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Movie Lovers Unite
Missoula's Favorite Outdoor Concert, Symphony in the Park, Returns to Downtown
Missoula on Sunday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

(Missoula, Montana) – Love movies? Love classical music? You're in for a treat when the Missoula Symphony Orchestra returns to Caras Park on Sunday, August 8, at 7 p.m. Now in its sixth season, **Symphony in the Park** has quickly become one of Missoula's favorite summertime events. As always, the concert is free of charge and open to the public.

This year, Music Director Darko Butorac is taking audience members on a tour of Hollywood with a "heavy-on-the-film-score" repertoire. Think *Star Wars*, *Blues Brothers* and *Rocky*, for starters.

"There are so many wonderful film scores from well-known movies," Butorac says. "I can't wait to share these pieces with the audience." Asked if he'll don the famous Blue Brothers shades when conducting, he teases, "There's no telling what might happen at the summer concert." Here's a quick sampling of other movie music on tap:

- Theme from *Out of Africa*, by John Barry
- "Unchained Melody," by Alex North (the music accompanying Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze in the now famous "pottery" scene in *Ghost*).
- *The Godfather* Suite, by Nino Rota, (a 10-minute ode to the best of the best from the Francis Ford Coppola trilogy).

But, the film-good vibe doesn't end there. While not pulled directly from theaters, the remaining selections are evocative of movie music; some, in fact, inspired a movie score or two.

"Jupiter," by Gustav Holst, for example, inspired the *Star Wars* Medley by John Williams. Butorac tags it a "huge piece of absolutely earth-shattering music." Listen closely, he says, and you'll hear how it led to *Star Wars*.

On a personal note, the Serbian-born Butorac includes Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "March Slav." Composed in the 1800s, it was written in support of Serbian independence. Butorac says it's cool, dark and multi-faceted (the music—though the description is fitting of the maestro, as well). "It's an important work for the people of my homeland and I'm truly honored to share it with the people of my new home, Missoula, Montana."

Audience members are encouraged to keep their eyes open for a guest conductor during “Stars and Stripes Forever.” The symphony has been selling raffle tickets for this guest conductor opportunity since March. Anyone may win and take to the stage, baton in hand. Rumor has it Mayor John Engen played such a role back in the day, when the Guest Conductor raffle was originally held.

As in previous years, there will be select vendors serving up burgers, beers and other goodies. And, the Big Dipper Ice Cream truck will be scooping up Symphony-themed Bachalatte and other popular flavors.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and/or blankets. One hundred reserved seats are available for \$10 each, and may be purchased online at www.missoulasymphony.org, at the Symphony office at 320 East Main Street, or by calling 721-3194. For more information on “Symphony in the Park” and to see the full concert program, please visit www.missoulasymphony.org.