JESÚS DANIEL HERNANDEZ, THE WALKING TENOR, IN WHITEFISH FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

Heart Theatre brings tenor Jesús Daniel Hernández to North Valley Music School for a free concert on September 26 with Mitchell Zeidwig and Mike Eldred.

WHITEFISH, MT, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday, September 26, 2006, at 7 p.m., Heart Theatre, in partnership with the environmental organization Corazón Latino, will bring Jesús Daniel Hernández, The Walking Tenor, to North Valley Music School for a free concert of opera and the Neapolitan music he loves, along with boleros and a few surprises.

> We are so grateful for the way Whitefish has welcomed us. Local legend and musician Bill Montgomery believed in this from the beginning. So many people here have helped us make this happen."
>
> *Stacy Whittle*

Hernández was born in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, and came to the United States as a teenager. He later joined the U.S. Army and served in Iraq. In 2007, after attending a Plácido Domingo concert in San Antonio, Hernández found a way to sing for the legendary tenor. Domingo listened and invited him to join the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program at Washington National Opera.

Hernández went on to perform leading operatic roles in the United States and Europe. As The Walking Tenor, he also takes his music outside the opera house, singing for people wherever he finds them.

The concert also falls on National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands, celebrated on Saturday, September 26. The date has special meaning because of Heart Theatre's relationship with its sister organization, Corazón Latino, whose conservation work includes a longstanding partnership with the USDA Forest Service.

"When you experience the power of Jesús's voice, you understand the power of the human voice," said Stacy Whittle, Artistic Director of Heart Theatre. "There is just pure joy in the way he sings. That's why we're bringing Jess to Whitefish. We want the community to experience that joy for themselves."

Joining Hernández at the piano will be Mitchell Zeidwig, known professionally as ZeidwiG, who

now lives in Whitefish. A Juilliard-trained concert pianist and comedian, ZeidwiG has performed at Carnegie Hall and with orchestras around the world.

Whitefish tenor Mike Eldred will join Hernández to sing John Denver's “Perhaps Love.” Eldred has spent more than four decades performing professionally. His Broadway credits include Les Misérables, where he performed the role of Jean Valjean, and the original Broadway cast of The Civil War. For this concert, he will step onstage for one song with Hernández.

The concert is under Whittle’s artistic direction and is produced by Felipe Benítez, Co-Founder of Heart Theatre and Executive Director of Corazón Latino.

Heart Theatre calls itself a theatre on the run because it was never meant to live inside one building. Whittle and Benítez founded the company to take professional theatre and music directly into communities. Sometimes that means producing a play. Other times it means bringing an artist like Hernández to a place like Whitefish and inviting musicians who live there to become part of the night.

Recent Heart Theatre work has included scenes from Terrence McNally's Master Class, with Whittle as Maria Callas in both the U.S. and Spain. The company is also developing work inspired by the life and music of Mario Lanza.

Heart Theatre works to keep its performances accessible to all, including free community events like the September 26 concert. That accessibility depends on people who are willing to help make the work possible, and Heart Theatre has found plenty of them in Whitefish.

Heart Theatre depends on community support to take its work on the road while keeping performances like this one free. The idea behind the company has always been simple: where you live or what you can afford to pay for a ticket shouldn’t determine whether you get to experience great art.

You don’t need to know anything about opera to come. You just need to show up.

Come spend the evening with Heart Theatre.

THE WALKING TENOR IN CONCERT SUMMARY

Presented by Heart Theatre / Teatro del Corazón

Saturday, September 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.
North Valley Music School

1998 River Lakes Parkway
Whitefish, Montana 59937

Admission is free.

Jesús Daniel Hernández, The Walking Tenor with ZeidwiG
Special appearance by Mike Eldred
Artistic Director: Stacy Whittle
Produced by Felipe Benítez

ABOUT HEART THEATRE / TEATRO DEL CORAZÓN

Heart Theatre / Teatro del Corazón is a theatre on the run founded by Stacy Whittle and Felipe Benítez.

The company brings professional theatre and music into communities and nontraditional spaces. Work includes the development of Master Class, concerts, and original projects created with artists in the United States and abroad.

Heart Theatre believes geography and the price of a ticket shouldn't determine who gets to experience great art. The company relies on donors and local partners to help keep that work accessible.

For more information about Heart Theatre or to support its work, visit www.HeartTheatre.net.

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