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# Music You Love. Musicians You Know. VSA Orchestra Winter Concert "CONNECT! Past, Present, and Future" includes the Valley Youth Chamber Orchestra

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) is thrilled to present "CONNECT! Past, Present, and Future," a concert blending new and seasoned musicians in a spectacular orchestral event. Join us at the Montrose Pavilion on Saturday, March 29 at 7 PM and Sunday, March 30 at 3 PM. This season is generously supported by Cimarron Wealth Management and the David Mize Family.

For the first time, VSA has two March concert partners: Edward Jones Financial Advisors—Chris Reichmann, Jeri Mattics, Ben Jensen, and Conner King—and Montrose Oral Maxillofacial Implant Surgeons, all coming together to support the longtime allvolunteer group.

"Edward Jones' purpose is to partner for positive impact to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues, and together, better our communities and society," said Jeri Mattics. "Our lives and our communities are enriched by the talents of all the musicians who come together in the Valley Symphony Orchestra and provide amazing experiences for the whole community."

And for the first time since 2018, the VSA Orchestra and Valley Youth Orchestra (VYO) are excited to join forces for an inspiring, dynamic performance. In the "CONNECT!" concerts, the VSA Orchestra will perform alongside the VYO's advanced ensemble, the VYO Chamber Orchestra, for a special shoulder-to-shoulder collaboration.

This unique concert celebrates musical collaboration and the blending of generations, as the VSA and VYO unite on stage in a powerful display of community and mentorship. At its core, the event highlights the VSA's dedication to nurturing a love of music across all ages and skill levels. By providing young musicians the chance to learn, grow, and perform with experienced amateurs and professionals, this shoulder-to-shoulder performance embodies the spirit of sharing passion and inspiring one another. Dr. Dorcha Boisen of Montrose Oral Maxillofacial Implant Surgeons perfectly captures the spirit of the CONNECT! concerts, both professionally and personally. Boisen, a violinist, has long wanted to join the VSA's ranks but faced time constraints while running a business and caring for three young daughters. She will be able to join the violin section for the March concerts.

"Luella, my oldest, has been a violinist in the VYO Chamber Orchestra for some time, and it will be a special opportunity for us to play together for the CONNECT concert," Boisen said.

"This mother-daughter connection makes this concert even more special for them and for us, symbolizing the very essence of what the VSA has represented for over half a century," shared VSA Communications and Development Director Stacey Ryan.

"Playing and connecting—themes at the heart of both the VSA's season and the March concert—will also give Dorcha and Luella an opportunity to create truly special musical memories on stage," said Ryan.

Season 53, themed PLAY!, is the second year for Artistic Director and Orchestra Conductor Troy Raper, who is excited for this concert that blends the VSA with members of the VYO Chamber Orchestra for the first time since 2018. "By performing together, the young musicians of the VYO and the seasoned members of the VSA will create a living bridge between different musical eras and traditions, demonstrating that music is a universal language that transcends time," he said. "This concert is not just about playing notes on a page: it's about sharing knowledge, experience, and the sheer joy of making music with others."

"Our concerts offer something for everyone of all ages—not just classical enthusiasts," VSA Communications and Development Director Stacey Ryan said. "All our performances are designed for everyone, at every age, to enjoy."

Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

Since its founding in 1970, VSA has fostered community through live musical experiences, uniting musicians and audiences from across the Uncompany Grand, Gunnison, and North Fork Valleys. The all-volunteer organization is known for its diverse, passionate performers of all ages.

For more details, visit VSA on Facebook @valleysymphonyassociation or online at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets for the October-April series can be purchased online, or at local vendors: Clubb's in Delta (417 Main St.), or in Montrose at Cimarron Wealth Management (1731 E. Niagara Road) or Colorado Smiles (1801 E. Pavilion Pl.). For additional information, contact 970-765-8323 or info@ValleySymphony.net.

### About the Valley Symphony Association

**Music you love. Musicians you know.** Bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians from the Uncompany Port Fork, Gunnison, and Grand Valleys since 1970, the Valley Symphony Association connects our communities through transformative, live, musical experiences for all generations of musicians and audiences.

### **About Our Season Co-Partners**

*Cimarron Wealth Management* strives to simplify your financial life and give you confidence about your future so you can focus on your passions. It starts with the foundation of investment, estate and tax planning discussions, but our passion is honest conversations about purpose, legacy and generosity.

*The David Mize Family* has quietly and generously supported all types of Western Slope non-profit organizations for decades and is a longstanding donor to the VSA.

### About Concert Partner Edward Jones

Edward Jones is a leading North American financial services firm with more than 20,000 financial advisors, including 11 in Montrose and five in Delta. The firm serves more than eight million clients with a total of \$2.23 trillion in client assets under care as of Jan. 31, 2025. Edward Jones' purpose is to partner for positive impact to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues, and together, better our communities and society. Through the dedication of the firm's approximately 54,000 associates and our branch presence in 68% of U.S. counties and most Canadian provinces and territories, the firm is committed to helping more people achieve financially what is most important to them. The Edward Jones website is at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com.

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Our office is committed to providing compassionate advanced surgical care. We are also licensed to provide in-house general anesthesia for treatment when needed. Drs. Dorcha Boisen and Craig Cayo have been providing oral surgical care in Montrose for over 20 years. When giving back locally, Montrose Oral Maxillofacial Implant Surgeons strives to support organizations that enrich our community.