

STUDENTS OF CAROL JOY EVANS, M.M.

PRESENT

# SPRING RECITAL 2024

SHARING FAVORITE MUSICAL THEATRE, CLASSICAL, FOLK & POP SONGS



**Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4-5:30pm**

**Council Tree Covenant Church, 4825 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, CO**

**Anna Hermanson, collaborative pianist**

**Featuring:**

Rhonda Blinne, Rich Blinne, Sophia Bolislavsky, Brooks Fohrman, Savannah Gemm-Lorenz,  
Elly Hansen, Avery Hicks, Kendra Kelley, Elliot Krings, Denley McLanahan,  
Cynthia Molson, Luka Petrovic, Luke Pottle, Pearl Rasmussen, Talia Rauscher,  
Kim Rodehorst, Violet Taylor, Maisie Ward, Paige Ward



[Be Thou My Vision](#) (6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> c?)

[Here I Am to Worship](#) (2001)

Pearl Rasmussen

Traditional Irish Hymn

Timothy Hughes

[Buss und Reu/St. Matthew Passion](#) (1727)

[Er ist gekommen in Sturm und Regen](#) (1841)

Rhonda Blinne

Johann Sebastian Bach

Clara Schumann

[Cancion/Siete canciones populares españolas](#) (1914)

[Tomorrow/Annie](#) (1976)

Savannah Gemm-Lorenz

Manuel de Falla

Charles Strouse; Martin Charnin

[Ev'rybody Wants to be a Cat/The Aristocats](#) (1970)

Talia Rauscher

Floyd Huddleston

[Part of Your World/The Little Mermaid](#) (film-1988)

[Beauty and the Beast/Beauty and the Beast](#) (film-1994)

Elly Hansen

Alan Menken and Howard Ashman

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[Reflection/Mulan](#) (1998)

[You Belong With Me](#) (2008)

Violet Taylor

Matthew Wilder and David Zippel

Taylor Swift and Liz Rose

Hamabe no Uta (1916)

[We Are Never Ever Ever Getting Back Together](#) (2012)

Denley McLanahan

Tamezo Narita; Kokei Hayashi

Taylor Swift, Max Martin, Shellback

Jeune Fillette (18<sup>th</sup> c)

[Fifteen](#) (2008)

Avery Hicks

French Traditional, arr J.B. Weckerlin

Taylor Swift

[My Favorite Things/The Sound of Music](#) (1959)

[Castle on a Cloud/Les Miserables](#) (1980)

Luka Petrovic

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, II

Claude-Michel Schönberg; Herbert Kretzmer



[Puttin' on the Ritz](#) (1927)

[Luck Be a Lady/Guys and Dolls](#) (1950)

Brooks Fohrman

Irving Berlin

Frank Loesser

Adela/Tres canciones españolas (1951) <a href="#">All Through the Night</a> (18 <sup>th</sup> c)	Luke Pottle	Joaquin Rodrigo Welsh Traditional
<a href="#">Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</a> (1894)	Elliot Krings	African American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh
<a href="#">Try to Remember/The Fantasticks</a> (1960)	Elliot Krings and Rich Blinne	Harvey Schmidt; Tom Jones
<a href="#">They Were You/The Fantasticks</a> (1960)	Rhonda & Rich Blinne	Harvey Schmidt; Tom Jones
<a href="#">Les Poisson/The Little Mermaid</a> (1988) Deh vieni a la finestra/Don Giovanni (1787)	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Lorenzo da Ponte Rich Blinne	Alan Menken; Howard Ashman
<a href="#">Cabaret</a> (1972) <a href="#">They Can't Take That Away from Me</a> (1937)	Cynthia Molson	John Kander; Fred Ebb George Gershwin; Ira Gershwin
Safe Within Your Arms (2014) <a href="#">Blue Bayou</a> (1961)	Kim Rodehorst	Mark Hayes Roy Orbison and Joe Melson
<a href="#">Call Me Irresponsible</a> (1962) <a href="#">All I Want/High School Musical: The Musical: The Series</a> (2019)	Kendra Kelley	Jimmy Van Heusen; Sammy Cahn Olivia Rodrigo
<a href="#">A Million Dreams/The Greatest Showman</a> (2017)	Avery Hicks, Elly Hansen, and Kendra Kelley	Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
 <a href="#">Online Student Videos</a> 		
<a href="#">Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel</a> (circa 1874)	Maisie Ward	African-American Spiritual, arr. Cynthia Jackson
<a href="#">Old Dog Tray</a> (1953)	Maisie and Paige Ward	Stephen Foster, arr. Carol Joy Evans
<a href="#">Disneyland/Smile</a> (1986) <a href="#">There Are Worse Things I Could Do/Grease</a> (1971)	Sophia Bolislavsky	Martin Hamlich; Howard Ashman Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey



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2024 Summer Flex Lesson Schedule, and Meet the Musicians mini bios!**

### [Translations & Notes](#)

**Buss und Reu ("Repentance and regret").** The text for this alto aria from Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* was compiled by Christian Friedrich Henrici (aka Picander), probably working with Bach himself. Repentance and regret rips the sinful heart in two. Thus the drops of my tears, desirable spices, are brought to you, loving Jesus.

**Er ist gekommen in Sturm und Regen** ("He came in storm and rain"). The poetry of this song is written by Friedrich Rückert (1788-1866), a German poet, translator and professor of Asian languages.

He came In storm and rain;  
My anxious heart Beat against his.  
How could I have known That his path  
Should unite itself with mine?

He came In storm and rain;  
Audaciously He took my heart.  
Did he take mine? Did I take his?  
Both drew near to each other.

He came In storm and rain.  
Now spring's blessing Has come.  
My friend journeys on, I watch with good  
cheer,  
For he shall be mine wherever he goes.

Translation by Richard Stokes, author of *The Book of Lieder* (Faber, 2005)

**Cancion ("Song")**. As with much of Spanish art song, Cancion is about love. In his book "Manuel de Falla (1876-1946): Songs and Piano Music," Michael J. Easton describes this song as conveying "the feeling of renewed strength as the betrayed lover finally buries his feelings," which may explain the song's light-hearted mood.

**Hamabe no Uta** ("Song of the Beach"). Japanese is a surprisingly easy language to sing. This song is a very popular Japanese art song, sung by children, amateur and professional singers, and groups alike. Colleague and friend Dr. Mutsumi Moteki is one of the editors of the Japanese Art Song Anthology, Vol I, including Song of the Beach. Denley is singing verse 1 of this 2-verse song.

In the morning when I take a stroll on the beach, I recall things from the old days:  
The sound of the wind! The appearance of the clouds!  
Also the waves drawing up, and the colors of the seashells, too!

**Jeune Fillette** ("Young Maiden"). A bergerette is a shepherdess song, an early form of rustic French song from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Jeune fillette is from a collection of 20 bergerettes collected and harmonized by J.B. Weckerlin. They're a great introduction to singing in French!

Young maiden, take advantage of the time; the violet is picked in Spring.  
This little flirtation passes quickly; all love affairs pass, too.  
When you are young, take a friend. If he is fickle, be fickle in return!

**Adela** ("Adela"). Adela is song #2 of Joaquin Rodrigo's *Tres canciones españolas* for voice and guitar, set to an anonymous Spanish poem. Rodrigo (1901-1999) was a virtuoso pianist and one of the most important 20<sup>th</sup> century Spanish composers despite going blind at the age of 3 after contracting diphtheria.

A beautiful girl called Adela, in love with Juan, was sick because she knew her friend Dolores was seeing him.  
As time went by, poor Adela has become whiter and sicker; she knows because of her love for him that she will die.

**Deh vieni a la finestra** ("Come to the window"). The fictitious character of Don Giovanni in Italy is the same as Don Juan in Spain – a man devoted to chasing women! The libretto (words) for Mozart's opera *Don Giovanni* was written by Lorenzo da Ponte, who also wrote the libretti for *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Così fan tutte*.

Come to the window, o my dearest love, and prove that my lonely sorrows are senseless.  
If you refuse to show me that bit of charity, I'll die before your eyes!  
Dear girl, with lips as sweet as honey and a heart that beats with a secret love, don't be cruel! Have mercy, and reveal yourself to me!



### 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!
- **Council Tree Covenant Church** for sharing their beautiful piano and sanctuary.
- **The One who created our voices** in the first place – our amazing inside instruments!

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

*Learn to sing, and make music for a lifetime!*



### 2024 Summer Session: June 1 – Aug 10

#### 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.

- **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.
- **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.

### 2024-25 Lessons Begin Tuesday, Sept 3

For more information, please email: [caroljoye@sing4health.com](mailto:caroljoye@sing4health.com)

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### **2024 SPRING RECITAL – MEET THE MUSICIANS!**

**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.

**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:** Silvertones Senior Choir; traveling (often overseas) with family; attending classical music concerts; church; and reading. **Come Hear:** Silvertones Spring Concert, June 2, 4pm, Griffin Concert Hall. **Of Special Note:** on May 4<sup>th</sup> daughters Hope and Angela graduated from 2 different universities in 2 different states (Colorado and Michigan). Rhonda is passionate about listening to & supporting the music of living Classical

composers, including Jennifer Higdon, one of the most famous female living composers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In fact, she's developed a personal friendship with Ms. Higdon and was able to meet her in person in August 2023.

**SOPHIA BOLISLAVSKY** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Copland Middle School in Rockaway, NJ, and is excited about going to Morris Knolls High School in the Fall. **Activities:** Basketball, soccer, school play/musical, singing and cross country. **Come Hear:** May 14 Spring Choral Concert. **Of Special Note:** Sophia sang the role of Cinderella in the CMS Theatre production of Into the Woods, Jr.

**BROOKS FOHRMAN** is finishing up 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Polaris School and is heading to Poudre High School in the Fall. **Activities:** Brooks is involved with Debut Theatre and loves learning new languages, currently French. **Come Hear:** Upcoming Debut Theatre plays are Junie B. Jones and A Journey to the World's End. **Of Special Note:** Brooks will be attending classes at Debut Theatre this Summer.

**SAVANNAH GEMM-LORENZ** is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Lucille Erwin Elementary School in Loveland. **Activities:** Ballet, theater, dance, musicals and singing! **Come Hear:** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory with NoCo Theatrix' (Savannah plays an Oompa Loompah, Squirrel, and Candy Man kid) and Beauty and the Beast with The Contemporary Dance Academy. **Of Special Note:** Beauty and the Beast will be performed at The Lincoln Center on May 18th.

**ELEGY "ELLY" HANSEN**, is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at The Hansen Homeschool! **Activities:** Acting, piano, singing, and Awana Club. **Of Special Note:** This summer Elly's looking forward to VBS, horse camp, camping, and a family visit to Tulum, Mexico.

**AVERY HICKS** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Compass Community Collaborative School and is excited about going to Poudre High School this Fall. **Activities:** Voice, Debut Theatre, school musicals, volunteering at the Food Bank and Junior League, dance. **Come Hear:** Avery is performing in *Antigone* with Debut Theatre at The Lincoln Center on May 6 and 7. **Of Special Note:** This year Avery sang and danced in her school talent show. This summer she's returning to the Savannah Stage Company musical camp in Savannah, GA, and is hoping to audition for Poudre High's school musical (*Anastasia*) in the Fall.

**KENDRA KELLEY** is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Rocky Mountain High School. **Activities:** Singing, dancing, crafts, and drawing. **3 Cheers:** Kendra came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in an online karaoke competition. **Of Special Note:** This summer she's doing her first solo trip to Germany to visit family.

**ELLIOT KRINGS** is a freshman at Fossil Ridge High School. **Activities:** Fossil Ridge Concert Choir; First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir. **Come Hear:** Fossil Ridge Choir Concert, May 20, 2024. **Of Special Note:** Elliot is excited about the family camping trip this summer.

**DENLEY MCLANAHAN** is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Zack Elementary School. **Activities:** Competitive gymnastics, singing, basketball, and skiing. **3 Cheers:** Denley recently competed with her gymnastics team on April 21<sup>st</sup>. **Of Special Note:** She is in advanced math and reading/writing classes.

**CYNTHIA MOLSON.** **Activities:** Gardening, singing in the Silvertones Senior Choir, omnivorous reading! **Come Hear:** Silvertones Spring Concert, June 2, 4pm, Griffin Concert Hall. **Of Special Note:** Cynthia is hoping to attend a music camp this summer.

**LUKA PETROVIC** is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Zack Elementary School. **Activities:** Soccer, art, skiing, singing, guitar (just starting!). **3 Cheers:** Luka has a soccer game every Saturday. **Of Special Note:** This is the first year she is going to play a recorder in school.

**LUKE POTTLE** is finishing up his sophomore year at Fossil Ridge High School. **Activities:** Saber Cat Choir (he's sung in choirs for 8 years); Fossil volleyball team, many clubs and honor societies; club volleyball and swim team. **Come Hear:** Fossil Ridge Choir Concert, May 20, 2024. **Of Special Note:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Luke performed with the Northern Colorado Combined League Honor Choir in hopes of performing with All-State Choir in 2025. He also participated in a paid music video, helping a new composer obtain an audience.

**Pearl Rasmussen** is finishing up 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Heritage Christian Academy. **Activities:** Pearl does Worship Dance with Christian Ministry of Arts and likes to be with her kitten Meowee and dog Taxi. **3 Cheers:** May 6 Spring Dance Recital with Christian Ministry of Arts. **Of Special Note:** Pearl's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday is May 14<sup>th</sup> and she became an aunt on March 14, 2024.

**Talia Rauscher** is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Zack Elementary School. **Activities:** Choir through the winter; soccer and basketball. **Of Special Note:** Talia sang the National Anthem with her choir for the Eagles game two times.

**Kim Rodehorst's Activities** include Bell Choir and Church Choir at Mountain View Presbyterian Church; Loveland Choral Society; Ladies of NoCo; Sigma Theta Tau; pickleball, hiking, biking, dancing, solo travel, baking.

**VIOLET TAYLOR** is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bacon Elementary School and is excited about going to Kinard Middle School in the Fall. **Activities:** Singing, soccer, basketball, piano. **3 Cheers:** Modern Band concert (May 9); Piano recital (April). **Of Special Note:** Violet was selected to sing with the Honors Choir at Lincoln Center in March.

**MAISIE WARD** is finishing up 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Wyoming Classical Academy in Cody, WY. **Activities:** Her favorites activities are playing and singing. **3 Cheers:** Maisie will sing Ev'rybody Wants to be a Cat for her school music class on May 24.

**PAIGE WARD** is finishing up 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Wyoming Classical Academy in Cody, WY. She loves playing the piano and is looking forward to playing in front of family and hopefully in public. **Activities:** Paige likes to swing, play, ride horses, and play the piano. **3 Cheers:** Paige will be performing Old Dog Tray for her school music class on May 24.