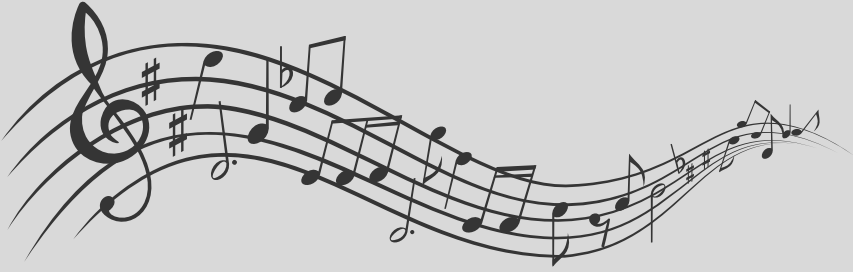


Springs Camerata



Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 7:00 PM
Woodmen Valley Chapel - Downtown
16 E Platte Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Mission Statement

Our mission is to create rewarding opportunities for local talent through orchestral, solo, and chamber music performances, while preserving a lasting community.



Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, September 13, 2026 • 2:00 PM

Broadmoor Community Church

Handel: Harp Concerto in B-flat, op. 4, no. 6 (HWV 294)

Jenna Hunt, harp

Beethoven: Coriolan Overture, op. 62

Respighi: The Birds

Saturday, January 16, 2027 • 7:00 PM

Broadmoor Community Church

Hummel: Grand Concerto for Bassoon in F Major (S.63, WoO.23)

Claire Heitke, bassoon

Mozart: Marriage of Figaro Overture, K. 492

Dvorak: Czech Suite, op. 39

Sunday, March 14, 2027 • 3:00 PM

Broadmoor Community Church

J. Williams: Three Pieces from Schindler's List

Cynthia Robinson, violin

Vaughan Williams: Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus



Program



Alan Hovhaness (1911 - 2000)

Prayer of St. Gregory

Nick Loafman, trumpet

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

The Hebrides Overture, op. 26

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827)

Symphony #1 in C major, op. 21

I. Adagio molto - Allegro con brio

II. Andante cantabile con moto

III. Menuetto. Allegro molto e vivace

IV. Finale. Adagio - Allegro molto e vivace



Springs Camerata

Dr. Alexander Magalong, Conductor

Flute

Jennifer Apigian*
Tanesha Reeves

Oboe

Sarah Heitke
Ryan Rosete

Clarinet

Adam Heitke
Krista Millard

Bassoon

Greg Brown
Claire Heitke*

Horn

Eric Guzman
Deborah Harvey

Trumpet

Rafaelita Almazan
Nick Loafman*

Timpani

Holly Bradshaw

Violin 1

Dr. Michael DiBarry (CM)
Ingri Fowler
Justice Hawley
Laney Millard
Dr. Chino Soberano

Violin 2

Veena Fleming
Jesse Maurer*
Jack Packard
Jaque Peterson
Rachel Pope
Jennifer West

Viola

Aaron Herrera
Amanda Hessel*
Zane Merrill
Joshua Skwarek
Sarah Traff
Alisa Weigel

Cello

Tori Ackerman
Aaron Fanning*
Amanda Harris
Nancy Marble
Linda Tennes

Bass

Catherine Camp-
Davidson*
Jim Vaughn



CM = Concertmaster
* = Principal



Musician Biographies



Dr. Alexander Magalong (conductor) has served as Assistant Conductor for the Palm Beach Symphony and Professor/Director of Orchestral Studies at Florida Atlantic University. He holds a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Miami. Dr. Magalong is also an Engineer Officer for the 297th Engineer Construction Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska in the U.S. Army Reserves. He enjoys salsa and Argentine tango dancing, weightlifting, traveling, hiking, escape rooms, and learning musical instruments for fun.

Nick Loafman (trumpet soloist) is starting his 7th year as Director of Bands at Widefield HS, and his 17th year of teaching total. He and his wife Teresa just welcomed their first son Miles to the world this past spring. When not making music, Nick is improving his BBQ recipes or his golf game.

Dr. Michael DiBarry (concertmaster) is the Assistant Teaching Professor of Strings at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs where he teaches chamber music, music theory, ear training, ethnomusicology, mariachi, and applied lessons. He is enamored by Persian classical music and mariachi, and he loves to learn languages.

Rafaelita Almazan (trumpet) is the new band director at Chinook Trail Middle School. She plays in various groups throughout the state including the Little London Winds and the Badda Boom Brass Band. She also enjoys playing in musicals. In her free time she can be found walking her dogs, playing Pokemon Go and paddleboarding!

Jennifer Apigian (flute) currently works as a Registered Nurse for Widefield School District. She previously served in the United States Air Force as a flute player in the Air Force Academy Band.

Holly Bradshaw (timpani) has been an educator since 2002 and spent 18 years teaching band while sharing her passion for music with students. In addition to her teaching career, she enjoys performing and collaborating with fellow musicians. Today, she teaches Audio Production, where she helps students connect traditional musical skills with modern recording and sound technology while continuing to foster a lifelong love of music.

Greg Brown (bassoon) retired from the Air Force Academy Band and Colorado Springs Philharmonic, performs locally, and keeps an active studio of private students. On the hammered dulcimer he loves collaborating with family and friends on all types of folk music. 7 local grandchildren keep him hopping!

Catherine Camp-Davidson (bass) is the Orchestra Teacher at Chinook Trail Middle School. She is a substitute for the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestra of the Springs. She enjoys horseback riding and motorcycle riding in her spare time.

Aaron Fanning (cello) is a multi-instrumentalist from Pueblo, CO. He has performed, recorded, and toured with numerous bands in many genres as a drummer, and is currently a cellist with the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra and the Pocket Philharmonic. Aaron is an avid hiker and cyclist, and enjoys mountain biking and bikepacking adventures in his spare time.

Veena Fleming (violin), a CSU–Pueblo graduate, is a music educator and performer. She taught music and art for two years in Pueblo District 60, and served one year as Orchestra Director in Widefield District 3. She is the manager/assistant conductor of Pueblo Youth Symphony, performs with Pueblo Symphony, teaches in a homeschool music program, and works Renaissance Faires for fun.



Ingrid Fowler (violin) retired as Director of Orchestras at Wichita High School East. She enjoys family, cooking, and gardening.

Eric Guzman (horn) studied music at the University of South Florida and is an Army veteran. He specializes as a Cybersecurity Architect and enjoys video games and playing the cello.

Amanda Harris (cello) is currently the Orchestra/Assistant Band Director at Air Academy High School. She enjoys exploring different places on hikes and cooking/baking new recipes!

Justice Hawley (violin) is an Orchestra Teacher in District 11, as well as a conductor with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association. He plays with multiple ensembles in the Pikes Peak region, and holds degrees from the University of New Mexico and the University of North Texas. Justice enjoys hiking, sports, and coffee.

Adam Heitke (clarinet) is a former enlisted musician, serving in the Quantico Marine Corps Band from 1999–2004 as a clarinetist, performing across concert band, marching band, and showband ensembles. Music continues to be central to family life, with his wife Sarah performing on double reeds and flute, his daughter Claire studying bassoon performance at the Eastman School of Music, and his sons Noah (cello) and Maximus (oboe) continuing the family's shared commitment to musicianship.

Claire Heitke (bassoon) is a sophomore at the Eastman School of Music. Originally from Colorado, she enjoys performing in orchestral and chamber music settings, traveling, hiking, and spending time with friends.

Sarah Heitke (oboe) is a former oboist with the United States Marine Corps Band (Quantico, VA). She worked in the DoD for the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence for many years, and then began homeschooling four children, who are also very musical. Currently in a certificate program for Byzantine Iconography, she assists with church painting and accepts commissions for religious icons. She also enjoys being in the mountains with her family and dog, and assisting as Parent Manager for the Ovation orchestra in the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony.

Amanda Hessel (viola) is a freelance music educator working with all age and ability levels in a variety of settings around Colorado Springs. She fills her days with music, teaching, being mom to her six children (ages 2-12) and wife to her husband of 15 years.

Nancy Marble (cello) has been playing and teaching music for over 40 years. Nancy studied cello performance and music education at the University of Colorado in Boulder with Jurgen de Lemos. She has received numerous awards for teaching including the ASTA Colorado Teacher of the Year in 2011. Nancy is currently playing cello with the Parker Symphony and the New Horizons Cello Ensemble. She feels incredibly honored to be able to work with students every day and to be witness to their growth in music and in life.

Jesse Maurer (violin) is the Orchestra Director at Russell Middle School in District 11. He also serves as Conductor of the Allegro String Orchestra with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association. Outside of teaching and performing, he enjoys spending time outdoors, especially fishing and playing disc golf.

Zane Merrill (viola) is a student at Pikes Peak State College majoring in Music Education. He has played the viola for over 13 years and loves to go fishing and spend time with friends and family.

Krista Millard (clarinet) has been teaching music for 22 years and currently teaches band at Fox Meadow Middle School in Colorado Springs. In her free time, she enjoys quilting and sewing, and playing video games with her kids.



Laney Millard (violin) is a student at Cheyenne Mountain High School. When she is not playing her violin, she can be found with a pencil and a sketch book, immersed in an artistic flow state.

Tanesha Reeves Pashia (flute), White Mountain Apache, is a middle school band and orchestra director with Colorado Springs D11 and a seasonal ranger on Pikes Peak. She performs with several ensembles throughout the area and is passionate about music education, connection to the outdoors, and creating meaningful experiences for students.

Rachel Pope (violin) started her Bachelors in Music Performance at CSUP and her career as a private lesson instructor at the same time. After graduating from Mesa Ridge High School, she is now a Thunderwolf Alumni with more than a decade of teaching under her belt. She loves to take every opportunity to be involved in music in Widefield and Pueblo, and give back to the communities that believed in her.

Ryan Rosete (oboe/English horn) is a music educator with 15 years of teaching experience and an active performer throughout Southern Colorado. He frequently serves as a substitute musician for community bands and orchestras in the region, specializing in oboe, English horn, and oboe d'amore. He also crafts custom reeds for these instruments. His dedication to both performance and education has made him a valued member of the local music community.

Joshua Skwarek (viola) earned a BA in viola performance in 2023. He plays with Pueblo Symphony Orchestra and assists as a string coach in Pueblo Youth Symphony. He enjoys cooking, arranging, dance, and engine building when time allows.

Dr. Chino Soberano (violin/viola) is a freelance musician in the area and is a tenured member of the Arizona Opera Orchestra. He loves cooking, coffee, and photography.

Linda Tennes (cello) is a longtime string and voice educator and cellist who now focuses on contemporary Christian worship. She and her husband have three grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and are expecting their first grandbaby in 2026. Together they support entrepreneurs through their company, Tennes International.

Jim Vaughn (bass) retired from the University of Northern Colorado as Instructor of double bass. He is also active in several regional orchestras and churches.

Jennifer West (violin/bass) teaches orchestra at Holmes Middle School and Coronado High School and conducts the Amadeus ensemble of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. She performs as a bassist with the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and the Colorado Philharmonic. Jennifer also enjoys playing many styles of music and also plays in the band Patchwork Jack.

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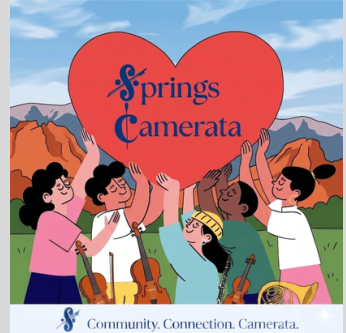
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