

STUDENTS OF CAROL JOY EVANS, M.M.

PRESENT

SPRING SING RECITAL 2025

SHARING FAVORITE CLASSICAL, MUSICAL THEATRE, JAZZ, POP & FOLK SONGS



Sunday, May 18, 2025, 4-5:30pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO

Anna Hermanson, collaborative pianist

Featuring:

River Zura, Christina Van Scoter, Calvin Stuerke, Kim Rodehorst, Talia Rauscher,
Teigen McLanahan, Elliot Krings, Kendra Kelley, Avery Hicks, Jillian Godbold,
Esmé Desmarais, Zoe Davis, Rich Blinne, Rhonda Blinne



*Please click on links in this program for interesting info about the songs and
make sure to read About the Musicians (Bio Blurbs!) at the end of the program.*



A TOUCH OF CLASSICAL

[In the Battle/Deborah](#) (1733)

Rhonda Blinne

George Frideric Handel

[Great Is Thy Faithfulness](#) (1923)

Rhonda Blinne and Kim Rodehorst

arr. Lloyd Larson

[Ode to Joy](#)/9th Symphony, 4th movement (1824)

Teigen McLanahan

Ludwig van Beethoven

Arr. Carol Joy Evans

[Give Me Wings](#) (17th c; 20th c)

Gloucester Moors (20th c)

[De Colores](#) (16th century)

Calvin Stuerke

arr. Mark Patterson

Mark Patterson

Mexican Folksong

[O cessate di piagarmi/Il Pompeo](#) (1683)

[Look for the Silver Lining](#) (1919)

Elliot Krings

Alessandro Scarlatti

Jerome Kern, arr. Carol Joy Evans

[Voi che sapete/Le Nozze di Figaro](#) (1786)

Christina Van Scoter

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

MUSICAL THEATER & MORE

[Sing and Swing](#) (21st c.)

Jillian Godbold

Mim Adams

Feed the Birds/Mary Poppins (1964) Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Esmé Desmarais

They Were You/The Fantasticks (1960) Harvey Schmidt; Tom Jones
Take Me As I Am/Jekyll and Hyde (1997) Frank Wildhorn; Leslie Bricusse, Steve Cuden
Rhonda & Rich Blinne

Take Me to the World/Evening Primrose (1966) Stephen Sondheim
Kim Rodehorst

Take Me Home, Country Roads (1971) Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert and John Denver
Brave (2011) Sara Bareilles
Talia Rauscher

What Was I Made For? (2023) Billie Eilish and Phinneas O'Connor
River Zura

Fifteen (2008) Taylor Swift
Avery Weiss-Ramirez

When He Sees Me/The Waitress (2007) Sara Bareilles
Avery Hicks

Stay With Me (2014) Sam Smith
Perfect for Me (2023) Bradley Marshall
Zoe Davis

From the Start (2023) Laufey and Spencer Stewart
Girl from Ipanema (1962) Antonio Carlos Jobim
Kendra Kelley



Congratulate & Celebrate!!

Please join us for a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the recital.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- **The parents & family members** who support music in their children's lives by making lessons possible for these musicians.
- **Anna Hermanson**, for her excellence as a collaborative pianist.
- **You All** – for joining us today!
- **Redeemer Lutheran Church** for sharing their beautiful piano and Worship Center with us.
- **The One who created our voices** in the first place – our amazing inside instruments!

2025 Summer Lessons: thru August 2, 2025

Take a break this Summer, but don't let your voice get too flabby!

Continue with your regular lessons, or try something new!

Choose from 4-8 solos lessons or a 4-week Group Lesson.

- **Just Jazz.** Some fun warmups, a little scatting, and jazz standards. \$220-\$420
- **Art Song Intro.** Poetry set to music. Learn 1-2 songs in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish. \$220-\$420
- **Opera Anyone?** Learn an aria that fits your abilities in English, German or Italian. \$220-\$420
- **Musical Theatre's Golden Age:** Four to Eight solo lessons devoted to songs from Oklahoma, My Fair Lady, South Pacific, The Sound of Music, etc. Fee: \$220-\$420.
- **Music Reading Basics:** Learn about Music Symbols, Intervals, Scales, and Key Signatures. Four weeks: \$220.
- **Safety in Numbers Group Lesson** (min 2 singers). Learn the basics of ensemble singing, plus a little warmup and a song or 2 or 3! \$75/pp.

2025-26 Lessons Begin Tuesday, Sept 2

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Carol Joy ("CJ") Evans, M.M.

Learn to sing, and make music for a lifetime!



TRANSLATIONS

De Colores – Of Colors

De Colores, living colors embrace all of nature with love in the springtime,
De Colores, living colors adorn all the birdies that fly day and nighttime,
De Colores, living colors envelope the rainbow in heavens above,
That's the reason I like all the colors that brighten my life with the things that I love!

O cessate di piagarmi – Oh, stop wounding me

Oh, stop wounding me, Oh, let me die,
Ungrateful eyes, pitiless,
More than ice and more than stone cruel, and deaf to my suffering.

Voi che sapete/You Know from The Marriage of Figaro

You know what love is, tell me if it's in my heart.
What I feel, I'll explain to you, it's new to me, I can't comprehend.
I feel an emotion charged with desire, which is first delight, then TORTURE.
I freeze, then I feel my soul burst into flame, in a moment I am frozen again.
I search for a treasure that is not within me. I don't know who holds it, or where it is,
I sigh and moan though I don't want to,
My heart races and trembles, and I know not why,
I find peace neither night nor day, yet I like to languish like this.

2025 SPRING RECITAL – MEET THE MUSICIANS!

RIVER ZURA is in 7th grade at Webber Middle School. **Activities:** Singing, playing the cello, Diva Bee Theater. **3 Cheers:** Webber Jazz Orchestra concert May 20th. **Of Special Note:** I'm going to take archery lessons this Summer.

CHRISTINA VAN SCOTER: I am an Educational Sign Language Interpreter for PSD. I studied music throughout high school and college before embarking on the journey of becoming an interpreter. Now, at almost twenty-seven years old, I am revisiting my first passion: music. This is my first performance since graduating with my associate's degree in 2019! **Activities:** I enjoy my work as an interpreter and spending time within the Deaf community. But my favorite pastime is spending time with my husband. **Of Special Note:** The two of us recently married in Las Vegas, and we are looking forward to our first summer as husband and wife.

AVERY WEISS-RAMIREZ is finishing up 5th grade at Zach Elementary School. **Activities:** Singing and riding horses. **3 Cheers:** 2025 PSD Elementary/Middle School Honor Choir performance (March), 2025 Zach Elementary Gold Choir performance (May). **Of Special Note:** Avery is really excited about joining the Kinard Middle School Choir this Fall!

Kim Rodehorst. Activities: Longmont Chorale; Mountain View Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir and Westminster Choir. **3 Cheers:** Kim participated in the 2025 Northern Colorado Spring Ring Festival and will participate in the 2025 Wyoming Spring Ring Area 11 Handbell Festival this Summer.

Talia Rauscher is in 4th grade at Zach Elementary School. **Activities:** Soccer, DnD (Dungeons & Dragons), Choir. **3 Cheers:** I will be singing with the Zach Elementary School Choir at Lincoln Center on May 13th. **Of Special Note:** I got top of my class for reading MAPS.

CALVIN STUERKE is in 6th grade at Kinard Middle School. **Activities:** He participates in various choirs, plays the piano, and is active in the Kinard drama and theater clubs. When he's not singing or playing piano, Calvin enjoys gaming with his friends and playing football. **3 Cheers:** Calvin performed at the Middle School Outreach Ensemble (MSOE) at CSU last month and was selected to sing a duet with another classmate as part of their closing song. On May 22 and 23, he will be performing in Kinard's rendition of the Bugsy Malone musical at the Lincoln Center. **Of Special Note:** Calvin was selected for PSD's district honor choir the past 2 years, and has recently been selected for Select Choir at Kinard for next year.

TEIGEN MCLANAHAN is in 3rd grade at Zach Elementary School. **Activities:** In addition to piano lessons, cheering, basketball, and softball. **3 Cheers:** Teigen sang in the Zach 3rd Grade Year-End Concert. **Of Special Note:** This Summer Teigen is going to overnight camp. She's also going to San Francisco with her aunt and uncle from Singapore – she's especially excited about that!

ELLIOT KRINGS is a sophomore at Fossil Ridge High School. **Activities:** Fossil Ridge Concert Choir; First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir. **3 Cheers:** FRHS Spring Concert on May 13. **Of Special Note:** Elliot is looking forward to their annual family camping trip this Summer.

KENDRA KELLEY is a 11th grader at Rocky Mountain High School. **Activities:** Singing, ballet, art, and video games, performing in a band a few times each month. **Of Special Note:** I have grown to love performing in front of others.

AVERY HICKS is a 9th grader at Poudre High School. **Activities:** Voice, Debut Theatre, school musicals, volunteering at the Food Bank and Junior League. **Of Special Note:** Avery just got back from 2 weeks at the New Orleans Jazz Festival. She's looking forward to Summertime travel to visit family in California and Georgia and getting her driver's permit later this month!

JILLIAN GODBOLD is in 5th grade at Linton Elementary School. **Activities:** Full of imagination and kindness, Jillian is a curious creator who can often be found crafting treasures for her fairy garden, drawing up a storm, or diving into a good book. She's a proud member of student council and once brought Mother Nature to life on stage during last year's Leap Day play. **3 Cheers:** Though she's only been a student of Ms. CJ's for a month, Jillian is thrilled for her very first recital! **Of Special Note:** She's counting down the days to middle school—and a summer filled with sunshine, creativity, and adventure.

ESMÉ DESMARAIs is a 3rd grader at Mountain Sage Community School. **Activities:** She loves singing, playing outside, basketball, and hanging out with friends. **Of Special Note:** Esme will be participating in PlayCrafters and Kids Do It All theater camps this summer, and is VERY excited about her trip to Mexico this July where she will also celebrate her 9th birthday!

ZOE DAVIS is a 7th grader at Kinard Middle School. **Activities:** Saxophone in Kinard Concert Band, swimming. **3 Cheers:** Spring concert on May 22 (she has a huge saxophone solo!). **Of Special Note:** Going to Galapagos Islands, Matu Pitu, and Ecuador this Summer.

RHONDA BLINNE earned a B.M.E./Piano Pedagogy from Wichita State University and a M.M.E./Piano Pedagogy from University of Northern Colorado. **Activities:** Last month, April 2025, I accomplished something I never dreamed possible: I performed onstage at Carnegie Hall in New York City! Along with our youngest, Angela, I sang Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living" in The National Masterworks Chorus under the direction of Angela's former university choir director, Dr. Pearl Shangkuan. My husband, Rich, and our son, Samuel, joined us on the trip to The Big Apple. My other musical activities include teaching private piano students, and singing in the Fort Collins First Presbyterian Church choir.

RICH BLINNE earned a B.S. in Computer Engineering from Iowa State University. **Activities:** Singing lessons and designing AI chips at Broadcom. **Of Special Note:** for his audition to marry his wife Rhonda, he was required to be knowledgeable about classical music. Their first date was Rhonda's piano professor's recital.

If you have a minute and enjoyed this recital,
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