



NEWS RELEASE

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Holiday Concerts at the Missoula Art Museum

Missoula, MT / Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 2006 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM will present three holiday concerts on consecutive Thursdays this December. All concerts are free and made possible by the generous support of Missoula businesses: Fresh Natural Cleaners, Laurel Creek Clothing and Gifts, and Stoverud's Jewelers.

DECEMBER 7: Missoula Community Chorus / 6-8pm / performance at 6:15pm / Limited seating available. This twenty-person audition chorale directed by Dr. Ron Wilcott promises to bring holiday cheer to the MAM galleries.

DECEMBER 14: UM Flute Quartet / 6-8pm / performance at 7pm / Limited seating available. The University of Montana Flute Quartet includes four UM students studying with Maggie Schuberg: Adrienne Burtin of Missoula, Jenny Hunt of Dillon, Traci Kutzleb of Sandpoint, ID, and Leann Robertson of Lolo. They play together in the UM orchestra, UM flute choir, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and for special events around town. The quartet will perform a mix of classical, contemporary, and Christmas music.

DECEMBER 21: Dolce Canto at Artini Thursday / 5:30-9pm / performances at 6pm and 8pm / Limited seating available. Dolce Canto, an a cappella group, will perform for the third year in a row for the MAM Holiday Concert Series. Dolce Canto is comprised of professional musicians, music teachers, community members and students who share an enthusiasm for the choral art form. Dolce Canto (formerly The Missoula Symphony Chamber Choir) was founded in 2001 for the enjoyment, exploration and performance of exceptional choral music. The choir's repertoire consists of sacred and secular musical gems representing various historical periods and musical styles. Peter Park is the founder and musical director of this choir. Artini Thursday is from 5:30-9pm and, in addition to Dolce Canto, features a custom H₂O martini served by Sean Kelly's and a gallery talk at 7pm.

***About MAM:** FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM's exhibitions showcase diverse and thought-provoking work from local and international artists. MAM reopened in September 2006 after an extensive remodel and expansion. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 11AM-6PM, until 7PM on Thursdays, Sat, 10AM-3PM. MAM Mission: *The Missoula Art Museum educates, challenges and inspires the community through contemporary art. MAM preserves our emerging cultural heritage through the development and conservation of its art collection.**

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