the company's dancers to see the world, and for some dancers like Gonzales, a brief look isn't enough.

For a country with barely 11 million people, Cuba has an unusually prominent profile in the international ballet world. The country is known for producing some of the

Joining Gonzales as Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy is Nicole Assaad of Tampa City Ballet. Assaad captured gold and silver medals from the American Dance Competition and a bronze medal from the World Ballet at age 15, before moving to New York to finish her training under Gelsey Kirkland. She joined the Hong Kong Ballet at age 19 and currently performs with the Tampa City Ballet.

Raising the barre for the production are professional dancers from Bozeman's artistically passionate Raison D'être Dance Project under the direction of Erin Levi and Genevieve Trygstad-Burke with their well-honed performances of the "Waltz of the Flowers," "Snow Scene" and the "Chinese Dance." Rancher/ballerina Annie Valle of Martinsdale Ballet performs as the Snow Queen, and Aerial Arts of Bozeman join in with a heavenly dance up on the silks for the angel's opening sequence in Act 2. You won't want to miss the spectacular flying angels!

Fifty dancers and actors from Yellowstone Ballet Academy and Gallatin, Park and Meagher counties compliment the professional cast.

Encouraging

small gift.

families to attend, every adult ticket purchase qualifies for a free child's ticket. Children can also attend as a Nutcracker character and compete for

one of three gift certificates from the Rocky Mountain Toy Company. The costume contest will occur during intermission and every participant will receive a

YBC is under the artistic direction of founder Kathleen Rakela, a recipient of the Montana Arts Council Fellowship for the

Performing Arts. The company has been featuring local, national and



international dance talent in the Park, Sweet Grass and Gallatin counties since 1990. Rakela also runs the Yellowstone Ballet Academy. Her students have received scholarships to world-class ballet training centers and have danced professionally around the world.

Reserved tickets for YBC's The Nutcracker are available at www.yellowstoneballet.info or with cash or check at the door. Those interested are advised to get their tickets early as last year's show nearly sold out. •

#### **Emerson holiday showcase** features youth theater & adults-only burlesque show

It's the most wonderful time of the year as local venues transform their spaces into festive wonderlands full of activities and cheer. On the day of the beloved Christmas Stroll, Saturday, December 3rd, the Emerson Center of Arts & Culture will open its doors for "Holidays with the Emerson," an

entire day of holiday cele-The Emerson has partnered with

the local legends at SLAM to meet all your shopping needs in one incredible location with doors opening at 10am. The Crawford theater will be buzzing with the highly anticipated return of 'Tis the Season, a fabulous assortment of local youth performance groups. Galleries will be open with their work for sale and fun activities for the kids.

But the event is also a seasonal escape for the grown-ups, with a risqué variety show topping off the day of festivities. Join Raison D'être



Dance Project and Mountain Air Dance for Holiday Noir featuring an assortment of legendary Bozeman performers at 8pm. This premier comedic, burlesque, holiday-themed variety show is just for adults. Book your sitters early and join for an evening you won't forget! This is a ticketed event.

Find a complete list of the day's activities and further event details at www.theemerson.org. Located at 111 S Grand Ave., the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture serves as a primary resource for the arts, arts education, and cultural activities in Southwest Montana. •

# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as downtown Stroll returns

Back with its 42nd annual event and Downtown Bozeman's greatest tradition, the Christmas Stroll will take place Saturday evening, December 3rd from 4:30-7:30pm. Join for festive activities, great food and tons of fun! Bring the whole family to enjoy the interactive Winter Circus Village, get your picture taken with Santa Claus, watch the lighting ceremony of the downtown decorations, check out the gingerbread house contest display, sing Christmas carols, grab a bite to eat from a local food vendor, visit with representatives from non-profits, or do some gift shopping. The Christmas Stroll is the place to find

The Christmas Stroll is a community event 100% supported by business sponsors and the sales of the Stroll's timeless button souvenirs. These buttons grant access to additional Stroll happenings, including pictures with Santa, kids activities and more. You can support this great event by purchasing an official button

for only \$4, allowing the Bozeman tradition to continue for many holiday seasons to come. Purchase of a button also enters its owners in a drawing for Bridger Bowl lift tickets, an Endeavor Ballooning Flight for 2, Downtown Dollar prize packages



and more.

Find a complete schedule of events, list of where to purchase buttons, and further information at www.downtownbozeman.org. Finally, a big congratulations to Ian Rezac whose artwork was selected for this year's official event poster! •

### Bozeman Kiwanis offers pancakes & yuletide spirit with annual holiday feed

The snow is falling and sleigh bells are ringing, ushering in the 98th annual "Cakes for Kids" event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Presented by Bozeman Kiwanis, the morning feast will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 7am-1pm. Join the festivities and enjoy pancakes, ham, fixings, beverages and more holiday fun.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and the same for every two children. I his family event directly benefits area

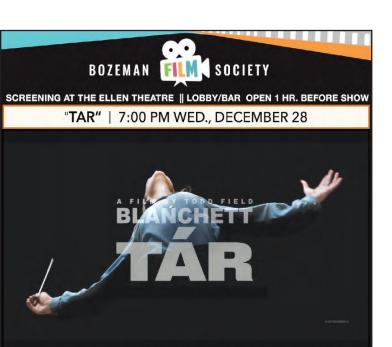
youth programs with 100% of the profits supporting the community. Tickets are available from Bozeman Kiwanis members or at the door. So. round up the family and don't miss the fun at this anticipated community gathering. You'll leave with full bellies and heightened spirits! Made possible with the generous support of local businesses and sponsors, the event continues to grow in popularias it works toward its landmark 100 years serving Gallatin Valley

families during the holiday season. The "Cakes for Kids" event supports Bozeman Kiwanis' many local outreach initiatives, including the summer Sandbox Project and Eliminate, which through Kiwanis International has made great strides to eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus. For more information about the Bozeman Kiwanis Club please go to **vw.BozemanKiwanis.com** or find them on social media. •

Thursday, December 1st RETROGRADE A riveting account of the last months of the 20-year war in Afghanistan from the perspectives of American Green Berets, the Afghan officers they trained, and the Afghan civilians trying to flee as the Taliban close in. Thursday, December 15th Join us for our bi-annual silent auction event featuring food, drink

**BOZEMAN DOC SERIES** 

and another of the year's best documentaries. At the Emerson Center. Films begin at 7pm. learn more and get tickets at www.bozemandocseries.org



"THE YEAR OF THE DOG" | 7:00 PM WED., JAN. 04



### Open Door puts modern spin on classic characters with holiday performances

Just in time for the holiday season, Bozeman's own Open Door Theatre will present three intimate performances of Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!) December 9th-11th. Show time is 7pm on Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee to follow at 3pm.

To set the stage, so to speak, a performance of A Christmas Carol goes amazingly awry when Joan and Michael decide they want to do something different than the B.H.C. (Beloved Holiday Classic) A Christmas Carol, much to the Grinc... (ahem) Jim's initial dismay. The trio enlists the audience's participation in creating something

unique and fun. Things become a little chaotic when familiar, and not-so-familiar. characters arrive to share their tales. Some of the characters

include a green-nosed reingoat (yep, we do mean green and we do mean reingoat), George and Scrooge, Cindy-Lou Who, some North Pole residents, and seasonal icons who introduce the audience to traditions and celebrations from many places around the world. And yes, Virginia, there probably is a Santa Claus in this production!

First performed in New Jersey in 2003, the authors - Michael Carleton, James FitzGerald and John K. Alvarez – created their very own B.H.C. with this "madcap romp through the holiday season!"

The cast includes John Larkin, John W. Olson and Tami Renner as Michael, Jim and Joan, with Dave Kelsen as the Announcer. This production is being co-directed by Debbie Jamieson and Valerie Watson.

The performances will take place

in the historic Campeau-Martin House, located at 419 South Grand in Bozeman. This breathtaking home will be exquisitely decorated for the holiday season and is the perfect setting for this holiday comedy. Note: because of the intimate nature of the home, seating is limited to 40 people for each performance and street parking is available.

Be sure to get your tickets early! Admission is \$20, which includes a dessert buffet, and will be held in the Campeau-Martin House. Tickets may be purchased through www.eventbrite.com. Open Door Theatre is a membership-run community theatre dedicated to making the art of live theatre available to audiences and participants in the Gallatin Valley. Be sure to follow them on social media for the most up to date event information and performance announcements. •



#### MSIP's Black Box Series highlights canonical works of Shakespeare

Following another season of outdoor performances at a sweeping array of venues around the Treasure State, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is pleased to bring its 50th Anniversary Tour indoors this month.

Bozeman's Black Box Theater will host the company in its intimate space on MSU's campus with eight presentations of *The Complete* . Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]. Performances will be held Thursday

to Sunday, December 1st-4th and 8th-11th. Curtains up at 7:30pm,



and 2:30pm on Sundays.

From plays to sonnets, this highoctane performance shares Shakespeare's best. Audiences will delight in this fast-firing comedy that attempts to prove that three actors can do the impossible: act through Shakespeare's entire canon – 37 plays - in 90 minutes!?

As a way to give back to the communities that have made these last 50 years possible, MSIP is thrilled to offer this shoulder season tour as way to say thank you for making the company such a valuable part of your communities, and for

continuing to keep their mission alive and well. The Complete Works Tour is a toast to your generosity, support and commitment to providing access to the cultural arts for the last 50 years across Montana and beyond.

Advance tickets for the Black Box Series are available now at www.shakespeareintheparks.o rg. General admission is \$25 with reserved seating available for \$40. Visit the host website to purchase yours or to learn more about The Complete Works and MSIP's efforts throughout the state. •

#### WMPAC unveils winter season of stage performance

Every fall, the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center announces the eight shows that make up its signature Winter Season. This year is different for two reasons: first, it's the Center's tenth anniversary, which is a milestone worth celebrating. Second, WMPAC is putting on nine shows this winter.

"There were just too many acts that we were excited about, and we figured this milestone year is a perfect excuse to go all out," said John Zirkle, WMPAC's executive director.

This season will see a stand-up comedian, taiko drummers and a live taping of an NPR podcast, among others.

The 2023 season actually kicks off in the last few days of 2022, when mandolin prodigy Sierra **Hull** takes the stage for a double header show on Wednesday, December 28th. Hull debuted at the Grand Ole Opry at just 10

years old, played Carnegie Hall at 12, and the White House at 20. She was the first woman to ever win IBMA's Mandolin Player of the Year, and has gone on to win it several times since.

She's followed on January 7th by another double header show, this time by stand-up comedian Chad Daniels, who riffs on parenthood, aging, and what it feels like to be an American these days. He's garnered almost a billion streams of his six albums so far, making him one of the most listened to comics of all time.

WMPAC often hosts dancers on its stage, and this year two groups from different sides of the dance world will perform. The perennial favorite James Sewell Ballet returns for their tenth winter, this year pairing again with classical musicians the Ahn Trio for a collaborative performance of music

and movement on March 11th. WMPAC will also welcome a troupe of movement artists on February 25th for a night of **Memphis** Jookin', the distinctly American form of street dance that's become an international phenomenon.

On January 21st, Mexican jazz singer and sensation Magos Herrera will be joined by modern string quartet Brooklyn Rider, as the group tours their Grammy-nominated album Dreamers.

A new type of show on display in WMPAC's tenth season will be a live taping of the hit NPR show *Planet* Money. The hosts of the show find creative, entertaining, and accessible ways to explain the craziness of the economy, and will do so with a live studio audience on February 11th.

On March 5, the critically acclaimed group **The Acting Company** brings the swashbuckling classic The Three Musketeers to Big Sky

on their national

TAIKOPRO-**JECT** is a group of drummers who practice the ancient art of Japanese taiko drumming but blend it with an innovative aesthetic. The group has performed on the Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, Jimmy Kimmel Live!, Conan, and at the

iHeartRadio music festival. They bring the passion and power of their sound to Big Sky on March 16th.

The tenth season will close with a local favorite, Jitro Czech Girls **Choir**. The choir first performed at WMPAC in 2016, and were scheduled to perform again in March of 2020 before Covid restrictions closed



Sierra Hull

the theater's doors. They make their much-anticipated return on March 25th.

Tickets for WMPAC's new season of performances are on sale now. Find the event calendar and further details about each visiting artist at www.warrenmillerpac.org. •

# Shane to host spirited, communityfavorite variety show in Livingston

One of the Shane Lalani Center for the Art's most popular productions, the Holiday Vaudeville, returns for its 14th annual presentation with performances set for December 9th-18th in Livingston.

This high-energy variety show is a rollicking romp through the cherished chestnuts of the season. Show producers have assembled yet another intrepid squad of community performers ranging from the sublime to the spastic who will amaze, amuse and mystify with

songs, skits and vigorous acts of vaudevillian virtuosity – all served up with a heaping helping of heart. It's fun for the whole family, and virtually guaranteed to get you in

This year's Holiday Vaudeville runs for two weekends only - from Dec. 9th through 18th. Performances take place in the Dulcie Theatre. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 3 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students/veterans, and

\$10 for youth 17 & under. Make reservations now at www.the**shanecenter.org** or call the box office at (406) 222-1420.

Seating is strictly limited for this show; early reservations are recommended. The Dulcie Theatre and lobby are equipped with a UV air filtration system.

Holiday Vaudeville 2022 is generously sponsored by Conley's Books & Music, Kirk Michels Architects, Breezytree Floral & Gifts, and Yellowstone Valley Lodge & Grill. •

### **MOR's luminous** planetarium show ignites season, showing daily

Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies is once again offering its educational and visually stunning Season of Light in the Taylor Planetarium as 2022 draws to a close. Yule logs, Christmas trees, the Hanukkah Menorah, luminaries, and Santa Claus were all taken from different cultures to fill the dark months of the year with more light. Learn about the many holiday customs that make the winter more festive!

Season of Light shows daily at 1pm and 3pm, with an additional showing at 11am on Saturdays and Sundays, through December 31st. These screenings are included with Museum admission or membership. Show times subject to

change. Please note: the Museum will close at 3pm on Dec. 24th and will be closed on

Christmas Day. Also on display at MOR are exhibits Apsáalooke Women & Warriors and The Bearded Lady Project: Challenging the Face of Science. Both are included with Museum admission or membership. Apsáalooke closes Dec. 31st, with Bearded Lady to follow Feb. 12th. And coming in the new year - *Marvelocity:* The Art of Alex Ross opens

Jan. 28th. Stay tuned for details.

Give the gift of membership this holiday season! Share all that you love about MOR with friends and family. Members have the opportunity to experience diverse changing exhibits, the famous Siebel Dinosaur Complex, absorbing planetarium shows, as well as various programs and classes throughout the year.

MOR is now open from 9am-5pm daily. For more information about these exhibits, gift membership and to make a reservation, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. •

#### Ellen stage features Charles Dickens' timeless snow-capped favorite Downtown Bozeman's Ellen includes visits from four ghosts. Theatre invites audiences to return First performed at The Ellen in

for its much-loved holiday producion of Charles Dickens' **A** 

Christmas Carol. Performances will begin December 9th and run through Dec. 22nd. Tickets are on sale now.

Take a magical journey to 19th Century London to meet Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and Ebenezer Scrooge - played by veteran actor and local favorite Kent Davis. Watch as Scrooge is magically haunted by Jacob Marley, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Will seeing these visions be enough for a misguided miser to change his ways? There's only one

2008, this family friendly, whimsical take on the Dickens tale is sure to put all in the holiday spirit. There's nothing quite like live theatre, and it's sure to be a Christmas to remember with this Charles Dickens classic. It's the perfect way to celebrate the spirit of the season and a great present for the entire family.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is presented by Montana TheatreWorks, producers of Oklahoma!, Annie, Damn Yankees, White Christmas and most recently, The Sound of Music.

A note to parents: This is a faithful adaptation of the book, which

Although it is all make-believe, some young children may be frightened by the darker, spooky and supernatural aspects of this play.

Numerous performances of A Christmas Carol will be held Dec. 9th-22nd with evening shows and weekend matinees. Tickets to this holiday production range \$20.50

to \$38.50. Wine, beer and concessions will be sold in the lobby one hour before each event. Ticketing and further information about these performances and upcoming events is available at www.theellentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885. •

# Art Walk series concludes with seasonally inspired event

Back for its annual snowy season event, the Winter Art Walk returns to the streets of Downtown Bozeman on Friday, December 9th from 6-8pm. Many galleries will feature artists' openings and receptions and often provide hors d'oeuvres and complimentary refreshments. It's also a wonderful chance to meander downtown, take in some art and culture, and do some holi-

day shopping. The seasonal Art Walk follows the hugely popular Christmas Stroll, but local shoppers are encouraged to mark their calendars for this art-centered evening of culture, community and holiday gift giving. With gallery hosts aplenty, you're sure to find something for that friend or family member with an artful eye. Log on to www.downtownbozeman.org for information on participating galleries and further event details. The evening gathering is FREE and open to the public. This is the final Art Walk event until next summer, so don't miss out!

A member of the Downtown Bozeman Partnership, the purpose of the Downtown Bozeman Association is to promote Downtown Bozeman as a center of

business, culture and entertainment; to conduct and promote activities and events that build a strong local

economy; and to contribute to the well-being, growth and vitality of Downtown Bozeman.





Winter Science Wonderland

All Day Lady's Night 4pm

Cribbage League

azy Owls Duo 6pm

**Diango Jazz** 6pm

Rich Mayo 6pm

Cornhole League

A Christmas Carol

Argentine Tango

5:30pm

6:30pm

7:30pm

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5:30pm

**Django Jazz** 6pm

Daniel Kosel 6pm

Cornhole League

Argentine Tango

6:30pm

7:30pm

Chanukah in front of the Bozeman

Library w/ Beth Shalom 4pm Library

& Bunkhouse Brewery - Four Corners

Bone Dry Comedy Hour Open Mic

Storybook Science 9am

Montana Science Center

Museum of the Rockies

Bunkhouse Brewery

Valhalla Meadery

Eagles Ballroom

J & Company Bai

The Jump

Blend - Wine Bar & Gallery

Apsáalooke Women

& Bunkhouse Brewery – 4 Corners

Rich Mayo 6pm Kountry Korner Café

and Warriors 10am

10am

Montana Science Center

Blend - Wine Bar & Gallery

Bunkhouse Brewery

The Jump

Valhalla Meaden

Eagles Ballroom

J & Company Bar

Last Best Comedy

Ellen Theatre

Kountry Korner Cafe

10am

6pm

6pm

Oyster Night at Nordic

Western Swing 7pm

Reggie Watts 8pm

Wednesday Jazz

Reggie Watts 8pm

Jessica Hegg 8pm

8pm

10am

11am

6pm

Public Skate

Sierra Hull 5:30pm

Open Mic 6pm

Oyster Night at Nordic

Mario Miner Jr. 8pm

Celebration 8pm

A Christmas Carol 7:30pm

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Public Skate 11am Haynes Pavilion - GC

The Bozeman Poetry Collective Open Mic

The Markophones 7pm Bozeman Taproor

School's Out for Winter! A LBC Student

Storybook Science 9am

Apsáalooke Women and

Warriors

Montana Science Center

BSF Santa Ski & Solstice Celebration

10am Montana Science Center Open Lab - STEAMlab Montana Science Center 10am

Yellowstone Ballet Co. presents The Nutcracker 2pm Willson Auditorium Bunkhouse Celtic Jams 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery - 4 Corners **Bozeman Scottish Folk Ensemble** 

Steep Mountain Tea House 2pm 14th annual Holiday Vaudeville 3pm Shane Lalani Center for the Arts A Christmas Carol 3pm Ellen Theatre Brian Stumpf 3:30pm

Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky Bluegrass Jam Sessions Game Night 6pm Valhalla Meaden Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm

Eagles Bar The Ornery Jacks Bozeman Hot Springs 7pm

Roots in the Sky -**Chamber Choir Concert** Big Sky Chapel - Big Sky 7:30pm

Apsáalooke Women and

Museum of the Rockies

Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky Apsáalooke Women and Warriors 10am

Winter Science Wonderland

Open Lab - STEAMlab

10am

10am

11am

2pm

7pm

7pm

**Public Skate** 

Montana Mondays

Fencing Club 6pm

Montana Science Center

Montana Science Center

Haynes Pavilion - GCF

& Bunkhouse Brewery - Four Corners

Trivia on Tap 7pm Bozeman Taproom

Trivia Night | Nordic Loft Event

Bunkhouse Brewerv

Eagles Ballroom

Nordic Brew Works

Eagles Bar

Brian Stumpf 3:30pm

Warriors 10am

Bridger Mountain Big Band



Museum of the Rockies All Day Lady's Night Eagles Bar Winter Science Wonderland

Montana Science Center Cribbage League 10am Public Skate

Haynes Pavilion - GCF 11am Montana Mondays Bunkhouse Brewery

& Bunkhouse Brewery - Four Corners Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom Trivia on Tap 7pm Bozeman Taproom Trivia Night | Nordic Loft Event Nordic Brew Works 7pm

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7pm A Christmas Carol

8pm Taylor Burlage 8:30pm

Museum of the Rockies Haynes Pavilion - GCF

Apsáalooke Women and Warriors 10am

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Aaron Banfield 7pm

8pm

Matt Vander Sande Bozeman Taproom 7pm TÁR 7pm Ellen Theatre Western Swing 7pm The Jump House Team Night & Jam!

Warren Miller Performing Arts Center

8pm Wednesday Jazz Tune Up Basement Bar Sierra Hull 8pm

The Bozeman Poetry Collective Valhalla Meadery Nordic Brew Works

Last Best Comedy

Warren Miller Performing Arts Center Eagles Bar

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9pm

**Disc Golf Putting League** 7pm

Thursday Night Out! Eli Howard Trio Karaoke with Bozeman's Best

**Entertainment Group** 

Open Lab - STEAMlab 10am Montana Science Center Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky

Drink and Draw Aka Sip and Paint Valhalla Meadery Bozeman Hot Springs Disc Golf Putting League Eagles Ballroom

7:30pm Holiday Party for the People! 8pm

Ellen Theatre Last Best Comedy Cole Decker

Old Saloon - Emigrant Bozeman Taproom

Karaoke with Bozeman's Best Entertainment Group 9pm Eagles Bar Karaoke @ J & Co 9pm J & Company

Storybook Science 9am Montana Science Center

Museum of the Rockies Tom Marino 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky

**Bridger Creek Boys** Red Tractor Pizza Drink and Draw Aka Sip and Paint

Valhalla Meadery Bozeman Hot Springs Eagles Ballroom

Last Best Comedy Old Saloon - Emigrant

Eagles Bar Spek Atlas 9pm Filling Station Karaoke @ J & Co 9pm J & Company

John Brandy 3:30pm

Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky Books & Boba! 3:30pm Steep Mountain Tea House

Montana Modernists: The Rabbit Holes of Research with Michele Corriel 4pm MSU Library Last Best Comedy Happy Hour Open Mic 5pm Donny Elliot Band 5:30pm Kountry Korner Café MSU choirs and the MSU Symphony Orchestra Present: Noël! 5:30pm Holy Rosary Catholic Church Science Nights In 6pm Montana Science Center

Celtic Music Jam 6pm Valhalla Meadery Friday Night Stand-Up with Sean Grant

Last Best Comedy 7pm Verge Theater Presents Middletown

7:30pm Verge Theater The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised] 7:30pm

MSU Black Box Theater Sheridan Hawks vs ICEDOGS

7:30pm Haynes Pavilion - GCF Daniel Kosel w/ Kent Garwick

Old Saloon - Emigrant Tyler James Trio w/ Ella Cole 8pm Filling Station Jazz Night 8pm Red Tractor Pizza Western Skies 8pm The Jump Friday Night Stand-Up with Sean Grant

Last Best Comedy 9pm King Ropes 9pm Silver Dollar Saloon - Butte House DJ 9pm Eagles Bar Justin Case Band 9pm Chico Hot Springs Resort

Projected Opening Day 9am Bridger Bowl Public Skate 11am Haynes Pavilion - GCF CJo Middle School Jazz Band 11am The Mall OLLI at MSU Friday Forum: Community Winter Trails for Human-Powered Recreation 12pm Virtual Event Chief Joseph Middle School Jazz Band 1pm The Mall Apres Ski Ranger 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky Winter Wonderland Fundraiser & Holiday Crafting

Cottonwood Day School 25th Annual Big Sky Christmas Stroll Meadow Village Center - Big Sky

Belgrade Senior Center Belgrade Truck Village 5:30pm Donny Elliot Band 5:30pm Kountry Korner Café Winter Art Walk 2022 6pm Downtown Bozeman Celtic Music Jam 6pm Valhalla Meaden Trivia: Gallatin Valley Farm to School 6pm Steep Mountain Last Best Comedy Stand-Up with Erik Escobar 7pm Staged reading of Every Christmas Story Ever Told

(And Then Some!) by Michael Carleton, James FitzGerald & John K. Alvarez 7pm The James Martin House Verge Theater Presents Middletown 7:30pm Verge Theater A Christmas Carol 7:30nm Ellen Theatre The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) MSU Black Box Theater [Revised] 7:30pm Badlands Sabres vs ICEDOGS 7:30pm Haynes Pavilion Wylie & the Wild West 7:30pm Pilgrim Congregational Muir Quartet in concert 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall Holiday Vaudeville 8pm Shane Lalani Center for the Arts Rob Lethert 8pm Old Saloon - Emigrant The Fossils 8pm The Attic - Livingston Jazz Night 8pm Red Tractor Pizza Stand-Up with Erik Escobar 9pm Last Best Comedy Broken Arrow w/ Russ Chapman 9pm Filling Station

Apsáalooke Women and Warriors

Museum of the Rockies 10am John Brandy 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky

Eagles Bar

Happy Hour Open Mic 5pm **Donny Elliot Band** 5:30pm Celtic Music Jam 6pm

Daniel Kosel with Madrona Road 9pm

Stand-Up with MK Paulsen 7pm A Christmas Carol 7:30pm

14th annual Holiday Vaudeville Shane Lalani Center for the Arts Parlez! 6pm Amy Miller Live in Bozeman 8pm Reckless Rooster 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant Trout Basket 7pm Red Tractor Pizza Parlez! 7pm Jazz Night 8pm Sugar Daddies 8pm

Stand-Up with MK Paulsen Last Best Comedy Reckless Rooster 8pm 9pm StiLgone 9pm Filling Station Country dancing with Western Roots Country Dancing

Jackson Holte & The Highway Patrol

9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon Parlez! 8pm The Mighty Flick 9pm

Apsáalooke Women and Warriors

Winter Science Wonderland

Daniel Kosel & Clayton Oberquell 4pm

10am

10am

Open Lab - STEAMlab

Happy Hour Open Mic 5pm

**Donny Elliot Band** 5:30pm

Celtic Music Jam 6pm

The Polar Express

Peter King Trio 7pm

Jazz Night 8pm

Matt Miller 8pm

Public Skate 11am

Museum of the Rockies

Montana Science Center

Last Best Comedy

Kountry Korner Café

Winter Farmers' Market 9am Fairgrounds - GCF Holiday Market 9am Livingston Civic Center Santa Run For Education 5K 9am Willson School Community Christmas Craft Fair 9am PC Fairgrnds SLAM Winter showcase 10am Emerson Center

Bridger Aerospace Open House 10am Bridger Aerospace Holidays with the Emerson 11am Emerson Center Inspiration Hall, MSU Big Band Jazz Holidays 11am The Nutcracker 2pm Willson Auditorium Kent Johnson 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon - Big Sky Bozeman Christmas Stroll 2022 4:30pm Downtown Bozeman Extreme History Project Victorian Holiday Market 4:30pm Christmas Stroll for Reach, Inc 4:30pm Steep Mountain Tea The Pink Box w/ Phronsie Sprenger 5pm OhHi Collective Bob Britten 5:30pm Kountry Korner Café

Valhalla Meadery

Chico Hot Springs Resort

Local Music Performance 6pm

Justin Case Band 9pm

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#### MUSIC IN AND AROUND THE BOZONE

### Special holiday drag show precedes energetic Eagles sets downtown

It's already year's end and there's plenty of reasons to celebrate with a night at Downtown Bozeman's Eagles Bar. The local watering hole remains home to a steady schedule of Wednesday acoustics and weekend jamming. Here's who's helping FOE close out 2022.

Slip into your dancing shoes for a **Live DJ** set on Dec. 2nd and 3rd. The dance floor offers plenty of room to showcase the best moves, whether you've got a partner in crime or are going solo.

And upstairs in the ballroom on Dec. 3rd, the Countship of the ISCSM hosts the "Naughty Holidays Drag Show" at 10pm. Enjoy a night of temptation, delight and festivities in celebration of the holiday season. Admission is \$6 for this 18+ event with advance tickets available through Eventbrite.

Chandler Huntley opens this month's acoustic slate with a Dec.

7th performance. He draws influence from Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Guy Clark, John Prine, Robert Earl Keen and other country greats, from the current and past. Eclectic rockers Daniel Kosel

& Madrona Road bring down the house on Dec. 9th and 10th. They'll deliver visceral blues, sweet country and sultry rock with hot, tight grooves audiences can boogie down and shake it on the dance

Guitarist, singer and songwriter Matthew Vander Sande takes the stage with a one-man show on Dec. 14th. Settle in for a night of smooth strings and original lyrics by this talented local.

High-energy dance outfit The Mighty Flick perform Dec. 16th and 17th. Performing throughout Montana venues since the late '80s, their enthusiasm and love for music is contagious, sometimes inspirational and always entertaining.

The following week, Jessica **Hegg** performs solo on Dec. 21st. She plays older rock and country in the style of Stevie Nicks along with heartfelt originals.

Mario Miner Jr. of two-piece rock n' roll project Gallatin Ghost Train performs on Dec. 28th. Expect an evening of blues-skewing tunes and some original songs.

The Disruptors bring '22 to a close with back-to-back performances on Dec. 30th and 31st. The high energy band does their darndest to get audiences singing along with their wide selection of rock n' roll tunes from the '60s to now.

Take part in the Eagles' weekly Bluegrass Jam Session on Monday nights. Take a seat and enjoy, or bring an instrument and join in! The event begins at 7pm.

Exercise your pipes with Karaoke Night sponsored by

Bozeman's Best Entertainment Group, setting up at FOE every Thursday. Sing your heart out and cheer on your friends! Sign-ups start at 9pm.

Make sure to check out Bridger Mountain Big Band on Sunday nights. The ensemble performs at 7pm. The 17-piece jazz orchestra celebrates the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and

more, with original arrangements and music of all genres from the 1900s to today. Check them out on Facebook for performance announcements.

Acoustic Wednesdays start at 8pm and weekend bands are on at 9pm. Head downtown for some great live music or stop in to support your local Eagles any night of the week. •

#### Ring in the season with Bozeman Symphony's holiday spectacle

The tradition continues with the Bozeman Symphony's second annual Holiday Spectacular, set this year for December 10th and 11th. Performances will be held at the Willson Auditorium at 2:30pm and 7:30pm on Saturday, and 2:30pm on Sunday.

This concert includes many of your favorite festive classics like "Sleigh Ride," the "Christmas Carol

Sing-Along" and more. The performance features the Bozeman Symphonic Choir and guest tenor, Tamar Greene, the current George Washington in the Broadway company of Hamilton. Bring the whole family to this must-attend holiday concert celebrating the spirit and joy of the season.

"Holiday Spectacular enters its



tradition, and by popular demand, we have added a third performance," says

tacular' with gorgeous decorations, dazzling lighting, and of course, music that will uplift your spirit to ring in the holi-

Music Director

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year, we aim to

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day season.' These performances would not be possible without strong community support and sponsorship.

Bozeman Symphony wishes to thank First Security Bank and Sheehy Family Foundation for sponsoring this performance, as well as our Season Sponsors, Stephen Schachman and Ritva Porter.

Individual tickets are available for purchase online at www.bozemansymphony.org or by phone at (406) 585-9774. Tickets available at the door as availability allows. Adult tickets start at \$29 with student discounted ticket available. •

#### **Montana State School of** Music hosts series of holiday concerts

From MSU News Service

The Montana State University School of Music will host several holiday concerts during the first week of December.

The annual "Noël!" holiday concert featuring three MSU choirs and the MSU Symphony Orchestra will take place Friday, Dec. 2nd at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 220 West Main Street in downtown Bozeman. There will be two performances that evening at 5:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance through Tickets West or by calling (406) 994-

Three MSU jazz ensembles will perform a holiday jazz concert on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 11am. "Big Band Jazz Holidays" will feature

MSU's One O'clock Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Workshop Band and Traditional Jazz Combo, all led by Director of Jazz Ensembles Ryan Matzinger. The concert will be in Inspiration Hall inside Norm Asbjornson Hall, and tickets will be available at the door. General admission is \$10 and student tickets are

The annual MSU Madrigal Dinner will hold three performances, also during the first week in December: two on the MSU campus on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3rd and 4th, and one in Big Sky on Monday, Dec. 5th. Concert and ticket information can be found at montana.edu/news/22483, by visiting the Bobcat Ticket Office or by calling (406) 994-CATS. •

#### **Bozeman Folklore brings night of** traditional country to Pilgrim

On Friday, December 9th, the Bozeman Folklore Society will present an evening of authentic country music (and yodels) with Wylie & the Wild West. The show will be held at Pilgrim Church at 7:30pm.

Wylie Gustafson is a native Montanan singer/songwriter with 22 albums and three decades of performing, writing and recording under his belt. He is one of the few authentic voices of the American West who

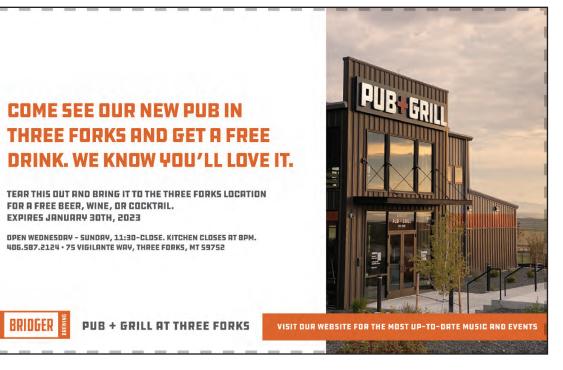
the active rural culture of America. As on critic called him, "...the coolest cowpoke around. Forget everything you hate about modern Country, this guy is old school cool without being a tired period piece."

Doors will open at 7pm, with the all-ages show to follow. Advance tickets are \$20 and available at www.eventbrite.com. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door for \$25. Kids 12 and under admitted free! Pilgrim Church is

located at 2118 S 3rd Ave.

Bozeman Folklore Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, enjoying, and sharing the music, dance, arts, crafts, and skills of traditional cultures. There's always a need for volunteers! For further event details or to pledge your support visit www.bozemanfolklore.org. Find a current list of all upcoming BFS concert and dance information

#### MCMS presents winter return of famed string foursome



The Montana Chamber Music Society welcomes the annual return of the Boston-based Muir Quartet with a phenomenal winter performance on Friday, December 9th. The concert will be held at Reynolds Recital Hall on the Montana State University campus. Music begins at 7:30pm.

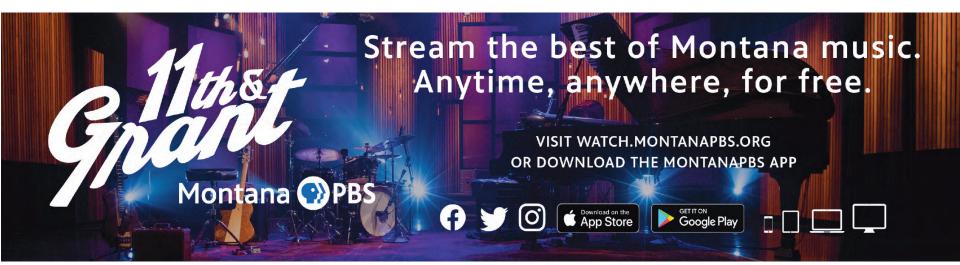
The Muir Quartet is a favorite with Montana music lovers and has distinguished itself among audiences and critics with its exhilarating involvement, impeccable voicing and intonation, and unbridled musicality.

In its 43rd season, Muir Quartet has long been acknowledged as one of the world's most powerful and insightful ensembles, distinguishing itself among audiences and critics with its "exhilarating involvement" (Boston Globe), "impeccable voicing and intonation" (San Francisco Examiner), and "unbridled musicality" (American Record Guide). In residence at Boston University, the quartet has toured worldwide including concerts at the White

House and Carnegie Hall plus over 50 tours of Europe and the Far East. The Muir Quartet is Michael Reynolds (cello), Lucia Lin (violin), Peter Zazofsky (violin) and Steven Ansell (viola).

Admission to all Montana Chamber Music Society performances is \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at www.montanachambermu**sicsociety.org**. These are also available at the door, depending on availability. Net proceeds from these programs support MCMS's mission to present great chamber music performances throughout

Montana year-round. Muir Quartet will likewise front two additional shows as part of their Montana tour. "An Intimate Evening of Music & Conversations" will be held at Downtown Bozeman's Old Main Gallery on Dec. 8th, as well as a performance at the Lewistown Art Center on Dec. 10th. Visit the MCMS website for tickets and additional details. •



#### Get your fill w/ show of choice at Bozeman's 'Best Live Music Venue'

One of the area's most storied live music venues, the Filling Station brings in locally celebrated musicians and traveling acts. The concerts showcase artists from a variety of genres, welcoming diverse audiences to the north Bozeman space with performances held throughout the week. Read on for highlights from the end-of-year

First up is the **Tyler James Trio** on Dec. 2nd. The music begins at 8pm with support by Ella Cole. Concertgoers can expect an evening of original rock and Americana from this Bozeman musician and his talented instrumentalists.

The Gu presents the **Gallatin** Underground End of Year Party on Dec. 3rd. The music kicks off at 6pm with Bozeman area artists performing selections rooted in multiple genres. Lovers of funkrock, grindcore, bluesy folk and hiphop will all enjoy this local musician showcase.

The Canoe Dealers open for Benn & Abel on Dec. 8th at 8pm. The new age Americana band from Bozeman plays a mixture of originals and covers, with a new album in the works. They're known to dance the line around blues and

Broken Arrows follow with a show on Dec. 9th. The band will celebrate the music of Neil Young and Crazy Horse during this special tribute performance. Russ Chapman will be on hand with the music set



The Salamanders

to begin at 9pm.

Dec. 10th brings the twangy, hard-driving garage rock of **The Salamanders**. The trio will perform songs from their albums Hellbender and Axolotl as well as some newer cuts. Nickels & Bones are set to open the show at 9pm.

Bozeman's soul, funk and hiphoppers STiLGONE visit the Filler on Dec. 16th. The crew features frontman Symon Palmer, guitarist Chris Cowan, Carl Hansen on bass and drummer Ezra Bowman. Slip

Bamboozle and Squirrel Gravy open at 9pm.

Returning to the stage after a lengthy hiatus, Wind & the Willows are back with a brand new lineup on Dec. 17th. Soak to the sounds of whimsical harmonies, strings and percussion as they highlight cuts from their new release, Chamomile & Kerosene. Benn & Abel return to the Filler as opening support at 9pm.

Following a break for the holidays, the Filler stage resumes its lineup with **SpeKAtlaS** on Dec. 29th at 9pm. The group's heavy sound is influenced by punk, metal, garage

and progressive rock. They have an eclectic style that comes as a result of the "musical chairs" they play on stage, where all band members contribute on multiple instruments.

Enjoy an evening of salsa danc-



Wes Urbaniak & the Mountain Folk

ing to the sounds of John Roberts y Pan Blanco on Dec. 30th at 9pm. Featuring vocals in Spanish, English and Portuguese, the group melds high-energy Funk, African

and Latin grooves with soulful instrumental solos aimed at sharing musical and cultural diversity with its audiences.

And finally, ring in the New Year with Wes Urbaniak & the

Mountain Folk on Dec. 31st at 10pm. The "musical love child of Tracy Chapman and Mumford & Sons," the frontman makes noise on homemade guitars, beats on them with his hands, and tools and creates acoustic and amazing music. Urbaniak has been touring the country for years, now with the Mountain Folk, sharing their Montana music performed on locally crafted instruments from Urbaniak's shop.

Advance ticketing information for these and other shows are available at

www.fillertickets.com. Log on to the website for additional details and a full calendar of upcoming concerts. Follow the Filler

on social media for event updates

and other venue announcements. .

# **Thirsty Thursday gets** acoustic twist with weekly **Bridger performers**



Supernova

Winter is settling into the Gallatin Valley, with regular snowfall and the harshest of winds. Many of us are yearning for the warmth of the summer months and continue to reminisce about the abundant outdoor concerts befitting of sunny Montana days. Bridger Brewing is surely plotting a varied slate of performers to break in its brand new Three Forks amphitheater following its soft opening this

But the expansive venue continues to host indoor musician showcases in the meantime. Take a trip out for a pint of your favorite Bridger flavor, a hearty menu of locally sourced eats and some acoustic treats every Thursday. Here's a look at who's playing in the coming weeks.

First up this month, Brent Harrison performs Dec. 1st at 7pm. The independent singer/songwriter visits from Tennessee with a gospel-infused set of country western tunes.

Following Dec. 8th is experimental multi-piece **Supernova** at 7pm. The band performs Brazilian fusion music for its audiences, promising an energetic show of original tunes and other favorites. Arrive early to find a seat, order up your favorite Bridger draft and enjoy the work of this eclectic group of artists.

And on Dec. 15th, Montana's own Quenby Iandiorio takes the stage. Writing and performing since the early aughts, she is a classic country and roots musician from Paradise Valley. Bridger-goers are in for a night of groovy Americana courtesy of one of the area's most lauded veteran musicians.

Bridger Brewing provides the Gallatin Valley community with unique hand-crafted brews, fresh artisan-style pizzas, as well as a new menu of protein-rich entrées exclusive to the Three Forks location. Find a current tap list and food menus at www.bridgerbrewing.com. •



#### Chico Saloon closes out '22 with full calendar of rock n' roll

The bone-chilling cold of a Montana winter is best remedied with a soak in the natural waters at Chico Hot Springs. The local resort offers accommodations for overnight visitors and features regular entertainment in the Saloon. Check out the upcoming live music

The first weekend of the month features the return of Justin Case **Band**, performing Dec. 2nd and 3rd. The '70s to '90s rock band covers tunes ranging from the Allman Brothers and Three Dog Night, to Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Iam.

Brickhouse Band offer up their seasoned talents on Dec. 9th and 10th. The Billings-based performers will be sure to pack the dance floor with rockin' crowd favorites and other jams. Grab a drink from the bar and boogie Performing mid-month are

Jackson Holte & the Highway Patrol on Dec. 16th and 17th. The Missoula-based rock n' roll band is fronted by Holte, whose blend of earthy narrative songwriting and soaring blues guitar playing is complemented by Marko "The Midnight Shadow" Capoferri on bass, Tyson Gerhardt on guitar, Eric Rudnick on pedal steel, and Aaron Chiazza on



**Jackson Holte & the Highway Patrol** 

drums. With a firm grounding in America's folk traditions, the band is able to bound across genres in an authentic and emotive re-imagining of what a working rock n' roll band can be. Their latest release, Last Rain of Summer, is out now.

BlackWater Band close out the year on Dec. 30th and 31st, with a special New Year's Eve part on Saturday. The rock n' roll variety group will have you off your feet and on the dance floor in no time, so take a swig of your preferred flavor and

get that liquid motivation flowing!

Live Saloon music begins at 9pm. Chico Hot Springs is located in Pray, 20 miles south of Livingston. For more information, visit

www.chicohotsprings.com. •



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12/3: THE GU PRESENTS: GALLATIN UNDERGROUND **END OF YEAR PARTY** 

**BENN & ABEL** W/ THE CANOE DEALERS FOLK, 8PM

12/9: BROKEN ARROWS W/ RUSS CHAPMAN **NEIL YOUNG TRIBUTE, 9PM** 

THE SALAMANDERS W/ NICKELS AND BONES ROCK, 9PM

12/16: STILGONE FUNK, 9PM

12/17: WIND AND WILLOWS W/ BENN AND ABEL FOLK, 9PM

SPEK ATLAS 12/29: ROCK, 9PM

12/30:

JOHN ROBERTS **Y PAN BLANCO** SALSA DANCING, 9PM

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#### ENVIRONMENT · HEALTH · IN AND AROUND THE BOZONE

# Bridger's winter season begins — passes & lift tickets available now!

Though the winter solstice is still a few weeks out, Southwest Montana has already received a generous supply of snow – a cruel sight for area skiers and snowboarders eager to carve up the hill. Worry not, **Bridger Bowl**'s winter season is finally set to commence! Here's a breakdown of their most popular pass options so you're ready to go when the lifts open. They also make a great gift for holiday celebrations (wink, wink)!

Enjoy unlimited skiing all season with no black-out dates with the purchase of a season pass. Rates are as follows: \$1,000 for adults (25-69), \$950 for young adults (19-24), \$520 for juniors (13-18), and \$375 for children (7-12). Pre-school aged youth (6 and under) pay only \$10. Senior passes (70-79) are \$450, or



\$10 for super seniors (80+).

Adult Midweek
Season Passes (19-69) are
also available for \$400, or
\$350 for seniors (70-79).
This will grant access to
unlimited skiing Monday
through Friday all season.
Or get your gloves on the
Local's Pass to ski and
ride every day except for
blackout dates over busy
holidays. These are \$800
for adults (19-69), \$390
for juniors (13-18) and
\$280 for children (7-12).

Purchase season passes, upload pass photos, and sign electronic agreements through Bridger's website. Be "on-line" rather than "in-line." Go straight to the lifts on opening day! Payment plans and family discounts are available.

Bridger's 2022-23 ski season promises to be one of plentiful snow and slopeside excitement. The mountain's Community Events Series kicks into high gear in the new year, but truly begins with the annual Torchlight Parade on Dec. 30th. See website for details.

The ski area is located on the east slope of the Bridger Mountain Range. For season pass information and event information, visit www.bridgerbowl.com. Bridger's projected Opening Day is Friday, December 9th. •

### HRDC receives \$5 Million grant to help end homelessness for MT families

Fund grants \$123.45million to 40 nonprofits across the U.S. to move the needle on re-housing and supporting families experiencing homelessness

**HRDC**, which provides shelter and robust wraparound services for families and individuals facing homelessness in Southwest Montana, announced that it has received a \$5 million grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund—the largest gift in the organization's 48-year history.

Launched in 2018 by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, the Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to leading organizations on the frontlines that are employing compassionate, needle-moving work to help families move from unsheltered homelessness and shelters to permanent housing with the services they

require to achieve stability.

"This generous grant will allow HRDC to continue to pioneer creative solutions to address the lack of accessible housing and homelessness in our community while ensuring we meet the individual needs of our most vulnerable neighbors," said HRDC's CEO Heather Grenier. "Many Montana families are struggling to secure basic shelter and necessary support; with this grant we will be able to meet immediate needs and create lasting solutions that will help them regain stability in their lives."

This one-time grant will help HRDC in its tireless work to support families as they reel from skyrocketing rent costs, the limited availability of housing and insufficient income. HRDC plans to use the grant funds to construct family-specific shelter space and to create more transitional and permanent housing solutions, provide full wrap-around services and identify tailored solutions to the individual needs of the families and individuals in their care working to create a pathway to a brighter future.

HRDC was selected as a Day 1 Families Fund grant recipient by a group of national advisors who are leading advocates and experts on homelessness and service provision. National advisors brought expertise on housing justice, advancing racial equity and helping programs employ resources effectively to assist families out of homelessness.

Over the past five years, the Day 1 Families Fund has provided 170 grants totaling more than \$520 million to organizations around the country working to combat homelessness and help families gain housing support and stability. This year, the Fund issued a total of \$123.45 million in grants to numerous organizations nationwide.

Kristin Hamburg, HRDC's development director, shared the importance of the timing of this gift: "We are so grateful for this incredi-

bly impactful investment. Thanks to the Day 1 Families Fund's belief in our community, staff and customers, we are closer to being able to relocate the services we offer our neighbors experiencing homelessness to a single, more accessible location. It also provides the resources needed to address the needs of families experiencing homelessness."

The Bezos Day One Fund made a \$2 billion commitment to focus on making meaningful and lasting impacts in two areas: funding existing non-profits that help families experiencing homelessness, and creating a network of new, non-profit tier-one preschools in low-income communities. The Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families. The vision statement comes from the inspiring Mary's Place in Seattle: no child sleeps outside.

For additional details, visit www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1Fami liesFund. More information about HRDC's efforts to build a better community may be found at www.thehrdc.org. •

# Next in Doc Series profiles nation's unsettling Afghanistan withdrawal



On Thursday, December 1st, at the Emerson Center for Arts & Culture, the Bozeman Doc Series continues with the Montana premiere of the critically acclaimed new documentary, *Retrograde*. The film screens at 7pm.

The documentary captures the final nine months of America's 20-year war in Afghanistan from multiple perspectives: one of the last U.S. Special Forces units deployed there, a young Afghan general and his corps fighting to defend their homeland against all odds, and the civilians desperately attempting to flee as the country collapses and the Taliban take over. From rarely seen operational control rooms to the frontlines of battle to the chaotic Kabul airport during the final U.S. withdrawal, Oscar-nominated and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Matthew Heineman's latest film offers a cinematic and historic window onto the end of America's longest war, and the costs endured for those most intimately involved.

The Sundance Film Festival called Heineman "one of the most talented and

exciting documentary filmmakers working today," while Anne Thompson of *Indiewire* wrote that Heineman is a "gifted filmmaker who combines gonzo fearlessness with empathetic sensitivity." *Retrograde* world-premiered this fall at the prestigious Telluride Film Festival.

"A triumph of access and unbelievable bravery... a film that is incredibly honest; urgent but not frantic, heavy and somber and vitally important in capturing the human reality of an impossibly tragic situation

created by two decades of bad decision-making." – *The Wrap* 

"Extraordinary... Four Stars... Even if you were glued to the news when it was happening, you won't have seen anything quite like the shots Heineman and his co-cinematographers capture here." – *The Guardian* 

"Unsettling... jaw-dropping... full of images and captured moments that far outlast the film's 94-minute duration... presented with so much intimacy that empathy is unavoidable."

— The Hollywood Reporter

Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are available at the door or before the show online at **www.bozemandocseries.org**, where you can also buy Season Passes and 7-film punch cards, learn more about the series, and view trailers for upcoming films. The series will continue every other Thursday through April. Masks are now optional in the theater.

Mark your calendars! The Doc Series will host its bi-annual silent auction event featuring food, drink and another of the year's best documentaries on Thursday, Dec. 15th. See host website for details. •



# Elusive owl subject of Sac Audubon's Ellen presentation

For its latest program, Sacajawea Audubon Society will host wildlife researcher Denver Holt for a presentation entitled "Adaptation in Owls." The event will take place on Monday, December 12th at Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre. The evening begins at 7pm

Owls are arguably the most widely recognized and popular group of animals in the world. There are about 268 species worldwide. Native cultures around the world are rich with stories and myths surrounding them.

Despite their worldwide distribution and cultural popularity, most people will never see, or perhaps only see a few wild owls in their lifetime. Owls have evolved specialized traits, or adaptations, to render them inconspicuous during much of their life, and give them their best chance at survival. These traits range from nocturnal and low-light activity periods, to daytime roosting in inconspicuous locations; to cryptic coloration and plumage patterning; to unique camouflaging behaviors.

Furthermore, why do some hoot, while others toot, trill, or scream? How well can they see at night? How well can they hear? Do they really fly silently? Can they really turn their heads all the way around?

Denver Holt is an award-winning wildlife researcher and graduate of the University of Montana. He is founder and president of the Owl Research Institute, a nonprofit organization located in Charlo, Montana.

Since 1978, Holt's research focus has been owls and their ecology. He has published numerous papers, his work having also been widely recognized by many organizations across the globe and featured on numerous television series. When not researching owls, Holt plays the role as a natural history tour guide and co-owner of Wild Planet Nature Tours.

This event is free and open to the public on a first come, first served basis. The presentation will also be available to view virtually with advanced registration. Find additional information and webinar registration details at

www.theellentheatre.com.

Sacajawea Audubon Society programs are free and open to the public. The organization's mission is to build on an interest in birds to promote the conservation of our natural environment through enjoyment, education and action. Learn more at www.sacajaweaaudubon.org. •

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