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Saturday, May 17, 7:30 PM & Sunday, May 18, 3:00 PM 70th Season, 2024-2025

### ACT I

# PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Medley MAMMA MIA Medley

All That Jazz from CHICAGO
Bring Him Home from LES MISERABLES
How Could I Ever Forget from NEXT TO NORMAL
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# JULIA TAI

### Music Director

Praised by the Seattle Times as "poised yet passionate." Julia Tai is one of today's most dynamic and engaging conductors on the international stage. In November 2020, she became the first female music director in the Missoula Symphony Orchestra's history. Her career has led to acclaimed performances and rehearsals with the American Youth Symphony, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. Bohuslay Martinu Philharmonic (Czech Republic), Boise Philharmonic, Brandenburger Symphoniker (Germany), Estonian National Youth Symphony (Estonia). Lexington Philharmonic. New Symphony Orchestra (Bulgaria). Orguesta Filarmónica de la UNAM (Mexico), Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil Charlos Chávez (Mexico), Philharmonia Northwest, and the Seattle Symphony.



Ms. Tai has established a reputation for her creative programming and community partnerships. She has increased the esteem of her orchestras by elevating its artistic output, commissioning new works by renowned composers, and serving diverse communities. In 2017, in collaboration with Finlandia Foundation, she celebrated Finland's centennial by presenting Finland 100 at Benaroya Hall, featuring three generations of Finnish composers. The concert was attended by Finland's ambassador to the U.S. from Washington D.C. In 2018, she presented an all-Taiwanese composers' concert again at Benaroya Hall, featuring musicians from all over the U.S., Canada, and Taiwan. Her orchestras have co-commissioned new works by PDQ Bach (Concerto for Simply Grand Piano and Orchestra), Mexican composer Osvaldo Mendoza (Three Mexican Portraits), Chinese-American composer Dorothy Chang (Gateways - Concerto for Erhu and Piano), Vivian Fung (Trumpet Concerto), Sheila Silver (Being in Life - Concerto for French horn and Alpenhorn, 5 Tibetan singing bowls, and string orchestra), and have premiered new works by Orlando Jacinto Garcia, Donald O. Johnston, Pascal Le Boeuf, Kate Soper, Andrew Waggoner, and Wang Lu.

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Ms. Tai began her violin studies at age four and piano at eight. She received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, where she was awarded "Outstanding Graduate" in 2004. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in orchestral conducting from the University of Washington.



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Teri Hansen has received International recognition for her crossover abilities as a singing actress from Opera to Broadway and concert stages around the world. Miss Hansen made her Broadway debut in *The Boys From Syracuse* and starred in London's West End as 'Magnolia' in Hal Prince's Tony award winning production of *Show Boat*. Most recently she starred in the National Tours of *The Sound Of Music* (Elsa) and the Tony Award winning *An American In Paris*. Miss Hansen starred in tours of *The Music Man* as 'Marian



Paroo', 'Guenevere' in *Camelot* and as 'Magnolia' in *Show Boat*. Internationally recognized as an interpreter of Weill, Miss Hansen starred as "Rose" in the film version of Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*. Miss Hansen also toured for years with Marvin Hamlisch, appeared at the Lincoln Center singing Rodgers and Hammerstein, as well as regular appearances there as a part of the prestigious "Meet the Artist" series. Her solo CD "Into Your Arms...Love Songs of Richard Rodger's" is available worldwide. @teridhalinks



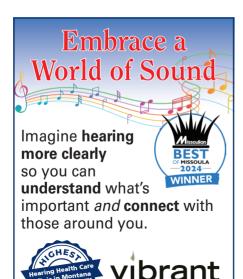
# **DESTAN OWENS, vocalist**

Destan Owens has appeared on Broadway in *Chicago, Smokey Joe's Café,* and *Rent*. Off-Broadway, National tours, and other credits include *The Who's Tommy, Sisterella, Chicago, Dreamgirls* with Jennifer Holiday, *Yo' Alice, Jesus Christ Superstar Gospel, Stormy Weather: The Lena Horne Story, Soul Possessed, It Happened In Little Rock, Carmen, Trouble In Tahiti and A Little Night Music. His television and film credits include <i>Marie And Bruce, Get Rich Or Die Trying, Across The Universe* and *30 Rock.* Mr. Owens has also been a soloist with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Southwest Florida Symphony, Florida Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Grand Rapids Symphony, Lake



Charles Symphony, Phoenix Symphony and The Long Island Philharmonic. Starred at New York City Center in Billy Porter's new reimagined *THE LIFE*.

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As the final notes of this season's last performance fade into memory, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible season we've shared — and to express my deepest gratitude. Thanks to your unwavering support, commitment, and dedication to the Missoula Symphony & Chorale, this



year has been one of the most vibrant and successful in our symphony's history. From the passion of our musicians on stage to the standing ovations from audiences in packed halls, every concert was a reminder of the power of music to inspire, heal, and unite.

We are especially grateful to our season subscribers, donors, volunteers, and community partners — your generosity and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. To our dedicated staff and extraordinary musicians, your talent and tireless commitment bring our shared vision to life with every performance. Highlights from this season include first-time performances in Missoula, virtuosic guest performers, and the recent performance of the Verdi Requiem, of which many thought it was one of the finest orchestral and choral performances they've experienced in 50 years!

As we look ahead to a new season filled with bold programming, exciting collaborations, and new ways to connect, we carry with us the momentum and joy of this 70th Anniversary Season. Together, we are creating something lasting — a cultural legacy that resonates far beyond the concert hall.

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Scott Billadeau

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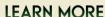
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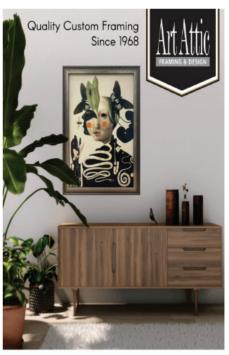




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# Masterwork #2 - Nov. 1 & 2, 2025 LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Nathan Chan, cello

Arvo Pärt: Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten Philip Glass: Cello Concerto No. 2, "Naqoyqatsi" Pyotr llyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74, "Pathétique"

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Gabriela Martinez, piano

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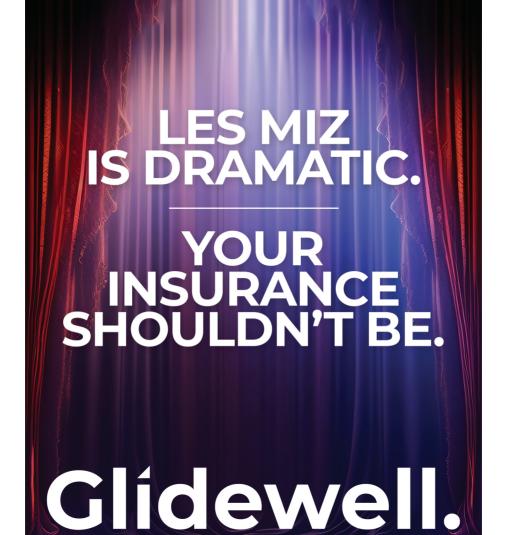
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