

**WARREN MILLER**  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**MARCH 25TH**

# JITRO CZECH GIRLS CHOIR

PRESENTED BY: SPANISH PEAKS FOUNDATION

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## WELCOME

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Warren Miller once told me, "just because you move to a ski town doesn't mean you move away from the arts." In fact, he said, "I believe you will be able to create better work here than you could living in a half-bedroom apartment in Manhattan."

I look at any given week, or really any day here at WMPAC, and see that Warren was right. Whether it's with students on stage in the morning planning their next classroom theater assignment, or locals filling the space with innovative productions, or prepping for our next big spectacle, the work we are doing here at WMPAC is absolutely bursting with creativity.

If our last 10 years has taught us anything, it's that we will continue to grow alongside the community of Big Sky and southwest Montana. Big Sky will have grown in population again by then, so my great hope is that we have more locals on stage throughout more seasons of the year, and that we have an opportunity to build out more programming that continues to inspire and bring people together.

I remain inspired by Warren's words and his legacy. Let's be bold, and let's continue on our adventure together. Thank you for seeing a show in Big Sky. We're so glad you're here.



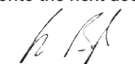
-John Zirkle, Executive Director

Ten years is a lifetime. Ten years is also only the beginning. This year, the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center celebrates its first decade. A lot of our debut season back in 2012 and 2013 was about trying out new things, asking what a performing arts center should be in a mountain town, and honoring Warren Miller's legacy.

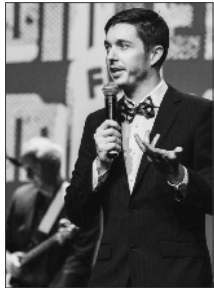
We still ask that question, especially after the ongoing challenges of the last couple years, but we have grown through the difficulties and come out the other side with a sharper understanding of how to best serve and inspire the people in our community. If anything, though, the humbling experience of these last couple years has made us hungrier than ever for adventurous thinkers and an authentic commitment to creative presentation.

Big Sky has become a bigger place than when we opened our doors ten years ago. Our mission is to bolster our community through the arts, and by the end of our first ten years, we will have put on over 300 shows, which include 1,500 professional touring artists and teachers and 5,000 local performers on our stage, serving a total audience of more than 70,000 patrons. And all of that happened in a town that only recently exceeded 3,000 full-time residents. Bravo to WMPAC for this remarkable achievement!

So, onto the next decade. I, for one, can't wait to see what else it holds.



- Loren Bough, Board Chair



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# JITRO CZECH GIRLS CHOIR

Jitro (pronounced YEE-tro), meaning "Daybreak" in Czech, is more than just a concert choir from Hradec Kralove, a town in the Czech Republic. It is an organization of 400 children in seven preparatory ensembles, of which only the best 25 or 30 qualify to tour. For 45 years they have been admired all over the world for their tonal brilliance, superb intonation, distinctive rich blend of sound and energetic vitality. Today, Jitro is considered as one of the best children's choirs anywhere in the world.



America's love of Jitro was re-born when the choir was invited to sing at the National Convention of the American Choral Conductors Association in San Antonio TX in 1993, where they received standing ovations from thousands of professional American conductors. An official response from Dr. J. B. Haberlen, ACDA President stated: "Our ACDA members will long remember your concerts, as they were a major highlight of the 1993 convention." Professor Doreen Rao of Toronto University commented, "Are you aware that you have just changed forever the character and style of all American choral singing?"

Jitro makes over 100 appearances annually and has sung with other renowned choirs such as the American Boys' Choir. Jitro has performed with the Bavarian Symphonic Orchestra, the Milano Symphonic Orchestra, the Prague Symphony Orchestra, and the Czech Philharmonic. They have performed in prestigious concert halls in Prague, Barcelona, Hale, Bern, Basle, Dortmund, Avignon, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Austin, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Atlanta, Nashville, Indianapolis, Madison, Chicago, Penn State University, New York City, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Xiamen, Sydney, and many more. Jitro's classical discography includes 37 solo Jitro albums.

They have recorded with various companies like Supraphon, BMA, Classico, Amabile, ArcoDiva, and Navona Records. Their recent discography contains a special edition of albums devoted to famous composers associated with the choir: Antonín Dvořák, Bohuslav Martinů, Otmar Mácha, Petr Eben, Ilja Hurník, and Jan Jirásek. Since 1977, Jiří Skopal has led the choir as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor, winning high praise for his brilliant leadership. Superb playing by organist František Vaníček and pianist Michal Chrobák adds luster to the choir's remarkable performances. Noting that "jitro" means "daybreak" in Czech, BBC Music Magazine deemed this an apt description for the chorus' "bright, gleaming" performances, which are "indeed like brilliant rays of sunshine slicing through the darkness."

300+  
SHOWS

5,000+  
LOCAL  
PERFORMERS  
ON STAGE

1,500+  
TOURING  
ARTISTS

70,000+  
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EXPERIENCES



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**DEC 28-PAST SHOW**  
**SIERRA HULL**  
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Dynamic & Innovative



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