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## **Special soloists for a special concert**

Oratorio Society marks 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Mark your calendar now for May 17 or 18<sup>th</sup> for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert of the Oratorio Society of Estes Park. It will be held in the auditorium of Estes Park High School. The Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> concert is at 7:00pm. The Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> concert is at 2:00pm with a snack reception afterward. Admission is free. Donations are deeply appreciated.

Several people taking part are original members of the Oratorio Society when it debuted Nov. 27, 1988 at a sing-along of Handel's *Messiah*. Original singers in the anniversary concert will be



Kathleen Black, Carolyn Warner, and Steve Pearson. Original orchestra members playing in the concert will be Merritt Martin (violin or viola) and Ray Novy (bassoon).

Merritt Martin is one of the founders of OSEP and a former concertmaster with the Estes Park Chamber Orchestra. He and the current concertmaster, Jeff Tyler, will be the featured soloists in Bach's *Double Violin Concerto in D Minor*.



Also on the program for the anniversary concert are Felix Mendelssohn's *Lauda Sion*, Michael Haydn's *Turkish March*, Bruckner's *Locus iste* for a cappella choir, and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*.



Vocal soloists in Mendelssohn's *Lauda Sion* will include: Lori Burnham and Sandi Engelhorn (sopranos), Jane Stuart (alto), Scott Anderson (tenor), and Bob Gunn (bass). Soloists in Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* will be Sandi Engelhorn, Linda Bowie, Jane Stuart, Scott Anderson, Bob Burger and Bob Gunn.

Also returning for the anniversary performance is one of the society's first music directors, Richard Kohl. He will conduct Michael Haydn's *Turkish March*.

Dr. Margaret Patterson will perform the piano solo in Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*. She leads a varied career as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician and teacher. In 2004, she was a



prizewinner in the Simone Belsky Piano Competition for pianists over the age of 30 committed to re-establishing a performing career. Margie received a Masters of Music degree in piano performance at the University of Colorado, Boulder (2009), and received her Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree in piano performance in May 2013. Margie is also Chair of the non-profit Allenspark Community Cultures Council which manages The Old Gallery, an arts and welcoming center in Allenspark.

"What I'm doing with this concert is taking us back to the core of the classical repertoire," explains music director Kathy Bowers. "It focuses on baroque, classical, and romantic German-Austrian music."

Anyone who loves to sing, possesses a clear and in-tune voice, and can make a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly is welcome to join the chorus. Auditions are not necessary except for the soloists. The chorus rehearses on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, 2000 Ptarmigan Trail, from mid-September until the winter concert and from mid-January until the spring concert. A



good way to get to know the other chorus members and the conductor, Kathy Bowers, D.M.A., is to come to the Summer Sings sight-reading sessions. Check the society's website: [www.OSEP.info](http://www.OSEP.info) and click on "Summer Sings." For more information and to get on the e-mail list for notifications, please call Kathy Bowers at 970-586-5193 or Jackie Reed at 970-586-1022.



Any string player is similarly welcome to join the orchestra, whether a professional musician, a student, or a retiree who wants to brush up on his/her earlier intermediate or advanced skills. We always need more strings. Brass and woodwind players are often needed too, but only as required by the music being programmed for any particular concert. The orchestra rehearses on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm usually at the Town Hall in rooms 202-3 from mid-September until the winter concert and from mid-January until the spring concert. For more information and to get on the e-mail list for notifications, please call Kathy Bowers at 970-586-5193 or Lynette Johnson at 970-586-2192.



If you just love to *listen* to beautiful music, come to the Oratorio Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert May 17 or 18<sup>th</sup> at Estes Park High School Auditorium.

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