

# Montana State Legislature

## 2023 Session

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**BUSINESS REPORT  
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**(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning**

**Date:** 01/10/2023

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Place:** Capitol

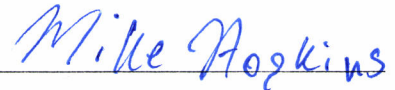
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**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

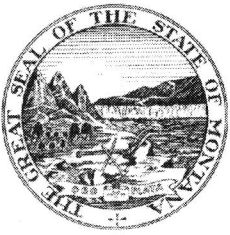
HB 12 Montana historic preservation grants - Rep. Mike Hopkins

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:**

**Comments:**



Rep. Mike Hopkins-R, Chair



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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## LONG-RANGE PLANNING

### ROLL CALL ~~VO~~TE

DATE 1/10/22

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
VICE CHAIR CUFFE	✓	
SEN. LANG	✓	
SEN. BOLDMAN	✓	
REP. REGIER, M.		✓
REP. FITZPATRICK	✓	
REP. TUSS	✓	
CHAIR HOPKINS	✓	

7 MEMBERS

Testimony For the Record  
Cultural Trust Hearing  
January 9, 2023



Mister Chairman, members of the committee, for the record, my name is Sarah Milligan and I am a Board Member on the Montana Ballet Company (MBC). I am testifying on behalf of grant number #2441 requesting funding for an operational support grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Montana Ballet Company.

For 39 years, MBC has presented the highest caliber dance performances, offered the finest quality training, and provided meaningful access to the arts. MCB's reach and visibility within the Bozeman and Gallatin Valley community is continually expanding. The Academy boasts almost 300 students; we are at capacity, and we have a waitlist for students to be added to classes.

In December, MBC had three performances of The Nutcracker in Bozeman. The performances were sold out weeks in advance. Our Nutcracker featured a cast of 120 local performers, and guest artists from the renowned San Francisco Ballet. The ability to bring world-class talent to Bozeman is a tremendous opportunity for our students and audience.

In addition, I want to take this opportunity to highlight the following programs this operation grant will help MBC continue:

- MBC Moves- a dance residency program which provides dance education to elementary students across our community.
- Discover Dance- provides excerpts of full-length classical ballets and performances to elementary students within our community.
- Share the Dance- provides tickets to performances to populations within our community that may not otherwise have access.
- Share the Dance and Dinner- provides performances and food to support those in our community experiencing food insecurity.

This \$10,000 grant is critical in allowing MBC to continue the above initiatives and programs within our community.

With gratitude,

Sarah Milligan  
Board Member, Montana Ballet Company  
Bozeman, Montana

Bill: HB-12: Montana historic preservation grants 2023-01-10 08:00 AM - (H) JAS on Long-Range Planning

Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

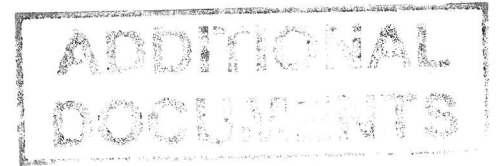
Organization: Southeast Montana Area Revitalization Team (SMART)

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City, State: Baker, MT



Written Statement: The old Baker State Bank Building at 102 Main Street in Baker is the second oldest building in Baker, and the only remaining structure that still retains the characteristics that it had when it was built in 1910. This landmark brick building, at the intersection of two major highways in Baker, sat unused and had fallen into disrepair in recent years. SMART purchased the vacant building in 2020 with the goal of saving the last remaining monument to Baker's past after the historic Baker Hotel was demolished in 2006.

Since that purchase, SMART has been able to clear the building of asbestos and lead paint and what was a dilapidated relic of the past is now a thriving hub right in the heart of downtown Baker, housing three brand new, locally owned businesses, one selling regional, Montana products on consignment, as well as helping drive traffic to the entire downtown business district. Along with plans for a future visitor center in the connected addition to the building, SMART also intends to reimagine the second story of the building into affordable housing. Although those plans, and the very future of the building itself, would be in jeopardy without urgently needed renovations and repairs to the roof.

The funding provided by the Montana Historic Preservation Grant will not only allow us to save this historic gem in downtown Baker, but also ensure the long-term health of the property as well as giving us the opportunity to address the critical housing shortage in the community, a shining example of mixed-use property, by utilizing the second story in addition to the downtown commerce generated on the main level. Great swaths of Montana's history continue to be lost, especially in rural communities, every year, and we strongly encourage the Legislature to continue funding this important grant and to support projects like The Baker State Bank Building that are crucial, not only to our community in Baker, but to Montana.

# Bozeman Symphony Society

Engaging Students, Rural Communities, and Underserved Populations With Free Symphony Performances

## Cultural Trust FY24-25 (C&A)

The Bozeman Symphony Society is grateful to the Long-Range Planning Committee for consideration of funding to support our vibrant educational and community engagement programs.

We are driven by a mission to “engage, unite, and uplift” the community by making symphonic music available to all, particularly children and those who might not otherwise have access to live music. In 2024 we will expand our educational programming, allowing us to engage a greater number of students. Similarly, we plan to expand our signature outreach program, Far Afield, which brings free performances to rural communities and underserved populations. In summer 2023 will launch our first free “parks tour” with free, family-oriented performance in Gallatin County parks. Expanding these offerings to reach greater numbers of underserved audiences requires that we seek additional investment in these programs.

**In lieu of in-person testimony in Helena, we respectfully submit a few photo highlights of our recent educational and community engagement programs in rural and outlying areas, senior living facilities, and schools.**



*Above, 950 4<sup>th</sup> graders from 17 area schools attend the Bozeman Symphony and Symphonic Choir's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert May 20, 2022, experiencing the most well-known masterpiece: Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony. (Photo credit: Bozeman Daily Chronicle)*

# Whitehall

Oct. 8., 2022, Star Theatre



“Your players hit a home run last night! They were fabulous. The program was spot on for this audience and beautifully and warmly performed.

I can’t over-emphasize how thrilled this community was to have classical music accessible last night. There were about 75 people in the audience (in spite of big competition from a highly contested high school football game and Homecoming at MSU). I think easily a quarter of them came up to me at the end of the performance to hug me and thank me and ask that classical concerts become a fixture on the town’s calendar.

I am very eager to continue the conversation with you about future concerts here. I’ll be in touch next week.

Heartfelt thanks to the Bozeman Symphony from the Board of Gold Junction Presents for its Community Outreach Program and the opportunities it provides for rural communities like Whitehall/Cardwell.”

-- Ruth Lott, Whitehall, Montana

# Assisted Living Facilities

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“The performance was a huge success for the residents at The Springs. Thank you so much again. The residents keep mentioning that they want you back. I am looking forward to the meeting in June!”

*--Jane Dickinson, program coordinator, The Springs Senior Living, March 2022*

“I want to say thank you so much for bringing joy again to the residents. One of the huge highlights of their day is to listen to amazing music. Thank you! The residents are begging for more of your music!”

*--Jane Dickinson, June 2022*



# Schools



A variety of Bozeman Symphony ensembles have traveled to Manhattan Christian School numerous times over the years.

***“The kids learned there are so many choices and options in Percussion Band – and how fun it can be. The Percussion Orchestra LOVED their job and it showed to the students. They learned to practice, practice, practice, and that it takes hard work.” (2021)***

*– Jackie Van Dam, Music Teacher, Manhattan Christian School*



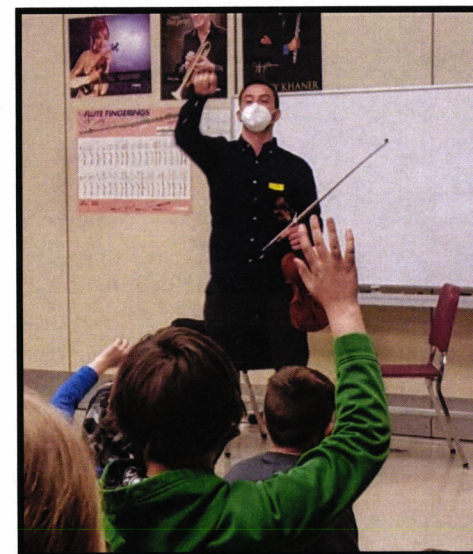
Above: A woodwind ensemble of Bozeman Symphony musicians performed at the Elling House in **Virginia City**. (2022)



Above: At the **Avon School**, Bozeman Symphony Concertmaster Carrie Krause performs Baroque music with a trio using period instruments in rural Avon. (2022)

**Top & lower right:**

Bozeman Symphony guest violinist William Hagen, along with Music Director Norman Huynh, delighted 80 **Belgrade Middle School** students (and four adults) during an exciting visit to the school with an energetic and interactive program for the kids, Grades 5-8. The students enjoyed this memorable opportunity to hear live music, especially coming from a 1732 Stradivarius violin. (2021)





## Fourth Grade Concert

The Bozeman Symphony's Fourth Grade and Family Concerts have been an annual tradition for 28 years. Fourth grade is a critical time to reach children musically as they prepare to select an instrument for 5<sup>th</sup> grade band or orchestra. Above, Bozeman Symphony Music Director Norman Huynh interacts with kids after the show and "works the crowd" of 4<sup>th</sup> graders on before performing "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. (2022)

See *Beethoven Goes Back to School*. Bozeman Daily Chronicle, May 20, 2022.



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VISITOR REGISTER

LONG-RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

DATE 11/10/23

BILL NO: 12

SPONSOR(S): Hopkins

SHORT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Long Range Planning Remote Testimony Request - 01/10/2023 @08:00 AM

Bill	Name	Position	Location	Email	Affiliation
<b>HB-12 Montana Historic Preservation Grants (MHPG)</b>					
	Gail Burger	Informational Witness	Libby	northerngail@montanasky.tv	Friends of Historic hotel Libby
	Chere Jiusto	Proponent	Helena	chere@preservemontana.org	Preserve Montana
	Vaughn Zenko Jr.	Proponent	Baker	smartdev@midrivers.com	Southeast Montana Area Revitalization Team (SMART)