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**VSA Spring Chorus Concert  
High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass Headlines Concert**

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) chorus presents, “Heaven & Bluegrass,” on Sunday, March 29 at 3pm at the Montrose Pavilion. The VSA is a regional all-volunteer arts organization in its 49th season. Musicians hail from throughout the Uncompahgre and North Fork Valleys.

“Full of feel-good music, our spring choral concert will leave you uplifted, inspired, and a little closer to true joy,” director Allyson Cotham said. The headliner piece, “Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Mass,” combines two expressions and forms of spirituality: etheric choral music and bluegrass. Guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass, and piano back the chorus to take the audience through a lifetime, blending dissonance and beauty into a soaring depiction of life and spiritual harmony.

“The music we perform is timeless and ageless,” VSA board member Priscilla Fry said, “And with ticket prices for students 17 and under at just \$5, young people can attend this concert that features this quintessential American art form.” Adult tickets are \$18 and seniors (60+) are \$17. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

“The VSA has been a proud cultural institution on the Western Slope for 49 years. 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,” Sue Frank said. Frank is president of TEI Rock Drills, which is supporting the VSA’s as the concert partner for the spring choral concert. 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 excited to be a part of this concert series and help the VSA celebrate 49 years quality music making,” Frank said.

For information, upcoming concerts, tickets, and the audition process, visit the VSA on Facebook @ValleySymphonyAssociation and at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets are also available in Delta at Clubb’s, in Montrose at the Montrose Pavilion, and at the door on event days.

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COURTESY PHOTO/GRAPHICS (Dropbox links)

Photo 1: Valley Symphony Association Chorus (2019-2020)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0aesagetvfhqopv/Season%2049%202019-2020%20Chorus%20Photo.jpg?dl=0>

Graphic 1: “Heaven & Bluegrass” poster/images

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*About the concert, “Heaven & Bluegrass”*

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*About the Valley Symphony Association*

The power of music to bind generations.

Since 1970, the Valley Symphony Association orchestra and chorus has culturally enriched the community and its members by bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians from the North Fork and Uncompahgre Valleys to discover and present works of great composers, past and present. Performance styles range from classical orchestral to upbeat pop, from purely instrumental to a combination of orchestra and chorus.

*About TEI Rock Drills*

TEI Rock Drills is an industry leader in the manufacture of rock drill excavator attachments, limited access drill rigs, safety equipment, and associated components. All TEI products are created by in-house engineers, uniquely patented, and manufactured in our ISO Certified facility. TEI equipment is proudly made in the USA with American-made parts to ensure quality, efficiency, and up-to-the-minute innovation. We were founded in 1980 and celebrate 40 years in business this year.