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Missoula Symphony Orchestra & Chorale Hold “Encore Auction” at Holiday Pops Concert

(Missoula, Montana) – Does the *Hallelujah Chorus* get you in the spirit, or is it *White Christmas* that keeps you humming holiday tunes all season? Audience members will get to decide on their collective favorite piece when the Missoula Symphony Orchestra and Chorale hold an “Encore Auction” at the Holiday Pops Concerts on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

A fundraising technique gaining popularity with symphonies nationwide, an “Encore Auction” allows the audience to put their money on their favorite holiday jingle. “We wanted a fun way to engage the audience in the show, as well as to raise some money,” says Darko Butorac, music director of the Missoula Symphony Orchestra. “Whichever piece, *Hallelujah Chorus* or *White Christmas*, raises the most dough through individual donations, small and large, we’ll perform as an encore!” To add to the competitive holiday spirit, the Saturday evening audience will be pitted against the Sunday matinee—which ever show raises the most money will receive an additional encore at a later date.

Butorac reminds people to bring their wallets, as only cash and checks can be accepted.

Both Holiday Pops shows are sold out, but for more information on upcoming concerts and the Missoula Symphony Orchestra, please visit **missoulasympphony.org**.