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**Music you love. Musicians you know.
The VSA Announces 2024-2025 Lineup for a Season of PLAY!**

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) is excited to announce their Season 53 (2024-2025) lineup, which will showcase expanded concert offerings, including four free Pops in the Park concerts that will span the region over two weekends in September, plus the addition of a new family matinee for their sell-out December holiday performances. This season marks the first with an overall theme: PLAY!

“The season theme, “PLAY!” is all about having fun and presenting a program of recognizable works that appeal to everyone,” VSA Artistic Director and Orchestra Conductor Troy Raper said. “My vision for season 53 is to highlight the joy that we have in “Playing” in the orchestra and chorus. From the fun and excitement of cartoon themes and video game soundtracks to the intensity of large, recognizable and iconic opera pieces, we will have something to share for the whole community.”

The VSA supports volunteer musicians of all ages—from teenagers to 80-somethings—and walks of life who hail from throughout the Western Slope, including the Uncompahgre, Grand, Gunnison, and North Fork Valleys. “Since 1970, the VSA has been connecting our regional communities through transformative, live, musical experiences for all generations of musicians and audiences,” VSA Communications and Development Director Stacey Ryan said. “It’s music you love from musicians you know.”

“We will be featuring guest soloists, launching the newly formed Valley Youth Chorus, and welcoming the Valley Youth Orchestra back to share the stage to play side-by-side with our seasoned VSA musicians—the first time since 2018 (pre-COVID),” Raper said.

The VSA will launch season 53 with their free, annual “CELEBRATE! Sounds of Summer” concerts. Selections will celebrate summer in American with uplifting, toe-tapping tunes, including contemporary music styles, Americana, marches, light classics, and more.

The VSA Orchestra will play Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 5pm in the Cedaredge Town Park and Sunday, September 8, at the Montrose Riverbottom Park at 5pm. The following weekend, the VSA Chorus will perform Saturday, September 14, at 7pm Montrose United Methodist Church, and on Sunday, September 15, at 4pm at the Ridgway United Church of the San Juans.

The VSA provides their free shows annually to highlight the multifaceted cultural influence of symphonic and choral music and to encourage support of the all-volunteer nonprofit through season ticket sales, sponsorships, and underwriting. “A regional, all-volunteer performing arts organization like the VSA is an exceedingly rare and special offering for our multi-generational musicians and regional audiences,” Ryan said.

This year, the VSA has introduced incentivized pricing options to make their performances even more accessible to families of all ages. The season pass offers a “Buy Four, Get One Free” option, with prices set at \$80 for adults, \$20 for students and a family package at \$200 (two adults and two students).

Single concert tickets are priced at \$20 for adults and \$5 for students, making it easier than ever to enjoy high-quality live music.

The VSA’s all-volunteer orchestra and chorus are dedicated to presenting outstanding musical experiences to regional audiences. With a diverse lineup and a strong community focus, Season 53 promises to be a celebration of music, connection and joy.

“Music and art should be fun,” Raper said. “I know this season's offerings will have people humming the tunes with a smile on their face as they leave each performance. I am really excited to share this season with our community!”

To secure tickets and season passes, visit ValleySymphony.net or call 970-765-8323. Tickets are available in Delta at Clubbs (417 Main St) and in Montrose at Cimarron Wealth Management (1731 E. Niagara Rd) and Colorado Smiles (1808 E. Pavilion Pl).

For information, visit the VSA on Facebook [@valleysymphonyassociation](https://www.facebook.com/valleysymphonyassociation) or at ValleySymphony.net. For more information call to 970-765-8323 or email info@ValleySymphony.net.

Here's how the VSA’s Season 53 will roll out, including four free September concerts throughout the region, followed by a five-concert series at the Montrose Pavilion between October and April:

Sep – CELEBRATE! Sounds of Summer– **FOUR FREE CONCERTS!**

Celebrating summer in America with uplifting toe-tapping tunes.

Orchestra

Saturday, September 7, 2024 5pm – Cedaredge Town Park

Sunday, September 8, 2024 5pm - Montrose Riverbottom Park

Chorus

Saturday, September 14, 2024 7pm – Montrose United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 15, 2024 4pm – Ridgway United Church of the San Juans

Concert Partner: Budget Blinds

Oct – LAUGH! Saturday Morning Soundtracks

Carefree fun for all ages, from classic cartoon themes to video game soundtracks.

Orchestra

Saturday, October 26, 2024 7pm

Sunday, October 27, 2024 3pm

Montrose Pavilion Event Center

Concert Partner: Montrose Emergency Physicians: First Contact Medical Specialists

Dec – SNOW! A Winter Wonderland

The VSA is in a flurry! Join us for a blizzard of carols and holiday cheer.

Orchestra & Chorus

Saturday, December 7, 2024 1pm **NEW! FAMILY MATINEE**

Concert Partner: Delta Health Pediatrics

Saturday, December 7, 2024 7pm

Sunday, December 8, 2024 3pm

Montrose Pavilion Event Center

Concert Partner: DMEA/Elevate

Feb – SING! Epics and Idols

Presenting beloved masterworks in monumental proportions

Orchestra & Chorus

Saturday, February 22, 2025 7pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 3pm

Montrose Pavilion Event Center

Concert Partner: Montrose Regional Health

Mar – CONNECT! Past, Present, and Future

Blending new and seasoned musicians in an extravaganza of orchestra music

Orchestra

With the Valley Youth Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, March 29, 2025 7pm

Sunday, March 30, 2025 3pm

Montrose Pavilion Event Center

Concert Partner: Edward Jones: (Chris Reichmann, Conner King, Jeri Mattics, and Ben Jensen)
& Montrose Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Apr – WATER! Find the River

Dive in and experience water's impact on our hearts, minds, and spirits

Chorus

With the Valley Youth Chorus

Saturday, April 26, 2025 7pm

Sunday, April 27, 2025 3pm

Montrose Pavilion Event Center

Concert Partner: Colorado Outdoors

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About the Valley Symphony Association

Music you love. Musicians you know. Bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians from the Uncompahgre, North 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.