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PANS & BRASS MARDI GRAS MAGIC



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BAGPIPES & BRASS: EMERALD ODE TO JOY

MARCH 11

7:00PM MST

with Celtic Colorado Pipes & Drums, Todd Teske - Tenor,
Rick Seaton - Organ

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A MESSAGE FROM KATHY & BECKY

The last few months have been an unfathomable challenge for us all. Here at Denver Brass, we've relied on two constants during this difficult time: YOU - our family, our fans, our friends, and our MUSIC - music that gives voice to feelings we cannot put into words. It's important that we continue to share the healing power of music, as we all need a way to express, connect, gather, heal, and grow. Until we are able to see you in person, know that we are still with you. While this season has its challenges, we will overcome all obstacles in concert with you. We'll bring daring and dynamic brass music to the entire community through captivating performances and world-class recordings. We are proud to make a difference in our community by sharing the depth and breadth of emotion that brass music brings to life – from reflection and sorrow to inspiration and joy. This music is our passion, and bringing it to you, and our entire community is our purpose.



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The Denver Brass Presents

PANS & BRASS: MARDI GRAS MAGIC

with **Pan Jumbies**

February 11 – 7:00PM

Bethany Lutheran Church

Program will be chosen from:

Fanfare for the New <i>A gift from Jerry & Linda Berry</i>	Hugo Montenegro (1925-1981) arr. Kenneth Singleton
Le Village St Jean <i>A gift from the Max DiJulio Fund</i>	Thomas Miller (b. 1962)
The B's Knee	Don Prorak (b. 1950)
Duerme Negrito	Atahualpa Yupanqui (1908-1992) arr. Andrew Wolfe
The Little Fugue	J.S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. Don Prorak
Libertango <i>A gift from Kim Weibert & Kevin Hart</i>	Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992) arr. Jeffrey J. Craig
Excess of Personality	Don Prorak (b. 1950)
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Que Rico El Mambo	Dámaso Pérez Prado (1916-1989) arr. Andy Nevala
Woodbrook Jam	Ray Holman (b. 1944) arr. Thomas Miller
Hot! Hot! Hot!	Alphonsus "Arrow" Cassell (1949-2010) arr. Andy Nevala

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THE DENVER BRASS

The Denver Brass, presenting brass music of national and international renown, was formed in 1981 by Kathleen and Charles Brantigan. The organization was built on a vision of a one-of-a-kind professional chamber ensemble that would be at the forefront of brass performance, entertainment, original commissions, education, and community service. Unique in the world, Denver Brass has set itself apart through its sound, original repertoire, and state-of-the-art multi-cultural show productions.

The elements of The Brass' trademark sound include more than 13 distinct instruments—including an array of rarely-used trumpets in various pitches—and the exceptional technical and expressive expertise of some of the nation's finest brass musicians. Together they produce a rainbow of timbre: not a band, not an orchestra, but an entirely new phenomenon. Exploration of fusions of music from diverse cultures and electronic and digital technology is central to groundbreaking artistic development. Today's Denver Brass is heard live by more than 40,000 persons at more than 150 season series, community, and educational events annually, as well as on popular social media platforms and 30+ acclaimed recordings.



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GUEST ARTISTS

PAN JUMBIES was founded by Don Prorak in 1991, dedicated to exploring the many facets of the steel pan art form. Following this thread, the band has become something of a chameleon, adapting its form to the musical environment. To some we are known as a concert act; to others a Caribbean jazz ensemble; and to many a party dance band. Pan Jumbies is all of these and more, combining the diverse musical experience of an eclectic group of musicians. The central element is the steel pan (a.k.a. steel drum), the national musical instrument

of Trinidad & Tobago. Pan evolved over a long period of time, taking shape during World War II, and progressing in the decades since to a finely tuned orchestra of instruments skillfully crafted from crude industrial materials. Pan Jumbies honors the pioneers who invented this amazing family of instruments, and hope to contribute in some small way to its future development.



Don Prorak, Paul Munzenrider, Andrew Neldon - Steel Pans
John Thornburg - Electric Bass, Rich Rychel - Drums



Warren Deck, conductor – Warren has had a long and illustrious career in music performance, education, instrument development, and recording production. The recipient of the International Tuba and Euphonium

Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, he served as Principal Tubist of the New York Philharmonic for 23 years. Warren made his solo debut with the New York Philharmonic performing the world premiere of Roger Kellaway's Songs of Ascent for Tuba and Orchestra, commissioned by the Philharmonic for Warren and conducted by Zubin Mehta. He has made numerous orchestral recordings under the leadership of such conductors as Leonard Bernstein, Zubin Mehta, and Kurt Masur and in addition, made four recordings with The Canadian Brass. Warren collaborated with the Meini Weston Company of Germany on three models of tubas that are currently being sold. He works as a tonemeister/producer for both solo and ensemble recordings in a wide variety of genres and has traveled as a clinician throughout the world. Warren teaches at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music and the Aspen Music Festival.



David Artley, trumpet – Formerly a member and soloist of the United States Army Field Band and later the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," David has performed live for

7 former U.S. Presidents. You may also have unknowingly seen and heard David at the White House or one of many major United States ceremonies as a member of the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets. In 2014, David brought his talents to the Denver Brass where he now sits in front of 7 different pitched trumpets that give the Denver Brass its unique one-of-a-kind sound. David is passionate about writing, reading, photography and history. He can be found hiking, scuba diving, and/or maintaining the family farm in Iowa, owned by his family since 1877, with his wife Andrea and daughters Sophia and Elisabeth.



Tim Allums, trumpet – Tim Allums comes to the Denver Brass from many years of service to his country with the United States Air Force as a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Band, where he was a member of the famed "Stellar

Brass." Formally trained in music and trumpet performance at the University of Oregon, Tim is a born entertainer. He also performed in the Air Force Academy concert band and renowned "Falconaires" jazz band. Equally at home in all genres of music, Tim has performed with rock and salsa bands as well as symphony orchestras, and now, The Denver Brass. Tim can be found woodworking, deck building, and at the gym. He spends his time with his wife Melanie, son Matthew, dogs Max and Bella, and goldfish, Bubbles.



Ryan Spencer, trumpet – Ryan has played full-time with Denver Brass since 2017, and is an active performer and educator in Denver and the Front Range. He completed his doctorate in trumpet at CU-Boulder, and

maintains a private studio in trumpet and music theory. Ryan performs with Denver Philharmonic, Cheyenne Symphony, and the Colorado Brass, a British-style brass band where he was recently named Artistic Director. Besides all things trumpet and music, Ryan enjoys hiking, snowboarding, and spending time with his wife and poodle puppy at home.



Sam Oatts, trumpet – A seasoned professional, Sam is currently teaching and completing his Doctoral degree at Arizona State University. A Broadway show musician for more than 15 years, Sam has

performed in over 40 countries and 49 of our 50 states. Few people know that in the 90s, Sam played punk rock bass was a solo vocalist and songwriter under the name "Hudson Hank"! Sam tied the knot this past August with bride Caitly. Their family includes cats Sammy Jr and Frank (after Davis Jr and Sinatra; the "Cat" Pack).



Susan McCullough, horn –

Susan has been playing horn with the Denver Brass since its first concert in 1981. Her formal training began at Emporia State University after which she served our nation as a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Band. Susan is the number one freelance horn player in the region. She's played with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, Inside the Orchestra, Colorado Opera Festival, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and has toured the U.S. and Japan with the Aries Brass Quintet. When not playing horn, Susan's husband, children and grandchildren occupy most of her free time. Her son Jesse is also a professional horn player in the Cleveland Orchestra.



Lauren Varley, horn – Lauren Varley, a native of Pennsylvania, received her B.M. from Boyer College of music at Temple University and M.M. from San Francisco Conservatory of music. Previously, she

performed professionally throughout the country with memorable performances at the Hollywood Bowl and with the San Francisco Symphony. She is currently a member of the Fresno Philharmonic in California, Greeley Philharmonic, Ft. Collins Symphony and Opera Colorado, and has performed with other local ensembles including Boulder Philharmonic, Colorado Springs Philharmonic and the Colorado Ballet. Lauren lives in Colorado with her husband, Jubal Fulks, and three sons and daughter. Lauren loves spending as much time in the mountains with her crew of boys and spends a great amount of time advocating for disability awareness.



Joseph Martin, trombone – Joe has performed with Aries Brass Quintet and Denver Brass since 1991. Joe hails from northern California where he received his B.M. degree in trombone and euphonium performance from California State University,

Northridge. He received his M.M. and D.A. degrees from University of Northern Colorado, and he is Associate Professor at the Lamont School of Music, University of Denver, where he conducts the Lamont Wind Ensemble. A highly

sought after freelance player, Joe has played with every major ensemble and venue in the region. As a member of the Aries Brass Quintet, Joe has traveled throughout the world on concert tours. Joe and his wife Lisa, have two beautiful daughters, Chloe and Gracie, and two dogs, Sophie and Jesper. Joe is an avid runner competes in triathlons during the summers.



Jeff Craig, trombone – A Colorado native, Jeff attended Mesa State, Colorado State University, University of Denver and University of Colorado. He is a very active freelance trombonist, and in addition

to being a prominent member of the Denver Brass, performs regularly with Central City Opera, Inside the Orchestra, Apollo Chamber Brass, and Colorado Springs Philharmonic, as well as a former member of the Fort Collins Symphony and Cheyenne Symphony. Jeff serves as Director of Publications and Librarian of the Denver Brass. Jeff has a great love for woodworking. He and his wife, Heidi, became famous when they were chosen to appear on "Wheel of Fortune," where they won a beach vacation.



Andy Wolfe, trombone – A virtuoso on both tenor and bass trombones, Andy is best known for playing the bass trombone as both an ensemble member and soloist for Denver Brass. Also a Colorado native, Andy received

his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, where he studied with Buddy Baker and Nat Wickham. Andy has arranged over 50 pieces and composed over 15 original compositions for Denver Brass. Andy enjoys swimming and hiking. The love of his life is his wife, Jennie, and their six children, Sam, Mia, Ali, Weston, Grace and Chris.



Michael Dunn, tuba – Mike received his training at Tennessee Tech University and Arizona State University. His expertise has been shaped by years of performing with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra,

the United States Marine Band, Dallas Brass and Fortress Brass. Professor of Tuba at the University of Colorado, a little known fact about

Mike is that on the side, he is Batman! We don't know the full story yet, but it is sure to be revealed soon. Stay tuned! Outside of the tuba, Mike's life revolves around his wife Jennifer and their three daughters. He's also an avid backpacker and hiker- good for the lung power!



Emanuel Jester, tuba –

Originally from Orlando, FL, Emanuel Jester III attended the University of South Florida. His primary teachers include Jay Hunsberger, Willie Clark, and Gail Robertson. He has

performed with numerous groups at Walt Disney in Florida & California, The Florida Orchestra, San Antonio Symphony, and The US Air Force Academy Band. In his spare time, Emanuel can be found training for his next triathlon, cooking, or spending time with his family.

Jason Rodon, percussion

– Jason completed his undergraduate with Pavel Burda at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and his graduate degree at the University of Denver, Lamont School of

Music with percussion teacher John Kinzie. Jason has kept the beat for the Denver Brass since 1998. He is also a longtime member of the contemporary music ensemble, The Playground. Jason has his own woodworking construction company in Breckenridge, along with several interesting avocations including remote airplane flying, handmade drone building/flying and teaching yoga at his own studio. You can find Jason biking, skiing and skateboarding after which he retreats to his wood-fired sauna. Sanity comes from his wife Leslie, and his cats, Little Man and Herman.



Kathy Brantigan, Artistic

Director - Founder, tubist and fearless leader of Denver Brass, Kathy is a pioneer in the world of professional female tubists and an early soloist at the International Women's Brass

Conference. University of Michigan graduate, Kathy has single-handedly revolutionized the concept of brass ensembles in the 21st century. Under her leadership, Denver Brass has

commissioned over 900 original compositions and arrangements for the ensemble's unique instrumentation. As a tubist, Kathy has performed with the Central City Opera, Colorado Ballet, The King's Brass, Aries Brass Quintet and Hudson Valley Philharmonic. She has produced over 35 CDs - most prominently the Denver Brass and Aries Brass Quintet. Kathy's successful career has been a result of her tenacity, good humor and gregarious personality. Chuck Brantigan is her tuba mate in the Denver Brass as well as marriage. Outside her love of music, Kathy loves Victorian houses, narrow gauge steam trains, skiing, traveling, partying, her four sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren!



Becky Wilkins, Executive

Director - Becky joined the Denver Brass team in 2010 and was appointed Executive Director in 2015. In 2012, she was selected Conference Director of the prestigious

international Rafael Méndez Brass Institute. Becky holds an MBA with specialization in Sports & Entertainment Management from the University of Colorado Denver, and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, with minors in business and leadership studies. Becky is proud to be contributing to the growth and development of music and the arts in the Denver-metro region. She lives in Georgetown with her husband, Scott, and spends the little free time she has skiing, biking, quilting and practicing her horn and hammered dulcimer.

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