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**Bringing Classical Music to Life:
Multiple Soloists to Perform in VSA Winter Orchestra Concert
Seasons of Love in Song and Overture**

Montrose, CO –The Valley Symphony Association Orchestra presents their winter orchestra concert on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 3pm at the Montrose Pavilion. The performance will feature a number of solo performances that will highlight musical storytelling that spans periods and emotions.

The VSA is in the midst of their milestone 50th season. A regional all-volunteer performing arts organization, the VSA supports musicians of all ages and walks of life who hail from throughout the Western Slope, including the Uncompahgre, Grand, and North Fork Valleys.

“The VSA’s winter orchestra concert is all about drama—musical drama that tells a story and spans periods and emotions,” VSA Conductor Michael Kern said. “From the depth of despair to the apex of exhilaration, these songs are filled with passion.”

From lush to poignant, quiet to dramatic, selections span 500 years, from the late 1600s to the twentieth century. Debra TenNapel, the VSA’s concertmaster since 2005, will be performing in her last concert with the VSA. TenNapel will also be a featured soloist, along with principal cellist Martha Ditto, soprano Allyson Cotham, and pianist Katy Kristoffersen.

As the VSA’s incoming chorus conductor, Kristoffersen will switch roles next month to direct the March “Flashback to the 70s” concert, a tip-of-the-hat to the orchestra’s founding in 1970. “The 1970s span one of the most diverse musical decades of all time, so the spring choral concert will be full of songs people of all ages know and love,” Kristoffersen said.

TEI Rock Drills is the February concert partner. “TEI was slated as the March 2020 concert partner, but COVID intervened,” VSA Publicist Stacey Ryan said. “We’re so excited to thank them as a jubilee season concert partner.”

“The VSA has been a proud cultural institution on the Western Slope for 50 years,” Sue Frank, president of TEI Rock Drills, said. “The benefits of having a symphony orchestra in our midst are numerous and important, as a vibrant arts community improves the quality of life of our employees and communities.” TEI is a local business in Montrose and an industry leader in the manufacture of rock drill excavator attachments, limited access drill rigs, safety equipment, and associated components.

“TEI has made it our mission to support such local and regional nonprofits like the VSA that provide important cultural experiences. We are excited to be a part of this concert series and help the VSA celebrate 50 years of quality music making,” Frank said.

“The music we perform is timeless and ageless,” VSA President Hartland H. Clubb, Jr., said. “And with ticket prices for students 17 and under at just \$5, young people can be introduced locally to this quintessential art form.” Advance purchase adult tickets are \$20 and are \$25 at the door.

For information, upcoming concerts, the audition process, and tickets, visit the VSA on Facebook @valleysymphonyassociation or at ValleySymphony.org. Tickets are available in Delta at Clubb’s (502 Main St). Other inquiries may be directed to 970-275-8676 or info@ValleySymphony.org.

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“Seasons of Love in Song and Overture” concert poster:

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About the Valley Symphony Association

Bringing classical music to life since 1970, the Valley Symphony Association has culturally enriched the community and its members by bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians of all ages from the North Fork, Grand, and Uncompahgre Valleys and throughout the Western Slope to discover and perform works of great composers, past and present. Concerts range from classical orchestral to upbeat pops, from purely instrumental to purely choral, to a combination of both.

About Our Concert Partner: TEI Rock Drills

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