



2019-2020 IDAHO STATE-CIVIC SYMPHONY

A Storied Season

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The Idaho State-Civic Symphony Announces its 2019-2020 “Storied Season”

Concerts to feature music that connects us through shared experiences

ISCS to go “Beyond the Season” with education and outreach programs that serve Southeast Idaho students and communities

Season to also offer “Special Events” that benefit the ISCS Music Scholarship Fund

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POCATELLO – The Idaho State-Civic Symphony (ISCS), the oldest orchestra in the state of Idaho, has announced its 2019-2020 “Storied Season.” Through carefully selected music, each concert will tell stories that connect audiences through shared and individual human experiences. The season features pieces that embody the American spirit, the wonderment of the holidays, the strength of overcoming adversity, and the joy and pain of falling in love. More information is available at www.thesymphony.us. A complete chronological listing of concerts and events is below.

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This season's **Classical Series** will feature five programs that encapsulate artistic director **Julie Sorensen's** vision of shared experiences through the power of musical storytelling.

Americana Stories (September 20, 2019) highlights works by composers inspired by the American experience, including Charles Ives' *Symphony No. 1*, Grant Still's *Afro-American Symphony* and a newly commissioned piece by composer Zhou Tian, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Joy to the World: The Stories of Christmas (December 6 and 7, 2019) reunites the Camerata Singers, the ISU Choirs and the Idaho State-Civic Symphony when they perform holiday classics and sing-alongs that warm up cold winter nights.

In **Tales from Opera and Literature** (February 7, 2020), the ISCS welcomes Grammy Award-winner and Pocatello-native, **Jessica Jones**, who will be performing selections from some of opera and literature's most captivating stories like Lehar's *The Merry Widow* and a familiar favorite, Bizet's *Carmen*.

The tragedies and triumphs of war have inspired composers to create some of their greatest **Tales of Sorrow and Triumph** (March 13, 2020). Whether written as responses to personal experiences, or as tributes to heroes or victims, Prokofiev's *Jewish Dances*, Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 9*, and other compelling musical stories, will show us the power of the human experience.

Idaho State University's newest music faculty member, **J. Curtis Thompson**, will join the Orchestra to perform Castelnuovo-Tedesco's *Guitar Concerto No. 1* in a program that presents **Stories of the Sublime** (April 24, 2020) and elevates the senses. Also featured is Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony* that pays homage to the awe and wonder of the countryside.

This season's **Pops Concert** will celebrate the **Stories of the Silver Screen** (October 25, 2019) by showcasing scores from *American in Paris*, *James Bond* and *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*.

The **Halloween Family Concert: Fairytales and Superheroes** (October 26, 2019) will spark imaginations and inspire future music-lovers with orchestral versions of soundtracks from some of their favorite movies. They will feel like they're part of the action when clips from *The Incredibles*, *Superman*, *Batman*, and *Shrek*, are accompanied by live orchestra.

The **Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra** (ISCSYO) provides Southeast Idaho's most dedicated music students with opportunities to perform challenging repertoire in a professional format. Youth Orchestra performances this season will be on **November 14, 2019** and **April 10, 2020**. These performances are free and open to all ages.

Season Subscriptions go on sale to the General Public **June 1, 2019**, and will be available to purchase until the first concert of the season **September 20, 2019**. Single Tickets go on sale **August 1, 2019**. To renew subscriptions, contact the Box Office at 208.282.3595.

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The ISCS has a broad range of **education and outreach programs** that work to inspire future generations of musicians and music-lovers, and serve Southeast Idaho communities. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit www.thesymphony.us.

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF CONCERTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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CONCERTS

AMERICANA STORIES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-45

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor
Idaho State-Civic Symphony

IVES	<i>Symphony No. 1</i>
STILL	<i>Afro-American Symphony</i>
ZHOU TIAN	<i>Peak</i> (World Premiere)

This season-opener features works by composers inspired by the American Experience. From the individualistic Charles Ives' *Symphony No. 1*, to the pioneering Grant Still's *Afro-American Symphony*, to a special commission by composer Zhou Tian commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, this program captures the best of the American spirit.

STORIES OF THE SILVER SCREEN

OCTOBER 25, 2019

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-40

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor
Idaho State-Civic Symphony

Come hear movie scores – dressed up for the red carpet if you'd like – from some of the greatest films ever made with clips from the silver screen projected in Jensen Concert Hall. After experiencing the Idaho State-Civic Symphony masterfully play music from *American in Paris*, *James Bond*, *Indiana Jones*, and others, you'll never watch movies the same way again!

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HALLOWEEN FAMILY CONCERT: FAIRYTALES AND SUPERHEROES

OCTOBER 26, 2019

10:00AM

Tickets \$5-10

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor
Idaho State-Civic Symphony

Get ready to activate your imaginations! This super-concert features soundtracks from *The Incredibles*, *Superman*, *Batman*, and *Shrek*. Accompanied by movie clips on a gigantic screen, you'll feel like you're saving lives and changing the world! Come dressed as your favorite fairytale or superhero character and get your Halloween off to a *spook-tacular* start. This program is Rated E for Everyone!

FALL YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Free and open to all ages.

Julie Sorensen, conductor
Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra

PROGRAM TBD

The ISCS Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Julie Sorensen, invites anyone and everyone to attend this annual Fall Concert featuring the area's best music students. The program includes selections from pieces with very different compositional styles. The concert is FREE and open to all ages, and is the perfect opportunity to experience the power of music in a concert hall.

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JOY TO THE WORLD: THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 6 and 7, 2019

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-45

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor

Idaho State-Civic Symphony

Camerata Singers and Idaho State University Choirs

Scott Anderson, director

PROGRAM TBD

Gather around the fireplace, and warm up those cold winter nights, with some of your favorite Holiday stories. The Camerata Singers and the ISU Choirs join the Idaho State-Civic Symphony to perform holiday classics. Sing along to your favorite carols and ring in the season with tales of holiday cheer!

TALES FROM OPERA AND LITERATURE

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-45

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor

Jessica Jones, soprano

Idaho State-Civic Symphony

BIZET	<i>Habañera from Carmen</i>
VON WEBER	<i>Overture to Der Freischütz</i>
LEHAR	<i>Selections from The Merry Widow</i>

Pocatello-native and Grammy Award-winning soprano, Jessica Jones, joins the ISCS to perform selections from some of opera and literature's most captivating stories! Ms. Jones will sing arias from Lehar's *The Merry Widow*, and a familiar favorite, Bizet's *Carmen*. The Orchestra will also perform the Overture to von Weber's opera, *Der Freischütz*. It doesn't get better than this!

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TALES OF SORROW AND TRIUMPH

MARCH 13, 2020

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-40

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor

Idaho State-Civic Symphony

SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 9 in E-flat major, Op. 70

PROKOFIEV *Jewish Dances*

The tragedies and triumphs of war have inspired composers to create some of their greatest work. Whether written as responses to personal experiences, or as tributes to heroes or victims, music shows us the power of the human experience. Prokofiev's *Jewish Dances*, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 9, and other compelling musical stories, are sure to pull on your heartstrings and restore your faith in humanity.

SPRING YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

April 10, 2020

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

FREE and open to all ages.

Julie Sorensen, conductor

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Youth Orchestra

PROGRAM TBD

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STORIES OF THE SUBLIME

APRIL 24, 2020

7:30PM

Stephens Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$13-40

Available online at www.thesymphony.us or by calling 208.282.3595.

Julie Sorensen, conductor

J. Curtis Thompson, guitar

Idaho State-Civic Symphony

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 6, Pastoral

CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO

Guitar Concerto No. 1

Music has been known to elevate the senses and create a feeling of awe and wonder. Let Beethoven's *Pastoral* Symphony, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Guitar Concerto No. 1 with guest artist J. Curtis Thompson serenade your heart and mind.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SEASON PREMIERE TAILGATE PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

\$25/person

Reservations for non-concert Special Events must be made in advance through the Symphony Office at 208-234-1587 or www.thesymphony.us.

Kick off the Symphony's new season with the ultimate pre-concert tailgate! Join all the ISCS super-fans for BBQ and live music, and cheer on your favorite orchestra before the big concert. Then listen to them crush the downbeats in their season opener!

SYMPHONY PAIRINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

\$75/person

Reservations for non-concert Special Events must be made in advance through the Symphony Office at 208-234-1587 or www.thesymphony.us.

What goes perfectly with music? Wine. Join the Idaho State-Civic Symphony for Symphony Pairings, the annual fundraiser benefitting the Idaho State-Civic Symphony Music Scholarship Fund. The evening features a luxury-item silent auction, great company, and sommelier-curated wines to accompany each musical selection. Trust us, at this event the flavor and balance will be right on the nose! Stay tuned for more info on what the pairing will be this year. Tickets for the Symphony Pairing include wine and ciders, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, and a commemorative symphony wine glass. Non-alcoholic options are available.

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VALENTINE'S DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

\$50/person

Reservations for non-concert Special Events must be made in advance through the Symphony Office at 208-234-1587 or www.thesymphony.us.

An evening guaranteed to win anyone's heart! Treat your significant other to a delectable three-course dinner, gorgeous wines, and the pleasure of a romantic night out at our pre-concert Valentine's Dinner. Tickets for the Valentine's Dinner include an entrée of your choice and one drink ticket.

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