

The
Colorado Choir

Kelly Parmenter
conductor/artistic director

presents

3Bs and a K: Bach, Brahms, Berger, and Kodály



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Friday & Saturday

May 19 & 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church

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FROM THE CONDUCTOR

You may be asking yourself, what's the deal with 3B's and a K? Well, there are multiple answers to that question. First, it's always a good time to celebrate Bach and Brahms. They gave us beautiful, inspirational music to perform and enjoy. Berger? He was a Colorado composer whose music should be performed often and with pride. Zoltan Kodály spices up any concert and we all need a little spice! Lastly, 3 Bs and a K is dedicated to my Uncle Chet and Aunt Linda. Their unconditional love and support have carried me through countless difficult times in my life. 3 Bs and a K is a time past, a dream realized, the feeling of home and gratitude. Peace!

~ Kelly Parmenter

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THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPETH US

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Spirit also helpeth us,
for we know not what we should rightly pray for.
We know not, for the spirit also helpeth us.
But yet the Spirit doth make intercession for us with groaning and sighing.

And he who doth search the heart knows the mind also of the Spirit,
Because He prays for all the saints and holy men, according to the will of God.

O thou consoling fire Gift divine, our joyful hearths with strength incline,
To serve thee ever with steadfast love that earthly sorrow cannot move.
O Lord now let thy might prevail to gird with strength our weakness frail,
That we may conquer through Thee O Lord by life and death brought to thy high Throne.

Hallelujah!

MAKE ME, O LORD GOD, PURE IN HEART

Johannes Brahms

Make me, O Lord God, pure in heart,
renew Thy righteous spirit within my breast.

From Thine abode O cast me not away,
and take not Thy merciful spirit from me,

Comfort my soul with Thy help, O Lord.
With Thy spirit, O Lord, uphold Thou me.

THE RIGHTEOUS

Johann Christoph Bach

For God is pleased with his soul right well;
therefore hastens God with him from the evil round him.

COME, SOOTHING DEATH

Johann Sebastian Bach
Arranged by F. Melius Christiansen

Come, soothing death! Come blest repose!
Come, lead me, homeward I'm turning, weary of earth and yearning;
O come, I wait on thee, come soon and set me free!
Mine eyelids gently close, come blest repose!

Come, soothing death! Come blest repose!
I would see Jesus far yonder, and among angels wander.
Solemnly bells foretell eve is nigh, farewell!
Mine eyelids soon shall close, come blest repose!

HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE
A German Requiem, Movement IV

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God,
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!
How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

 **INTERMISSION** 

THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.

EVENING SONG

Zoltán Kodály

Peaceful woods, the dusk descending,
Fragrant now with Summer's ending;
There I rested, and e'er sleeping,
Praying, sought His sweet safe-keeping.

Thus I lay there, silent, praying;
"Lord, I wander ever straying;
I wander through the world, yet knowing.
Thou wilt guard me, and my going,
Let not darkness from Thee hide me,
May Thine angels watch beside me.
Guard us all while we are sleeping,
Safe forever in Thy keeping.
Ever, ever in Thy keeping."

SIX FOLK SONGS

Johannes Brahms

Conducted by Noelle Romberger

1. I'd Enter Your Garden

I'd enter your garden if I'd dare be so bold,
For such blushing roses are fair to behold.
Sweet maiden, let me pluck them, now is their loveliest hour!
Since their beauty has won me, my heart's in their power.

O maiden, O maiden in your garden alone,
Why hide you the flow'rs till their fragrance has flown?
O grant to me the pleasure for which I fondly sigh
That your cheeks are the roses, I cannot deny.

2. The Fiddler

There once lived a fiddler in Frankfurt-am-Main,
His back had a hump but his fiddling was fine,
On the way to his house he crossed the square,
A crowd of lovely ladies was gathering there.

You poor hunchback fiddler, come play us a tune,
We promise to grant you a worthiest boon.
Play a polka or waltz so gay and bright,
For we are celebrating Walpurgis tonight.

The fiddler began, how the fiddle did sing!
The ladies went dancing around in a ring.
When the fiddle had played the final chord,
One lady said, "O fiddler, come claim your reward!"

She tapped on his shoulder and counted to ten.
The fiddler stood slender and tall once again!
"Oh, I'll fiddle no more!" cried he with glee,
"For now the pretty maids will go dancing with me!"

3. How Sad Flow the Streams

How sad flow the streams in the valley below.
How to prove that I love you, I never will know.

You say that you love me, you say you are true,
But among all your fine words are lying ones, too.

Although I have sworn that I love you, I know
That you will not believe me, and so I must go.

I thank you for moments of joy we did share,
And I hope that your luck will be better elsewhere.

4. At Night

At night I cannot go to sleep,
So to my loved one's house I creep
And tap on the door in the shadows deep,
To rouse the maiden from her sleep so quietly.

Who's knocking at my door tonight?
Who wakes me from my slumber light?
'Tis I who am coming your heart to win;
Come down my sweet, and let me in so quietly.

If ev'ry star in heav'n above
Could write to tell you of my love,
The thousands of letters would be too few
To tell the love I feel for you so quietly.

5. Awake, Awake!

Awake, awake, my darling
And open your blue eyes;
The little birds are singing
And bidding you arise.
They say it's time for waking,
For faintly in the eastern skies
The light of dawn is breaking.

I hear a rooster crowing,
Who better knows than he?
A gentle breeze is blowing,
The fading stars I see.
A nightingale is trilling
Her last enchanted melody,
The dawn with music filling.

O blessed be the morning,
The hour that gave you birth.
One smile your lips adorning
Far more than gold is worth.
I love you, dear, believe me,
You're all my happiness on earth;
Oh, never, never leave me!

6. A House Stands 'neath the Willows' Shade

A house stands 'neath the willows' shade,
Within it lives a lovely maid.
She gazes up and down the stream,
Oh where is he of whom I dream?
No lad more handsome sails the Rhine,
And he is mine!

Each morning he goes sailing by,
And sings to me, "My love goodbye!"
At evening when the fireflies gleam,
He rows his boat across the stream,
So that we can together be,
Just I and he.

The lilac hides a nightingale,
She tells in song a joyous tale:
You too, will build a nest in spring,
And on that day this song I'll sing,
"No bridal pair was e'er so fine
On all the Rhine!"

ALLELUIA
from Brazilian Psalm

Jean Berger

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
O Lord, O Lord,
Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord,
I will make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

Litanies for the mother of God,
Accept them, I implore you.
It is Abel who presents them.

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
I will make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.
O Lord, O Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
O Lord!

GLORY TO GOD

Johann Sebastian Bach

Glory to God in the highest heav'n, in the highest heav'n!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O praise his holy name!

**Thank you all so much for attending our concert—
we look forward to seeing you next season!**

THE COLORADO CHOIR

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CONDUCTOR / ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Kelly Parmenter brings more than four decades of choral and instrumental conducting experience to The Colorado Choir. Throughout her successful career, she served as Chair of the Performing Arts Department at Arapahoe High School in Littleton, Colorado. She earned her Master of Education from Lesley University and a Bachelor of Arts from Adams State University. Kelly has been active in the American Choral Directors Association and the Colorado Music Educators National Conference.

Ms. Parmenter is a well-recognized, professional member of the Denver music community, and her groups have performed at such diverse venues as the U.S. Capitol and Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Carnegie Hall in New York, and Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Prior to being selected 13 years ago as the choir's 2nd conductor, she was both a choir member and soprano soloist. Kelly's masterful conducting style and creativity define The Colorado Choir's sound.

ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR



Noelle Romberger is a Masters of Music Student at the University of Colorado where she is studying Choral Conducting with an emphasis in Vocal Performance.

Noelle was raised in Centennial, Colorado where she learned piano from her mother and sang in church choir. She is a graduate of The Moody Bible Institute with a Bachelors of Music in Music and Worship where she studied Voice, Conducting, and Piano. While at Moody, Noelle was the assistant conductor and President of the Moody Chorale under the direction of Dr. Yongmin Kim.

Noelle is excited to be back in Colorado and to be working with The Colorado Choir.



PIANIST

Mary Dailey is a music director for theatre at venues throughout the metro area and she is the Director of Worship Arts at First Presbyterian Church of Littleton. She has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Wartburg College and a Master of Education with a K-12 Principal's Certificate from the University of Phoenix. Mary brings professional experience and a wealth of talent to The Colorado Choir. The Colorado Choir is honored to have her as our principal pianist.

THE COLORADO CHOIR 2023–2024 SEASON

Season tickets will be available in early fall for our Christmas, March, and May concerts. Visit thecoloradochoir.org and subscribe to our newsletter to be notified when they go on sale!

SING WITH US!

Interested in singing with The Colorado Choir?
Auditions for our 2023–2024 season
will be in late August. Visit
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We had an amazing time at "An Evening of Laughs" at the Denver Improv and raised more than \$9,100 to help us buy new uniforms. Thank you so much to all who came - we hope you had a blast, too!



HELP US SING

It takes a lot of community support to keep a professional organization like The Colorado Choir going. Ticket sales generate approximately one-third of the revenues needed each year, so we rely on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and public funds to make up the difference.

Making a tax-deductible donation to The Colorado Choir today will help ensure that we can continue to provide the wonderful choral music you love.

Learn more at thecoloradochoir.org/support.



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Sixteen stunning selections from previous recordings including classic hymns and spirituals

THE COLORADO CHOIR, A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE – VOLUME TWO

Audience favorites

I CHOOSE JOY!

A Collection of 13 pieces recorded live at recent concerts. Each selection delivers a message of hope & renewal, faith & joy. Also included is a bonus track recording of "Beautiful Savior" performed in our 2016 Colorado Choir/Adams State Choir Reunion concert.

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This CD is a celebration of the holiday season and includes many of our traditional Christmas songs and carols, including The *Little Drummer Boy*.

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Southern Folk Songs & Spirituals

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Poetry by Robert Frost and The Colorado Choir sings Randall Thompson

SING WE MERRILY

Classic hymn arrangements

TWO FRENCH MASSES

Requiem by Durufle and Mass in G Major by Poulenc

BRAHMS

Choral works by Johannes Brahms

A GERMAN REQUIEM

A German Requiem, Opus 45 by Johannes Brahms

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

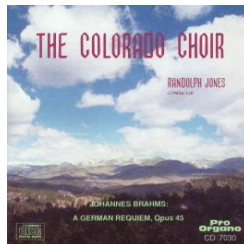
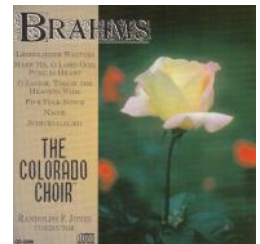
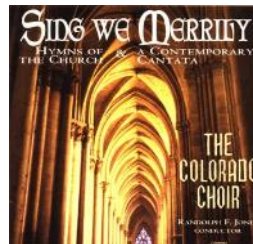
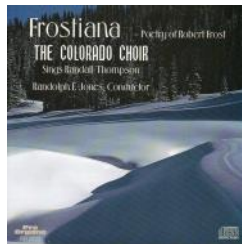
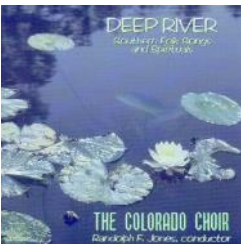
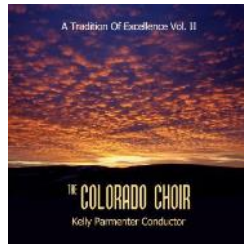
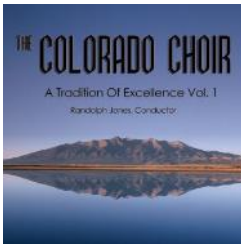
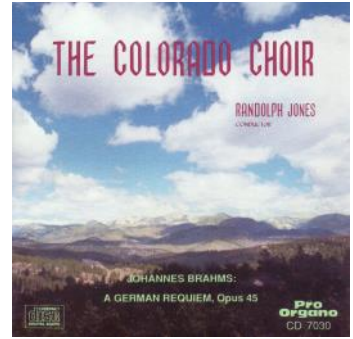
The Colorado Choir's first Christmas album

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our second Christmas album

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At this concert, we are proud to showcase A German Requiem, Opus 45 by Johannes Brahms, which is thought to have been inspired by the death of Brahms' mother in February 1865, a loss that caused him much grief. Brahms' completed all but the fifth movement by August 1866. He did not complete all six movements until 1868. This CD features "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," which we are singing tonight.



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