

BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2025-2026 PLAYER SEASON SCHEDULE

Experience Music LIVE - 50th Anniversary Season

Powerful. Beautiful. Inspiring. Golden Season

Your Community. Your Orchestra.

October 5, 2025 - 3:00pm

Concert 1: Beethoven 9th

[Katie Van Kooten](#), soprano

Ibidunni Ojikutu, mezzo soprano

[Zach Finkelstein](#), tenor

[Richard Hodges](#), baritone

BSO Chorus

Repertoire

Ludwig van Beethoven | Symphony No. 9 "Ode to Joy" (70')

3(picc).2.2.2. 4.2.3.0-timp-perc(cymbals/triangle/bass drum)-str-solo quartet-chorus

Venue

MBT

Orchestra Rehearsals

Time: 6:30-9pm

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday, September 9

MBT

MBT SECTIONALS with 30 minute dinner in Walton

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- **6:30-6:50 strings**
 - celli and bass on stage with Yaniv
 - violin I with Dawn backstage
 - violas and 2nd violins come at 6:50
 - 6:50 tutti string on stage with Yaniv
- **6:30-7:30 woodwinds, horns, and trumpets**
 - (no trombones, timpani, percussion or contrabassoon)
 - In encore room with Ryan Dudenbostel
- **7:30-8:00**
 - dinner in walton (everyone is invited)
- **8:00-9:00**
 - Tuttle rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday, September 23

Thursday, September 25

Tuesday, September 30

Thursday, October 2

NO REHEARSAL

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WWU Concert Hall w/BSO Chorus + Soloists

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

MBT (10:00am-1:00pm)

Concert

Sunday, October 5

MBT (3:00pm - call time 2:30pm)

Post Concert Gala Celebration

Sunday, October 5

Whatcom Museum Rotunda Room

November 9, 2025 - 3:00pm

Concert 2: The Planets

[Daniel Bolshoy](#), guitar

BSO Chorus

[Adrian Wyard](#), The Planets Live visual accompaniment with original animations and NASA media

Repertoire

James Horner | [Apollo 13 Suite](#) (5') G/K

3.2.3(bcl).3(cbsn). 4.3.3.1-timp-perc(5)-synth-hp-str

Manuel María Ponce Cuéllar | [Concierto del Sur para Guitarra](#) (23')** G

1.1.1.1. 0.0.0.0-timp-perc(1)-str

Gustav Holst | The Planets, Op. 32 (50') K/G/Eh Ka/B Ken

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4(picc/alto).4(bass oboe/Eh).4(bcl).4(cbsn). 6.4.3.2-timp(2)-perc(bass drum/bells/crash cymbals/glockenspiel/snare drum/sus cymbal/tam tam/tambourine/triangle/xylophone)-hrp(2)-celesta-organ-str-treble choir

Venue	MBT	
Rehearsals	Time: 6:30-9pm	
	Tuesday, October 14	MBT (Planets: Tutti + Sectional - Main Stage & Walton)
	Tuesday, October 21	MBT
	Tuesday, October 28	MBT
	Thursday, October 30	MBT
	Tuesday, November 4	WWU room 24
	Thursday, November 6	MBT (w/projection + soloist + BSO Chorus - treble)
Educational Concert	Friday, November 7	MBT (10am - Planets w/visual accompaniment)
w/Instrument Petting Zoo		
Dress Rehearsal	Saturday, November 8	MBT (10:00am-1:00pm)
Concert	Sunday, November 9	MBT (3:00pm - call time 2:30pm)
Post Concert Reception	Sunday, November 9	MBT - Walton Theatre

December 7, 2025 - 3:00pm

Concert 3: Holiday Magic!
 Ryan Dudenbostel, guest conductor
[Celeste Fraser](#), soprano
 Children's Choir

Repertoire

Leon Jessel Arr. Ralph Ford | Parade of the Wooden Soldiers (3')
 Albert Hague Arr. Jerry Brubaker | How the Grinch Stole Christmas (4')
 Silvestri & Ballard Arr. Jerry Brubaker | The Polar Express Concert Suite (6')
 John Williams | Three Holiday Songs from Home Alone (11')
 Arr. Bob Cerulli | Holiday Pops Sing Along (6')
Intermission
 Arthur Harris | Christmas, A Medley of Well-Known Carols (12')
 Calvin Custer Arr. Sean O'Loughlin | Chanukah Festival Overture (6')
 TBD | TBD Vocal Soloist w/Orchestra 3-4 pieces (12')
 Franz Xaver Gruber | Silent Night (3')
 Leroy Anderson | Sleigh Ride (3')

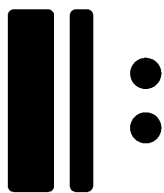
Venue	MBT	
Rehearsals	Time: 6:30-9pm	
	Tuesday, December 2	MBT
	Thursday, December 4	MBT
Dress Rehearsal	Saturday, December 6	MBT (10:00am-1pm)
Concert	Sunday, December 7	MBT (3:00pm - call time 2:30pm)

December 19-21, 2025 - 3:00pm

Nutcracker w/Opus!
 Children's Choir
 (small pit orchestra confirmed)

Repertoire

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky | The Nutcracker (110')



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Rehearsals	Time: 6:30-9pm	
	Thursday, December 11	WWU room 16
	Tuesday, December 16	WWU room 24
Orchestra Pit Sound Check	Thursday, December 18	MBT(6:30-9pm) w/ children's choir
Dress Rehearsal Cast #1	Friday, December 19 @ noon	MBT
Dress Rehearsal Cast #2	Friday, December 19 @ 6pm	MBT
Show #1	Saturday, December 20	MBT (1:00pm)
Show #2	Saturday, December 20	MBT (7:00pm)
Show #3	Sunday, December 21	MBT (1:00pm)
Show #4	Monday, December 22	MBT (7:00pm)

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 3:00pm

Concert 4: Smitten Dawn Posey, violin

Repertoire

Dario Marianelli, arr. John Moss | [Music from Pride and Prejudice](#) 2005 Film (4')
str-solo piano
Carl Davis | [Pride and Prejudice Suite](#) 1995 BBC Series (4')
1.2.2.0. 2.0.0.0.-str-solo piano
Felix Mendelssohn | [Violin Concerto, Op. 64 \(25'\)](#) K/G
2.2.2.2. 2.2.0.0-timp-str-solo violin
Louise Farrenc | [Symphony No. 3 in G minor, Op. 36 \(32'\)**](#) G/K
2.2.2.2. 2.2.0.0-timp-str

Venue	MBT	
Rehearsals	Time: 6:30-9pm	
	Tuesday, January 13	WWU room 24 (strings only)
	Tuesday, January 20	MBT
	Thursday, January 22	MBT
	Tuesday, January 27	MBT
	Thursday, January 29	MBT (w/soloist)
Dress Rehearsal - CK/DSOT	Saturday, January 31	MBT (10:00am-1:00pm)
Concert	Sunday, February 1	MBT (3:00pm - call time 2:30pm)

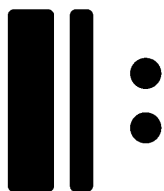
Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 7:00pm

Concert 5: YYM

Center Stage with our Harmony from Discord series
[YYM](#), cello
BSO Chorus

Repertoire

Johannes Brahms | [Nänie, Op. 82 \(12'\)](#) G/K
2.2.2.2. 2.0.3.0-timp-hp-str-chorus
[Jonathan Leshnoff](#) | [Of Thee I Sing \(21'\)**](#) G/K
3(picc).3(Eh).3(bcl).3(cbsn). 4.3.3.1-timp-perc(2)-hp-str-chorus
Johann Sebastian Bach | [Dona nobis pacem](#) from the Mass in B minor (4') G/K
2.2.0.2. 0.3.0.0-timp-str-continuo-chorus
Edward Elgar | [Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85 \(31'\)](#) G/K



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Rehearsals

Time: 6:30-9pm

Tuesday, March 17

MBT

Tuesday, March 24

MBT

Tuesday, March 31

MBT

Tuesday, April 7

NO REHEARSAL - SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, April 14

MBT (Guest Conductors - Ryan Dudenbostel + Mabalot)

Tuesday, April 21

MBT

Thursday, April 23

MBT (w/BSO Chorus)

Dress Rehearsal #1

Saturday, April 25

MBT (10:00am-1:00pm) w/BSO Chorus

Dress Rehearsal #2

Sunday, April 26

MBT (10am-12pm) w/Yo-Yo Ma

Concert

Sunday, April 26

MBT (7:00pm - call time 6:30pm)

*NOTE: 30 minute intermission to clear choir risers and reset the stage for YYM

Player & Chorus After Party

Sunday, April 26

Chuckanut Distillery Ballroom

Sunday, May 31, 2026 - 3:00pm

Concert 6: Fireworks - An American Celebration

Simone Porter, violin

Joshua Roman, cello

Repertoire

[Jessie Montgomery](#) | [Hymn for Everyone](#)** (10')

2(picc).2(Eh).2.2(cbsn). 2.2.3.1-timp-perc(3): chimes/almglocken/tam-tam/BD - strings

Leonard Bernstein | [Symphonic Dances from West Side Story](#) (23')

3(picc).3(Eh).4(E-flat/bcl).1 (alto sax).3(cbsn). 4.3.3.1-timp-perc(bass

drum/bongo/chimes/congas/cowbell/cymbals/drum set/finger

cymbals/gong/guero/maracas/bells/police whistle/tambourine/tenor

drum/timbales/triangle/vibraphone/wood blocks/xylophone)-hp-pno-cel-str

Johannes Brahms | [Double Concerto in A minor, Op. 102](#) (34')

2.2.2.2. 4.2.0.0-timp-str-solo violin-solo cello

Venue

MBT

Rehearsals

Time: 6:30-9pm

Tuesday, May 5

MBT (Guest Conductor w/Ryan, Bernstein read through)

Tuesday May 12

MBT

Tuesday May 19

MBT

Thursday May 21

MBT

Tuesday, May 26

MBT

Thursday, May 28

MBT (w/soloists)

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, May 30

MBT (10:00am-1:00pm)

Concert

Sunday, May 31

MBT (3:00pm - call time 2:30pm)

Block Party

Sunday, May 31

TBD, directly following concert