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**VSA Oboist Offers Live Stream Concert on Facebook  
Sunday at 3pm**

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) is an all-volunteer regional performing arts organization founded in 1970. On Sunday, May 24 at 3pm and in support of the VSA during the COVID-19 crisis, the group’s principal oboist Nick Carroza is giving a free, live-streamed concert on the VSA Facebook page (@valleysymphonyassociation).

Carozza is excited for the concert. “Grab a beverage, virtually gather your friends and family, and tune in for an exciting program,” Carozza said. “I’ll be featuring works by Benjamin Britten, Henri Tomasi, Bela Bartok, and more.”

“The VSA is fortunate to have access to Nick’s musical talent as well as his technical ingenuity to help the VSA present this free concert on Facebook,” said VSA board member Priscilla Fry. “He is so enthusiastic

about the VSA and is so generous with his time and talents, not only as our principal oboist but as a mentor and guest soloist with our sister organization, the Valley Youth Orchestra (VYO).”

“He is truly an exceptional musical talent, and we are so lucky to have him on our side,” said VSA publicist and clarinetist Stacey Ryan. “He is as warm, friendly, kind, and funny as he is talented—a true joy to listen to—and we fully expect to be reading about him as his career takes off. This concert will give you a little taste of why we are all such fans of Nick as a person and as a musician.”

According to Carozza’s webpage ([NickCarozza.com](http://NickCarozza.com)):

Nick Carozza is a versatile young oboist who pushes the boundaries of oboe playing and has explored the instrument in various settings such as chamber ensembles, concert bands, orchestras, and even his own jazz combo, Mind of 3. Nick is the principal oboist of the VSA and performs oboe/English horn in the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra. Nick has been guest soloist with the 2015 District 51 Honor Choir, VYO, Colorado Mesa University String Orchestra, and Colorado Mesa University Men's Choir. Nick performs regularly in the Western Colorado concert series “Russell & Friends” and has also performed session work on the record “A Season of Jenny” written by John Denver sound engineer Ken Dravis (Aspen Leaf Recording, 2017).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VSA Board of Directors previously announced that the March and April concerts of season 49 at the Montrose Pavilion had been postponed. As they prepare for season 50, the group will continue to monitor and follow the City of Montrose, Montrose County, State of Colorado, CDC, and Federal agencies’ recommendations as they evolve regarding the coronavirus and large group gathering like concerts.

For developing information about Season 50 and to sign up to receive updates via the group's "SymphonE News" informational emails, visit [ValleySymphony.net](http://ValleySymphony.net) or Facebook @ValleySymphonyAssociation. Any questions and concerns may be directed to 970-275-8676 or [info@valleysymphony.net](mailto:info@valleysymphony.net).