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- **Offered music for Evensong, Evening Prayer, Advent and Christmas Eve liturgies and masses** at the Cathedral of St. Helena, St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral. Musikanten Montana was the liturgical choir for the installation service of Franklin Brookhart as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana.
- **Sponsored the Third Annual Montana Early Music Festival**, with 2 performances of Claudio Monteverdi's rarely-heard masterpiece, the *Marian Vespers of 1610*, as the highlight. 5 concerts were presented in Helena and Missoula in collaboration with Missoula's Brandhout Ensemble, with guest artists from Texas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California and the Washington DC area, as well as Kalispell, Bozeman and Missoula. Admission to all events was by donation.
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Musikanten Montana is in residence at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral.
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MARCH 1-4, 2007

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THURS. MARCH 1 – BAROQUE ARIAS

Festival Soloists Evanne Browne, *soprano*, Marjorie Bunday, *mezzo-soprano*, Kevin Sutton, *tenor*, Joel Lankford, *baritone*, & guest artists

7:30 PM, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, 511 N. PARK

FRI. MARCH 2 – ORGAN RECITAL

Denise Finn and Dale Fleck in recital on the newly restored

Imogene Peck Memorial Organ

7:30 PM, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, 511 N. PARK

SAT. MARCH 3 – BACH AND HANDEL

Soloists, chorus and chamber orchestra in two Baroque gems:
Bach's motet "Jesu, meine Freude" and Handel's "Dixit Dominus"

7:30 PM, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, 511 N. PARK

SUN. MAR. 4 – A FLUTE AFFAIR IN DRESDEN

Brandhout Ensemble plays J.S. Bach's *Musical Offering* and more

2 PM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA, 530 N. EWING (DONATION)

Single tickets \$15 at the door; Festival Subscriptions \$30 (\$20 seniors/students).

Subscription sales at Birds & Beasleys and all Valley Bank locations.

For more information call 933.5246.