



VALLEY SYMPHONY  
ASSOCIATION

ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

**CHRISTMAS** BY  
**CANDLELIGHT**



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# YouTube Challenge

- **We have our very own YouTube Channel!**
- **The Challenge:** If we get **1,000 subscribers** by the end of the year, we will be able to live stream meetings, including our VSA Barn Raising Meeting on January 4.
- The channel will contain our performances, videos from our conductors, and other messaging.
- **SO PLEASE VISIT** the channel and share it with friends and family and ask them to subscribe.

# Board of Directors

- President, Hartland H. Clubb, Jr. (Delta, 2010)
- Treasurer, Priscilla Fry (Grand Junction, 2008)
- Member-At-Large, Stephanie Helleckson (Crested Butte, 2022)

And welcome to our newest Board Members

- Cathy Hoffman (Montrose, 2023)
- Cheryl Zahniser (Montrose, 2023)

Thank you for your leadership and  
dedication to the VSA

# Thanks for the Magic

A special thank you to the Magic Circle Players for their reading of that classic Christmas story *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

The Valley Symphony brass players will join the players on the Magic Circle stage in February for *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen* – a 5 performance event that celebrates movie magic. Visit [MagicCirclePlayers.com](https://MagicCirclePlayers.com) for their 2024 performances and to get tickets.



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Your support on Facebook means a lot to us!

Supporting us is easy:

- Like us
- Share our posts
- Engage with our content—we love hearing from you!

# Thanks *Christmas By Candlelight* Volunteers

Sheila Sullivan

Erin Palmgren

Lori Miller

Mary Craig

Allison Howe

Sharon Woolsey

Eunice Acker

Donnin Acker

Rory Murphey

Sandy Thrasher

Trish Edwards

Sprague Mayger

Mike Cavanaugh

Beth Cavanaugh

Priscilla Fry

Kimah McCarty

Marla Hemby

Chris Warren

Lana Kevan

# Special Thanks to

**Delta School District** for rehearsal space

- Sarah Chavez (Program Director)
- Kurt Clay (Assistant Superintendent)
- Leo Beltran (Facilities Manager)



**Montrose High School Winterguard:** riser assistance  
(Natasha Zepeda – Advisor)



# Carols by Candlelight

The beauty of carols sung by candlelight revives the sense of wonder in all of us. It evokes those joyous memories of waiting for Santa, anticipating the arrival of beloved family and friends, the tastes and smells of holiday foods, the hustle and bustle of shopping and wrapping, the scent of pine, and, yes, the intense curiosity about what is in that package!

The VSA wishes you a joyous holiday season!



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# Book the Backyard Brass!

The Backyard Brass can make any event extra special:

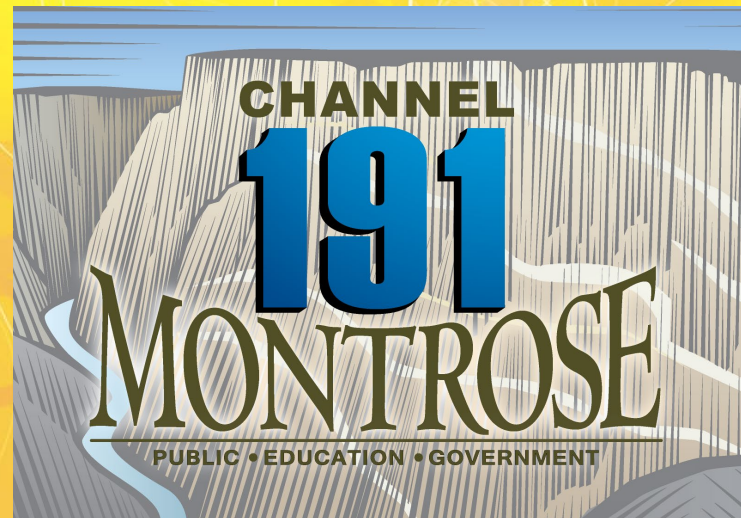
- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Family Reunions
- Corporate Events
- Grand Openings
- And more



Dave Reddish, Cindy Swanson, Gary Miller,  
Christian Pfretzschner, and Clint Miller  
**Contact 970-497-6369 to book them today!**

# The VSA on Stage and Screen!

A special thanks to the City of Montrose, who will begin airing our YouTube performances on the Charter Cable Channel 191, Elevate TV Channel 970, and on the City's YouTube channel.



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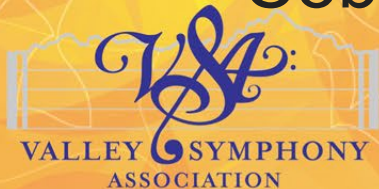
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# Be on the lookout...

Our mobile billboard is fabulous!  
Special thanks to Alpine Bank for  
continuing to sponsor the trailer  
Mobile Billboard host sites:

- Alpine Bank
- Montrose Anglican Church
- Montrose Auto Connection
- Colorado Outdoors
- BMO
- Cobble Creek



**Have a spot for our trailer? Let us know!**

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# Annual Promoters

**Broadcast Sponsor:** Townsquare Media

**Senior News Magazine:** Beacon (magazines available in the lobby)

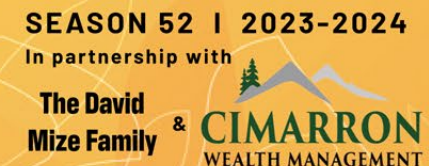
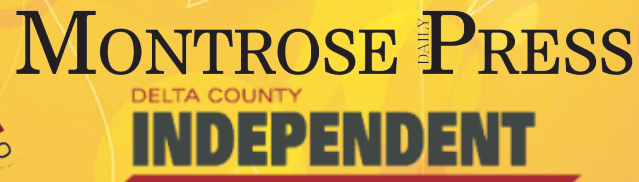
**Large Format Printing:** Go Big Banners

**Newsprint:** Montrose Daily Press/Delta County Independent

**Venue:** City of Montrose

**Mobile Billboard:** Alpine Bank

**Printing and Uniforms:** Budget Blinds



# About the VSA

## Vision

Bringing Classical Music to Life!

## Goal

Ensuring that future generations will enjoy the legacy of live orchestral and choral music that so magnificently celebrates the human spirit.



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# VYO Concert

Mark your calendars for the Valley Youth Orchestra's spring performance...



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PRESENTS

# Dark Skies & Bright Stars

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT SKY

A central illustration of a mountain range under a dark, starry night sky, reminiscent of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. The mountains are rendered in shades of blue and yellow, with a bright yellow crescent moon and several stars in the sky.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9  
4:00 PM  
MONTROSE PAVILION

Annual Dessert Concert Fundraiser  
Ticketed Event - For more information visit:  
[www.valleyyouthorchestra.org](http://www.valleyyouthorchestra.org)

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# TEI Percussion Instrument Partner



Psst! They really rock!

Bringing classical music to life —  
with a little help from TEI Rock Drills!

Our friends at TEI are making the music possible by generously underwriting our percussion section instruments.

From rock to classical, TEI puts  
*precision percussion instruments*  
in capable hands!

Now that's a gift with *impact!* They really *nailed* it! (Get it?!)



**PRECISION PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS**



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WEALTH MANAGEMENT



# Thanks to our Music Librarians

Orchestra: **Anne Clayton**

Chorus: **Bonnie Koehler**



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# Join us for the rest of Season 52!

## A Night at the Movies: Hollywood Favorites, Starring the Classics

Sat, Feb 24, 2024 6:30pm  
Sun, Feb 25, 2024 3pm  
VSA Orchestra



**A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**  
HOLLYWOOD FAVORITES, STARRING THE CLASSICS

## Rites of Spring: Rhythms of Nature

Sat, Apr 20, 2024 6:30pm  
Sun, Apr 21, 2024 3pm  
VSA Orchestra



**rites of spring**  
RHYTHMS OF NATURE

## Heaven & Bluegrass: Singing the Sacred

Sat, Mar 30, 2024 6:30pm  
Sun, Mar 31, 2024 3pm  
VSA Chorus



**HEAVEN & BLUEGRASS**  
SINGING THE SACRED

# Purchase Tickets

**Purchase Season 52 Tickets now!**

**Online: [ValleySymphony.net](http://ValleySymphony.net)**

**Phone: 970-765-8323**

**Delta: Clubb's, 417 Main St**

**Montrose: Colorado Smiles, 601 S Third St**

**Cimarron Wealth Management, 1731 E Niagara Rd**

**Makes a great gift for any holiday or special event!**



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# About the VSA Logo

- Our logo was created to strategically identify our organization by name and infuse visual elements that distinguish our purpose, approach, and locale.
- The stylized treble and bass clefs integrated within the initials represent us as a musical organization.
- The five lines of the staff and double bar lines provide additional musical references.
- The staff also alludes to our locale, as the topmost line is a silhouette of the San Juan Mountain range that overlooks the Uncompahgre, Grand, and North Fork Valleys from which our musicians hail.
- The graceful, yet animated font used in the initials suggests approachable elegance, a visual nod to our main focus on classical music.



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# Also Performing in the Orchestra

## Bass

Phin Howe (Montrose)

## Oboe

Shayna Kinderknecht  
(Grand Junction)

## French Horn

John Goshen (Montrose)

## Trombone

Don Mort (Ouray)

## Tuba

Walter Cummings (Grand Junction)  
Gary Miller (Ouray)

# Volunteer Shout Outs

- **Rob Bunyard (chair) with Nathan Howe:** trailer transport
- **Delta County Independent:** music storage
- **Bella Rose Photography:** photography

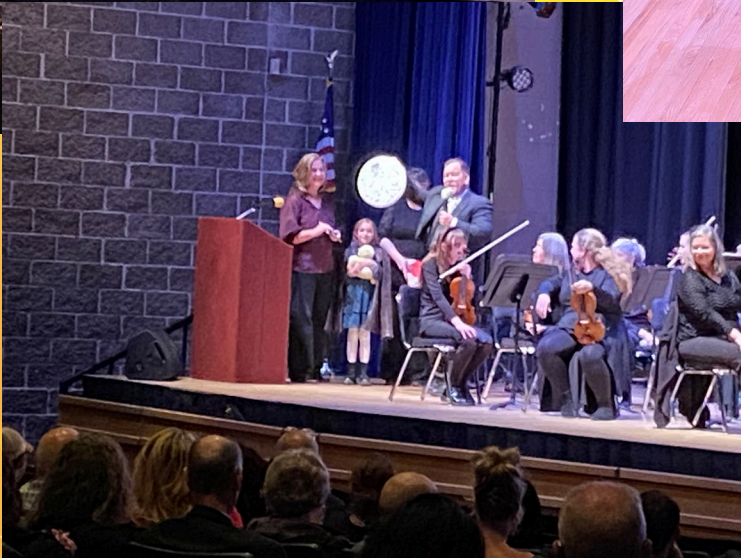


The logo is contained within a white oval with a blue border. It features a stylized blue treble clef and a blue double bass clef intertwined, with a blue mountain range silhouette in the background. Below the graphic, the text "VALLEY SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION" is written in a blue serif font, and "ORCHESTRA & CHORUS" is written in a larger, bold blue serif font.

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# Memories from *Classic Drama!*





# Kudos to the Poster Brigade

- Carolyn Bellavance
- Mike and Pattie Cornish
- Connie Gabrielli

Can you help?

We need help with regional poster distribution.  
If you can lend a hand in your neck of the woods,  
please let us know!

# Orchestra Underwriters

Troy Raper	Conductor	Bank of Colorado-Delta, JP Wolfe
Lois Drysdale	Violin	Marie Heroux
Rachael King	Violin	Raymond James Financial Services-Roby King
Maya Varela	Violin	David Clothing Company
John Fuerst	Viola	John Fuerst
Beth Pertz	Cello	C&N Storage, Superlative Concrete Seal, Mitch Bramlage-Edward Jones (Delta)
Mary Novak	Cello	Marie Heroux
Mike Kristoffersen	Bass	Richard Hansen
Laura Payne	Bass	Jim Payne
Edie Burgess	Flute	Ramona Good's Chickadees
Stacey Ryan	Clarinet	Jim & Eleanor Ennis, Jim & Devon Rea, Bill & Sharyn Bennett, Tricia Comstock-Dental Hygiene Care
Toru Arisawa	Bassoon	Carol Franklin
Carol Franklin	Bassoon	Jeanine (Good) Chinn
Sheri Williams	French Horn	Camp Robber
Christian Pfretzschner	Trombone	Oktoberfest Oompah Band
Anne Clayton	Percussion	The George Miller Family

# Thank You!

Thanks to Alpine Floral, who provides stunning flower arrangements for the lobby for each of our performances.



# Chorus Underwriters

Katy Kristoffersen Conductor  
Diane Balk Soprano 1  
Ann Holmes Soprano 1  
Sarah Morales Soprano 1  
Mary Redmond Soprano 1  
Luann Svaldi Soprano 1  
Christine Bloss Soprano 2  
Cathy Foglesong Soprano 2  
Barb Krebs Soprano 2  
Julie Laube Soprano 2  
Aimee Rawlings Soprano 2  
Demeris York Soprano 2  
Anne Harper Alto 1  
Cheryl Harshman Alto 1  
Diane McCully Alto 1

Tim & Gen Spangler  
Anonymous  
Ann Holmes  
Fernando Morales  
Anonymous  
Luann Svaldi  
Bloss Dental Care  
Anonymous  
Pahgre's Restaurant  
Keith & Julie Laube  
Colorado Smiles  
Bob & Jeanie Brown  
Violet Marie Harper  
Cheryl Harshman  
Douglas McCully



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# Chorus Underwriters

Melissa Chapple

Alto 2

Melissa Chapple

Liz Soler

Alto 2

Roger Faucher

Marka Wellington

Alto 2

United Methodist Women

Bonnie Koehler

Tenor 1

Uppity Horn Women

Kevin Pulsipher

Tenor 1

Lorchin Pulsipher

Erv Rawlings

Tenor 1

Colorado Smiles

Mike Edwards

Tenor 2

Mike & Trish Edwards

Judy Lokey

Tenor 2

Alison Easter

Vince Snowbarger

Tenor 2

Vince & Carolyn Snowbarger

Keith Laube

Bass 1

Keith & Julie Laube

Seth Ryan

Bass 1

Jim & Devon Rea, Jim & Eleanor Ennis,

7th Judicial District DA's Team

Jim Parks

Bass 2

Jim Parks

# Sponsors

## PLATINUM - \$500+

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Toru Arisawa	Grand Junction
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Donnin Custer & Eunice Acker	Montrose
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Tom & Anne Koehler	Montrose
In Memory of Ramona Good - Jeanine (Good) Chinn, Paul Good, Carol (Good) Franklin	

## BRONZE - \$200

Robin & Gretchen Nicholoff	Hotchkiss
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# Section Underwriters - Chorus

## Conductor

Peggy Kristoffersen

## Accompanist

The Ruthanna B. Snow Charitable Foundation  
Appliance Factory and Mattress Kingdom

## Soprano 1

The Ruthanna B. Snow Charitable Foundation

## Soprano 2

Cathy & Jim Hoffman

## Alto 1

The Ruthanna B. Snow Charitable Foundation  
Shirley Richardson Taylor

## Alto 2

The Ruthanna B. Snow Charitable Foundation  
Sprague Mayger & Priscilla Fry

## Tenor 1

Vince & Carolyn Snowbarger

## Tenor 2

Joan Mayer  
Dr. Sam and Lana Kevan

## Bass 1

The George Miller Family

## Bass 2

Cole Custom Construction

# Section Underwriters - Orchestra

## Conductor

Donnin Custer & Eunice Acker

## Violin

Dr. Mary Kleinsorge, DC (First Violins)  
Farmsworth Gallery (Second Violins)

## Viola

Bill Starnes  
First Contact Medical Specialist: Montrose  
Emergency Physicians

## Cello

Mary Novak

## Contrabass

MusicalMud Studios, LLC

## Clarinet

Rounds & Books CPAS PC

## Bassoon

In Memory of Ramona Good

## French Horn

Marble Roots, LLC

## Piano/Keyboard

Cedar Point Health

## Percussion/Timpani

The George Miller Family  
Western Group Inc.