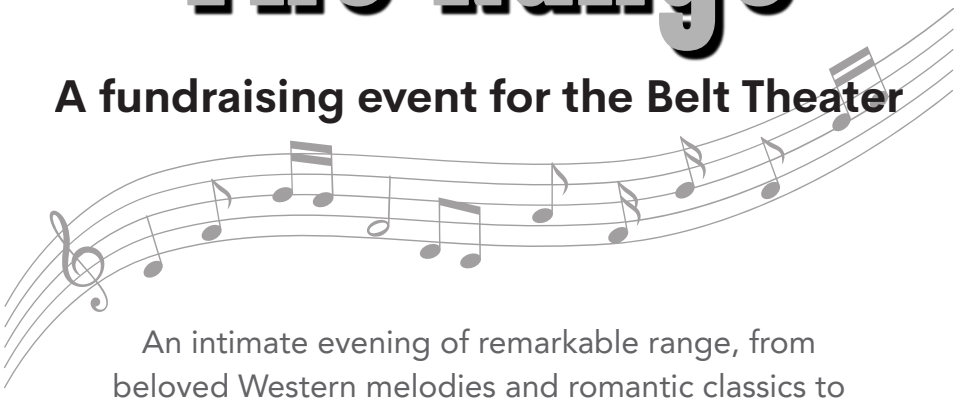
Home On The Range

A fundraising event for the Belt Theater



An intimate evening of remarkable range, from beloved Western melodies and romantic classics to the drama of opera and the spirit of musical theater.

John Sweeney
with
Steve Olson

PROGRAM

Home on the Range
Texas Cowboy Song
Arranged by David W. Guion

Three Provençal Troubadour Songs
From the 13th and 14th Centuries
From the cycle Hesternae Rosae, Serie II
English translations by Ezra Pound
Piano accompaniment compositions by Walter Morse Rummel

When Grass Starts Green — Bernart de Ventadour
Maiden and Virgin Loyal — William Li Viniers
Many People Here Miscall Me — Pierol

Wunderbar
From the musical Kiss Me, Kate
Cole Porter

O Ruddier Than the Cherry
From the pastoral opera Acis and Galatea
George Frideric Handel

Three English Songs
Joseph Haydn

Sailor's Song
She Never Told Her Love
Fidelity

Madamina
From the opera Don Giovanni
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Don't Fence Me In
Lyrics by Robert Fletcher and Cole Porter
Music by Cole Porter

The Impossible Dream
From the musical Man of La Mancha
Mitch Leigh

INTERMISSION

Some Enchanted Evening
From the musical South Pacific
Richard Rodgers

Three Songs from The Winter Journey
English texts translated from German
Franz Schubert

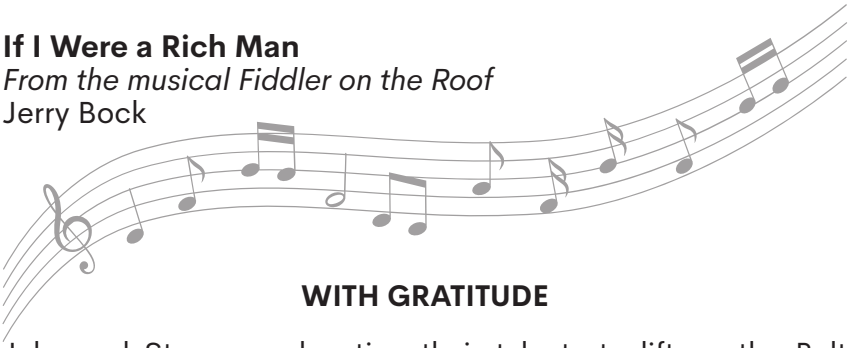
In the Village
The Stormy Morning
The Guide-Post

Stars
From the musical Les Misérables
Claude-Michel Schönberg

Charlie Rutlage
From Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads
Charles Ives

I Love Paris / C'est Magnifique
Two songs from the musical Can-Can
Cole Porter

If I Were a Rich Man
From the musical Fiddler on the Roof
Jerry Bock



WITH GRATITUDE

John and Steve are donating their talents to lift up the Belt Theater's mission. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and for yours in keeping this historic gathering place open and available to the community. ***Donations are welcome.***



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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

John Sweeney, Bass-Baritone

Born in Great Falls and raised on the family ranch near Belt, John began his musical journey winning Montana's NATS singing competition during his senior year at Belt High School. He went on to study philosophy and English literature at the University of Notre Dame, completed a music degree at the University of Montana, and pursued advanced vocal training at the University of Music in Vienna, studying with acclaimed teachers Paula Köhler and Walter Berry.

His European career has taken him to Vienna, Berlin, Hamburg, and beyond, where he has performed dramatic and comic roles in opera, operetta, musicals, and concert halls. In Montana, John has performed with the Summer Showcase in Great Falls, the Glacier Symphony Orchestra and Chorale in Kalispell, and Opera Montana in Bozeman.

Steve Olson, Piano

A Belt, Montana native, Steve Olson holds degrees in Piano Performance and Music Education from the University of Montana. A versatile and deeply committed musician, he serves as orchestra director at Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls, performs as a freelance pianist and violinist with several Montana symphonies, and brings more than twenty years of experience as a musical theatre accompanist, pit musician, and music director.

Steve is the founder of both the Steve Olson Orchestra, a Great Falls volunteer ensemble dedicated to mentoring young musicians, and the Big Sky Telemann Players, a Baroque ensemble that gave regular summer concerts from 2012 to 2016. As a composer, arranger, and educator, his passion lies in championing historically underrepresented composers and making music accessible to everyone.