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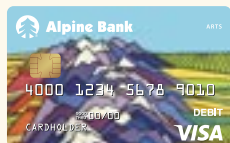
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome and thank you for helping us make the music possible!

Season 51 will roll out a new performance schedule with quarterly concerts that will feature both the orchestra and chorus. Our annual concert series at the Montrose Pavilion will include Saturday and Sunday performances of each show in December, February, and April.

Our orchestra conductor search committee has been working to identify strong candidates to fill the permanent role. This season, each concert will feature a different guest conductor. Tonight, we are excited to welcome Scott Betts to the podium.

To continue to make the music possible, we rely solely on the support of our communities. A heartfelt “thank you” to our partners, sponsors, underwriters, season ticket holders, volunteers, and more—and a special shout out to a few extra-special contributions this season:

- Cimarron Wealth Management—longtime VSA supporters—has stepped up their giving to become our first-ever season partner—and have committed to this level for three seasons!
- A special tip-of-the-hat to TEI Rock Drills. TEI specializes in creating precision percussion rock drilling instruments, so it is fitting they are our percussion instrument sponsor for the next three seasons. Their generosity will provide all sorts of new toys for our percussionists to play with, including a new set of timpani, keyboard and amp, and other fun accoutrements. From rock to classical, TEI puts precision percussion instruments in capable hands!
- The Black Canyon Classics Car Club named the VSA as the beneficiary of their 27th Annual Colorful Colorado Car, Truck, and Rod Show held in June. At the Saturday portion of this three-day event, chorus members performed a beautiful rendition of the *National Anthem* and members of the orchestra’s brass and woodwind sections came together to provide fun polka music throughout the day. In July, the club awarded the VSA a whopping \$5,000!
- Starting with Season 50, Alpine Bank stepped up to outfit our new equipment trailer with advertising for three seasons. Their generosity has transformed our new wheels into an ingenious mobile billboard that allows us to change up advertising messaging all season long!
- Our first annual meeting was held on August 8. Shareholders learned more about the VSA and provided thoughts and feedback on how we can continue to improve. See pages 6-7 for an overview; the full report is available online.

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VSA SEASON 50 RECAP & GRATITUDE REPORT

As of August 8, 2022

VSA patrons, friends and musician members:

Thank you all for your support during our Jubilee Season. It was filled with challenges and celebrations. Important milestones occurred in our 50th Season. We said “farewell” to two longtime friends: VSA Orchestra Conductor Michael J. Kern retired after devoting 27 years to the growth of the orchestra and the organization; Debra TenNapel, concertmaster since 2008, resigned to move with her family to Montana. We said “hello” to our new chorus director, Katy Kristoffersen.

The VSA Orchestra and Chorus presented 6 programs with a total of 10 performances. Over 3,700 concert-goers enjoyed the talents of 111 musicians. Musicians attended over 60 rehearsals. Patrons, underwriters, partners, and sponsors totaled more than 139.

Total revenues, including in-kind partnerships and donations, were \$153,987. Total expenses, including in-kind partnerships, were \$138,538. Major in-kind income included broadcast advertising from Cherry Creek Media (\$23k+), venues provided by the City of Montrose (\$7k+), newsprint advertising in the Montrose Daily Press & Delta County Independent (\$7,500), mobile billboard advertising by Alpine Bank (\$5k), and large format printing from GoBigBanners (\$1,500).

Revenue \$153,987

Revenue	\$ amount	% of total
Advertising Sales	\$ 8,720	6%
Advertising (In Kind)	\$ 38,800	25%
Concert Programming (In Kind)	\$ 7,500	5%
Grants & Donations	\$ 12,136	8%
Partnerships	\$ 5,100	3%
Sponsorships	\$ 30,549	20%
Ticket Sales	\$ 43,682	28%
Underwriting	\$ 8,300	5%

Expenses \$138,538

Expenses	\$ amount	% of total
Administration	\$ 11,307	8%
Advertising	\$ 9,176	7%
Advertising (In Kind)	\$ 38,000	27%
Concert Programming	\$ 41,268	30%
Concert Programming (In Kind)	\$ 7,500	5%
Development	\$ 6,501	5%
Marketing	\$ 24,786	18%



VSA SEASON 50 RECAP & GRATITUDE REPORT cont...

Season 51 begins with *Pops in the Park* on Saturday, September 10. This concert will be presented at the new Montrose Rotary Amphitheater and guest conducted by Scott Betts, well-known area conductor and performer. The season continues with *Christmas by Candlelight*, *Young Composers*, and *Pop Stars & Superheroes*, all with performances on Saturdays and Sundays at the Montrose Pavilion.

The quarterly schedule was adopted for Season 51 to allow the board, consultants, and volunteers to most effectively focus their efforts, responsibly and efficiently steward the organization, and continue to recover from COVID challenges and setbacks. Season 52 is scheduled to resume a six-concert season.

The Conductor Selection Committee, chaired by Charles Latshaw (music director/conductor of the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra), received applications through July 1; have reviewed applications and are currently holding interviews for a new orchestra conductor.

Vince Snowbarger joined the board in June. Our thanks to past board members Eunice Acker and Brenda Anderson, who finished their terms in 2021.

Season 51's budget is similar to Season 50 with total revenues anticipated at approximately \$95,000. Key supporters include: Townsquare Media (formerly Cherry Creek Media), Cimarron Wealth Management (formally Colorado West Investments), the City of Montrose, Montrose Daily Press/Delta County Independent, Alpine Bank, TEI Rock Drills, and GoBigBanners.

Ticket outlets are confirmed in Delta and Montrose. Our website can be conveniently used for donations as well as purchasing all VSA products, including tickets, advertising, sponsorships, partnerships, and underwriting.

Thank you for your support in making the VSA's vision, Bringing Classical Music to Life, a vital part of the Uncompahgre, Grand, and North Fork Valley communities. With your help, volunteer musicians and audiences of all ages can look forward to another 50 years of great music.

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Scott Betts Orchestra Guest Conductor

Scott Betts is a long-time music educator, clinician, and judge, and has conducted the High Desert Opera since 2008. From 1994 to 1995, he served as the president of the Colorado Chapter of the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) and has also been a member of the Colorado Instrumental Affairs Council.

Betts was also a member of the task force that wrote the Colorado Music Content Area Standards. He was recognized for outstanding service to string music in 1996 by the Colorado Chapter of the ASTA. In the late '80s he was a guest artist with the VSA, singing and playing with his group, Hot Tub Jazz. He's a trumpeter with the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra and performs instrumentally and vocally with many regional music groups.

“The VSA has so much to offer listeners of all ages; I hope to see lots of people come out to support these musicians and enjoy the show in this beautiful new space,” Betts said. “The VSA is a solid regional orchestra. It’ll be fun to work with this unique and special group that’s been bringing music to life on the Western Slope for over 50 years—I can’t wait to take them for a spin!”

	VSA Orchestra Conductors	
	1970-1980	Walter Birkedahl
	1980-1985	Rodney Ash
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	9/2022	Scott Betts

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KATY KRISTOFFERSEN

Chorus Conductor

Katy Kristoffersen’s 20 years of experience in coaching and teaching are backed by undergraduate and master’s degrees in music education. Since 2010, Kristoffersen has expanded her practice into mindfulness coaching and loves to incorporate these techniques into all areas of teaching. “Mindfulness is a multi-faceted, dynamic practice that can elevate every part of our day-to-day life.”

She’s been pleasantly surprised to discover how effectively she’s been able to integrate a mindfulness practice into her experiences as musician, director, and collaborator. Her intuitive approach for composing, arranging, playing piano, and singing, facilitate her desire to make music accessible and fun for all. “Music is fundamentally about joy, and I look forward to being a part of the joy the VSA brings to our communities.”

VSA Chorus Conductors

Kelly Neill	2002-2004	Season 31 - 33
Chris Davis	12/2004	Season 34
Aleta Jupille	03/2005	Season 34
Chris Davis	2005-2007	Season 35 - 36
Bethany Ward	12/2007	Season 37
Mary Anne Rathburn	4/2008	Season 37
Bethany Ward	2008-2010	Season 38 - 39
Lenore Hample	2010-2013	Season 40 - 42
Jan Tuin	2013-2017	Season 43 - 46
Allyson Connelly	2017-2019	Season 47 - 49
Katy Kristoffersen	2021-present	Season 50 - present

Note: Seasons run from fall to spring



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SANDRA SUNDSTROM

Concertmaster

Sandy grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, in a family of musicians. She was involved in orchestras, choirs, and bands throughout her youth, and earned her bachelor of music in education with an instrumental major and choral minor from Arizona State University. Sandy has taught band, choir, and orchestra in all levels of education, elementary through college.

In 2010, she and her family moved to Grand Junction. Sandy is a violinist with the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra (GJSO), High Desert Opera, and Rockestra, and has an active private studio teaching violin, viola, and cello. Her quartet performs in churches and for area events, and she plays in regional gigs, performs regularly in Aspen for summer weddings, and is a recurring violin coach for Camp Con Brio. Sandy adjudicates for the District 51 Solo/Ensemble, and local auditions, and judged the Colorado West Invitational Music Festival in 2013. She was an active member of the GJSO Board for many years and served on their music director search committee.

In 2013, she started as a paraprofessional in Mesa County School District. Sandy assists orchestras at several middle schools, and in 2014, she was a long-term sub for choirs at a local high school.

Sandy and her husband have two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren. They absolutely love living in Grand Junction: the people, surrounding views, and connections they've made.

What is a concertmaster? The concertmaster is the principal or “first chair” violinist who leads the orchestra in its tuning prior to the concert and customarily plays all violin solos within pieces. The concertmaster also marks the orchestra’s scores with the appropriate bowings to ensure all the violinists are moving and playing in unison, offers suggestions to other string sections, and translates instructions from the conductor into specific technical language for strings.

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America, the Beautiful

By Samuel A. Ward
arr. Paul Scott, ed. Bill Scott

Let's Get Loud

Words and Music by
Gloria Estefan and Kike Santander
arr. Victor López

Loves Me Like a Rock

Words and Music by Paul Simon
arr. Greg Gilpin

On the Trail from the *Grand Canyon Suite*

By Ferde Grofe
arr. Marty Gould

Bugler's Holiday

By Leroy Anderson

Fire and Rain

Words and Music by James Taylor
arr. Greg Gilpin

The Stars and Stripes Forever

By John Philip Sousa
Orchestrated by Leopold Stokowski

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I Can See Clearly Now

Words and Music by Johnny Nash
arr. Larry Nickel

Journey's Greatest Hits

arr. Victor López

Pavanne from *Symphonette No. 2*

By Morton Gould

Listen to the Music

Words and music by Tom Johnston
arr. Alan Billingsley

Bohemian Rhapsody

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We Are The Champions

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The American Frontier

arr. Calvin Custer



Chorus



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OUR HISTORY: BRINGING CLASSICAL MUSIC TO LIFE!

In 1970 a small group of classical musicians met in the parlor of Wilma and Charles Lowell's Eckert home. By 1982, there were 30 musicians practicing once a week in Delta and performing four annual concerts. Over the years, the group has progressed, growing in size and musical ability.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the Grand Mesa Singers and the Christmas in the Valley Chorus were seasonal contributors, mainly at Christmas concerts. In 2002, these choral groups combined, and the Valley Symphony Orchestra (VSO) became the Valley Symphony Association (VSA) to include both orchestra and chorus.

Today, the VSA's 60+ instrumentalists and 35+ vocalists hail from throughout the North Fork, Uncompahgre, and Grand Valleys.

The VSA takes pride in their history of bringing classical music to life on the Western Slope, their commitment to keeping classical music vital, and their goal of building future audiences.



WHO ARE OUR MUSICIANS?

They are teachers, parents, neighbors, students. They have jobs. They have children. They have homes and schedules and commitments. They teach at local colleges, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. They work in business, the arts, government, agriculture, law enforcement, and health care. Some are retired. Some are entrepreneurs. Some are military veterans. They represent the Uncompahgre, Grand, and North Fork Valleys and live in Montrose, Ouray, Hotchkiss, Eckert, Olathe, Palisade, Paonia, Delta, Ridgway, Austin, Cedaredge, and Grand Junction. Some of them are snowbirds. Some of them are teenagers. And they are all VSA musicians.

This season VSA performers will once again bring their skill, passion, and talent to the stage. The VSA is proud to be celebrating our 51st year as a regional, all-volunteer performing arts organization composed of these musicians who live and work in our midst.



MEET THE MUSICIANS

To learn more about VSA musicians, visit:

Chorus: ValleySymphony.net/about-us/chorus/meet-the-members

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POPS IN THE PARKS

CONCERT NOTES



By Katy Kristoffersen, VSA Chorus Conductor

The chorus' portion of the concert will feature several selections from the '70s. The '70s had a massive influence on the music of today. Songs about peace, protest, fun, and loss evoke strong emotions in all of us. These emotions tend to be tied to our own histories, our parents' histories, and the movies and shows that have settled into our hearts.

The music in this concert feels so relevant right now. I hope you can feel all of the feelings when you listen to this program: collective nostalgia, delight and exhilaration, tender sadness, and hope. We are feeling them too, right along with you.

Perhaps you'll also experience a sense of curiosity and wonder about the world when these songs were written. How has our world changed, and how much has remained the same? What role has music had in your life? Does music mark milestones for you? Historical events? When you feel certain emotions, which artists do you turn to?

We are here to remind you to *listen to the music*, because we have all seen *fire and rain*. And as we sing for the first time in this glorious outdoor amphitheater, we are overjoyed to share our big sounds in this big space right along with you, our beloved audience.

By Scott Betts, VSA Orchestra Guest Conductor

Think about what it would be like to attend a Saturday evening concert in the park in 1920. There would be folks gathering on the lawn with blankets, picnics, and beverages. On the gazebo there would be a brass band or whatever town group could be gathered up. The music would be a collection of Americana, along with folk songs, patriotic songs, marches, light classics, and the popular music of the day.

A century later, that is basically what we have here tonight. From *America, the Beautiful*, to a tribute to Queen, with a little bit of everything else thrown in, our selections offer a glimpse into the diversity that is our country. With composers such as Morton Gould, Ferde Grofé, John Philip Sousa, and Leroy Anderson, along with the music of pop stars Gloria Estefan and the group Journey, we offer you a wide variety of styles that all come from the core of our country.

So, sit back, relax, and enjoy what we are serving up for you tonight. Help us to celebrate this wonderful new venue. We hope that the music we have selected for you tonight brings you much pleasure and a wonderful musical experience. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing evening.

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FEATURED MUSICIAN Lois Drysdale - Violin 2



Lois grew up in Fort Morgan, CO. In the fourth grade, she started playing the piano and violin. “My Dad said that, if I got good enough, we could move the piano from my bedroom into the living room.”



Lois Drysdale

She did get good enough and the piano was relocated. She played at church and was her mother’s accompanist when she sang. In school Lois played the violin in the orchestra and in a traveling string quartet. Her family moved to Montrose when she was 13. “Much to my disappointment there was only a band in high school—no orchestra.” She took up the oboe so she could have some music in her life. “Don’t ask me to play it now, as I would not know where to start!”

Lois has lived in the area for 55 years, the last 18 in Delta. She’s worked for the Montrose School District for 28 years. She loves to read and fly fish, and lives a content, peaceful, and mostly drama-free life.

When Lois’ niece told her she wanted to learn to play, Lois lent her violin. Sadly, her niece’s husband sold it. “So, I went a long time without a violin.”

Her husband, Leroy, knew how much she missed it and “When I turned 51, he bought me a violin!” Lois started taking lessons, “...to get back what I had lost for so many years.” Her violin teacher gave her and Leroy tickets to see the VSA, and Lois was hooked. She joined the VSA Orchestra in 2011.

“One cannot describe the joy you get playing music with an ensemble like the VSA. Sometimes it still gives me chills. I look forward to playing more music, to learning more, and sharing with everyone.”

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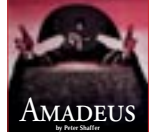
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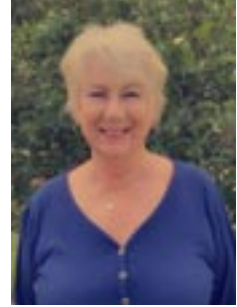


FEATURED MUSICIAN

Demeris York - Soprano 2



Demeris York began singing as a small child when her parents discovered she had a real talent for music. They enrolled her in voice and piano lessons, which she loved. She sang all through her childhood and during high school where she was involved in musical theatre. She attended the University of Northern Colorado on a music scholarship where she minored in music. After graduation, she sang with the Denver Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, where she was fortunate enough to learn from and sing with a variety of international conductors from many different cultures.



Demeris York

Demeris was an educator in Douglas County and lived in Parker, CO, for 27 years. During that time, she sang in several church groups and taught voice lessons. She then took a few years off from music to raise her two young children. Once they were a little older, she came back to her music by teaching voice and guitar lessons.

She and her husband, John, moved to Delta in 2005 upon retirement. She knew she wanted to be involved with the music community on the Western Slope. She sang with the North Fork Valley Chorus soon after moving to Delta and has been with the VSA Chorus since 2006.

She is part of the VSA because she wants to share her God-given musical gift with others. Her claim to fame is that she was on the Lawrence Welk show when she was a child! Her hobbies are swimming, biking, pickleball, water colors, wood burning, and gardening.

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DISCOVERING OUR ROOTS

Volunteer orchestral and choral groups like the VSA are an outcropping from the concept of the American community band, which predates the Civil War. Immigrants brought the band tradition with them to the US, where thousands of ordinary citizens participated in these ensembles.

After the Civil War, census figures indicated that, across the country, there were about 10,000 community bands. Town bands were admired and provided townspeople with popular, light entertainment for concerts. While the quality of performance varied, the enjoyment and value to each town's social and cultural climate is undeniable.

Community bands experienced a great dying out after World War I, victims of a cultural shift to mass media, radio, and more, all which led to a rise in school music programs. The increased number of musicians who learned an instrument and played in high school and college bands but did not pursue music as a career also provided a rich pool of amateur talent seeking an outlet for their musical abilities. As a result—and ironically—there was once again a rise in participation in community bands.

While there will always be music teachers and professional musicians participating in volunteer music performance groups like the VSA, the majority of members come from professions that are not related to music. Most are amateurs who enjoyed playing in school and missed the camaraderie and music-making. Others are students looking to gain more rehearsal time and learn from more experienced musicians.

These ensembles give *everyone*, regardless of their age or chosen career path, a place to play their instrument, contribute to their community, and most especially, to enjoy themselves while making music.

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Sunday • September 18, 2022 • 3:00pm

John Estacio's *Frenergy*, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #1 featuring Zhengyi Huang, piano, winner of GJSO's 2022 Young Artist Competition, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major

Behind the Music: Symphonie Fantastique | Tickets \$5 - \$45

Saturday • October 15, 2022 • 7:30pm

Sunday • October 16, 2022 • 3:00pm

Edward MacDowell's *Hamlet and Ophelia* and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*

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Thursday, December 15, 2022 • 7:30pm

A traditional holiday concert performed by the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra and Western Colorado Chorale with sing-a-longs & more!

John Williams: Maestro of the Movies | Tickets \$5 - \$45

Saturday, January 14, 2023 • 7:30pm

The Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra performs your favorite songs written by John Williams! It's a thrilling evening of heartwarming songs from cinema.

Singer Morgan James In Concert | Tickets \$50 - \$75

Saturday, January 28, 2023 • 7:30pm

Morgan James is an American soul singer, songwriter, and actress. James is well known for her numerous musical collaborations with the Jazz collective Postmodern Jukebox.

Re:Awakening | Tickets \$5 - \$45

Saturday • February 11, 2023 • 7:30pm

Sunday • February 12 • 3:00pm

Emilie Mayer's Symphony No. 5 in F Minor, Antonio Rosetti's Concerto for 2 Horns in Eb Major, and Felix Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* Overture

Classical Goes West | Tickets \$5 - \$45

Saturday • March 11, 2023 • 7:30pm

Sunday • March 12, 2023 • 3:00pm

Elmer Bernstein's *The Magnificent Seven* Symphonic Suite, George Clinton's *The Rose of Sonora*, Ennio Morricone's "Gabriel's Oboe" from *The Mission*, & Aaron Copland's *Billy the Kid Suite*. Guest Conductor Renee Noel Gilliland.

Brahms & Rutter | Tickets \$5 - \$45

Saturday • April 29, 2023 • 7:30pm

Sunday • April 30, 2023 • 3:00pm

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