

# Helena Symphony 2011-2012

## Symphony Under the Stars

One of the most celebrated events in Montana, the *Symphony Under the Stars* at Carroll College continues with an evening of great music and a fabulous fireworks display. This is a FREE event for over 12,000 people, so pack your blankets now!

## Exergy Masterworks Series

Six all-new Exergy Masterworks Series performances including *Opening Night* with Pianist You You Zhang, Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, *Russian Nights*, a two-part tribute to the great composers of Russia, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and the climax of the Annual Mahler Celebration: the powerful *Symphony of a Thousand!*

## Holiday Concerts

Celebrate the holiday season with *Christmas in the Cathedral*, and two performances of *The Nutcracker* with Queen City Ballet.

## Youth Concert

The Student Assistance Foundation Youth Concert continues to bring over 1,500 fourth and fifth grade students to an afternoon of music created just for them!

## Champagne Celebration

Join the HSO in some Opening Night post-concert fun in the Civic Center ballroom where champagne, decadent desserts and music for your dancing and listening pleasure awaits.

## Roast of the Maestro

It's the Maestro's 40th Birthday Party! Join us in the Montana Club on November 11th as we raise our glasses and roast the one and only Allan R. Scott in style!

## Smoke and Mirrors

Scotch, cigars, painted mirrors... A twist on previous winter galas. Instead of chairs we decided that mirrors might be an interesting item to auction off. Dining, dancing, small auction, winter fun!

## Symphony in the City

The Symphony's traditional fundraiser that offers an exotic trip to somewhere in the world—or a nice payday of \$3,000 in cash! Drawings will be held during our Spring concerts.

## Run for the Roses

Back by popular demand, please join us for a Kentucky Derby Party: mint juleps and good natured wagering on the sport of kings!

## Martini's with the Maestro

Kick back at the Montana Club with the music director of the Helena Symphony and his special guests as you unwind from the week and look forward to the upcoming concert. Friday nights before every concert.

## Subscribe to the Symphony!

You receive many great benefits:

### Significant Discounts

Subscribers save up to 30% off regular ticket prices!

### Conductor's Pre-Concert Crash Course

Gain a better understanding of the evening's repertoire from the podium's perspective: Join Maestro Scott 45 minutes before every Masterworks Concert for his nationally renowned presentations about works that will be performed that evening—an exclusive benefit to Masterworks Series subscribers!

### Advance Program Notes

Receive program notes in *The Art of Listening* newsletter in advance of all Masterworks Concerts.

### Priority Seating

Subscribers receive first priority on seating each season. All seats are reserved and subscribers get the best seats in the house!

### Flexible Ticket Exchange and Preferential Service

Subscribers receive preferential treatment if tickets are misplaced, lost, or require an exchange.

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# *It's going to be* **ONE BIG YEAR!**

*Celebrating our 57th season*

## Mark your calendar:

JULY 2011	16	Symphony Under The Stars
SEPTEMBER 2011	9	Martini's with the Maestro
	17	Opening Night!
	17	Post-concert champagne celebration
OCTOBER 2011	14	Martini's with the Maestro
	22	Carmina Burana
NOVEMBER 2011	22	Roast the Maestro <i>(Allan R. Scott's 40th Birthday!)</i>
DECEMBER 2011	4	Christmas In The Cathedral
DECEMBER 2011	10	The Nutcracker
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JANUARY 2012	20	Martini's with the Maestro
	21	Smoke and Mirrors
	28	Gershwin's Rhapsody In Blue
FEBRUARY 2012	17	Martini's with the Maestro
	23	Peter Vs. The Wolf
	25	Russian Nights - Part I
MARCH 2012	16	Martini's with the Maestro
	24	Russian Nights - Part II
	24	Symphony in the City first drawing
MAY 2012	4	Martini's with the Maestro
	5	Run for the Roses Derby Party
	12	Mahler's Symphony of a Thousand
	12	Symphony in the City final drawing

**FREE!** NON-SUBSCRIPTION EVENT:  
**SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS**  
SATURDAY, 16 JULY 2011 | 8:30 PM | CARROLL COLLEGE

**The Harlem Renaissance:** Pack your blankets\* and picnics as the Helena Symphony and Carroll College present the eighth annual *Symphony Under the Stars* featuring the music from the Harlem Renaissance. From swing to blues, the music of the 1920s reminds us that "if it ain't got that swing, it ain't got that thing." The evening of culminates with one of the best fireworks shows in Montana. This is a free performance! Limited reserved seating is available for purchase.

No stakes or tarps will be permitted. Please bring canned food and non-perishables to hold down your blankets and Helena Food Share will have bins to collect the food or will pick up from the grounds after the performance. Thank you for making this a true community sharing event! **The Helena Symphony is proud to support the work and mission of Helena Food Share.**

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT I:  
**OPENING NIGHT!**  
SATURDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2011, 7:00 PM, HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Opening Night Concert Celebration:** The Helena Symphony opens its 57th Season with a complete evening of festivities! Beginning with a limited seating event at the Montana Club, Helena Symphony Orchestra welcomes the return of internationally renowned Pianist **You You Zhang** for a performance of **Rachmaninoff's** virtuosic *Piano Concerto No. 2* and culminates with a performance of **Elgar's** exciting *Enigma Variations*. Also **Samuel Barber's** emotional *Adagio for Strings* remembers the tenth anniversary of September 11th.

During intermission, subscribers enjoy complimentary champagne, and the evening concludes with a dessert reception in the Helena Civic Center Ballroom. Opening Night is not to be missed! (NOTE: Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.)

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT II:  
**CARMINA BURANA**  
SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2011, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Carmina Burana:** Evoking the spirit of the modern age, sheer animal strength, and driving rhythms, **Carl Orff's** *Carmina Burana* brings musical life to drinking, gambling, and love! It remains one of the most popular works of all time. The concert opens with **Beethoven's** brilliant *Piano Concerto No. 3* and world-noted Romanian Pianist **Alexandra Costin**.

NON-SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT I:  
**CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL**  
SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2011, 7:30 P.M., CATHEDRAL OF SAINT HELENA

**Christmas in the Cathedral:** The Helena Symphony ushers in the holiday season with the Baroque masterpiece **Vivaldi's** *Gloria*, and several other holiday masterworks and Christmas favorites—all in a heart-warming concert that brings the spirit of Christmas to Helena. Buy early! This performance will sell out quickly! Subscribers receive preferred seating choices.

NON-SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT II:  
**THE NUTCRACKER**  
SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2011, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER  
SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2011, 3:00 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**The Nutcracker with Queen City Ballet:** Queen City Ballet and the Helena Symphony join forces to produce the most beloved ballet of all time. Some of the nation's top level professional dancers join the company of Queen City Ballet complete with the Helena Symphony Orchestra. Celebrate the magic of the holidays with *The Nutcracker*. Buy early! These performances will sell out quickly! Subscribers receive preferred seating choices.

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT III:  
**GERSHWIN'S RHAPSODY IN BLUE**  
SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2012, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue:** Superstar Australian Pianist **Simon Tedeschi** performs **Gershwin's** popular *Rhapsody in Blue* along with **Bernstein's** jazz-inspired *Age of Anxiety*, in a truly all-American program.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION YOUTH CONCERT:  
**PETER VS. THE WOLF**  
THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2012, 1:00 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Peter vs. The Wolf:** Nearly 2,000 fourth and fifth graders from over seven school districts throughout Montana are invited through their school music programs to attend a concert created just for them. The young music lovers are entertained and inspired all while learning the importance of music in one's education and life. Tickets are not sold for this concert—students attend through their school music program.

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT IV:  
**RUSSIAN NIGHTS - PART I**  
SATURDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2012, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Russian Nights - Part I:** The Helena Symphony Orchestra & Chorale performs the first of two concerts of the thrilling, powerful, and heart-captivating music of the Russian greats. **Alexander Scriabin's** *Symphony No. 1* praises the sovereignty of art, and the concert culminates with one of the greatest artistic salvations of humankind in a performance **Shostakovich's** provocative *Fifth Symphony*.

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT V:  
**RUSSIAN NIGHTS - PART II**  
SATURDAY, 24 MARCH 2012, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Russian Nights - Part II:** Russian Nights continues with critically acclaimed Romanian Cellist **Ovidiu Marinescu** joins the HSO for a performance of works by **Prokofiev**, **Tchaikovsky**, and **Stravinsky's** *Firebird*.

EXERGY MASTERWORKS CONCERT VI:  
**ANNUAL MAHLER CELEBRATION**  
SATURDAY, 12 MAY 2012, 7:30 P.M., HELENA CIVIC CENTER

**Mahler's Symphony of a Thousand:** It is going to be big - REALLY BIG! After seven years, the Helena Symphony's Annual Mahler Celebration climaxes with **Gustav Mahler's** *Symphony No. 8*, frequently called the *Symphony of a Thousand*. Originally featuring with over a 1,000 performers, Mahler's largest work captures mankind's redemption through the power of love. Joined by several other ensembles from throughout the country, the performance features 300 singers, 50 children singers, 100 players, and 8 soloists. It is the event of a life time and is included with your subscription!!!!