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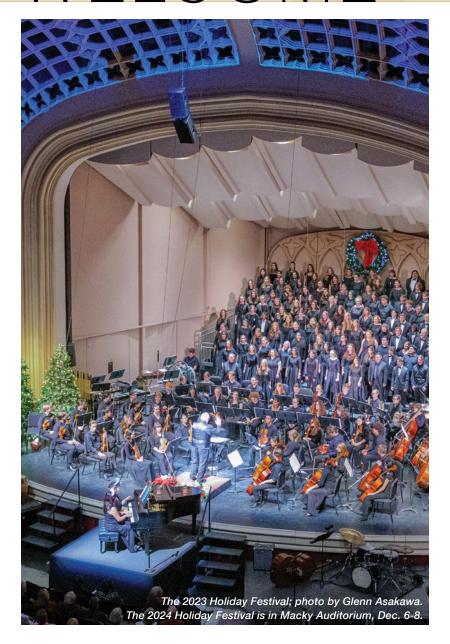
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SPOTLIGHT



Advocacy Through Artistry

By Henry Michaels

In 2021, soprano Renée Fleming one of those rare artists who needs absolutely no introduction-released the album Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene. Featuring both Romantic era works and new compositions by Nico Muhly, Caroline Shaw and Kevin Puts, Voice of Nature would go on to win Fleming her fifth Grammy Award in 2023.

And in January of 2025, Fleming will bring a concert inspired by this album to Macky Auditorium. Fleming, who has frequently lent her voice to causes in which she believes, ventures further into the realm of advocacy through artistry with this album and ensuing concert project. Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene focuses on the environment and climate change. (The Anthropocene is a name proposed by scientists for our current geological epoch, one whose beginning is marked by the first instances of significant human impact on the planet.)

"The music on the album begins in a time almost two centuries ago when people had a profound connection to the beauty of nature," said Fleming of Voice of Nature. "Now we have reached a moment when we see all too clearly the effects of our own activity and the fragility of our environment."

This is an eclectic concert, featuring music by composers from Nico Muhly and Kevin Puts to George Frideric Handel and Giacomo Puccini-even Richard Rodgers and Björk! The concert will also feature a film specially created for this project by the National Geographic Society which further highlights the beauty and fragility of our planet, its climate and the creatures we share it with.

While there is certainly a tone of somberness in the serious message that underlies this concert, the music and film also serve to deliver a substantial dose of hope. The words

of American poet Dorianne Laux's Evening - set to music by Kevin Puts illustrate well this juxtaposition of apprehension and hope:

"We know the land / is disappearing beneath / the sea, islands swallowed / like prehistoric fish. / We know we are doomed, / done for, damned, and still / the light reaches us, falls / on our shoulders even now, / even here where the moon is / hidden from us, even though / the stars are so far away."

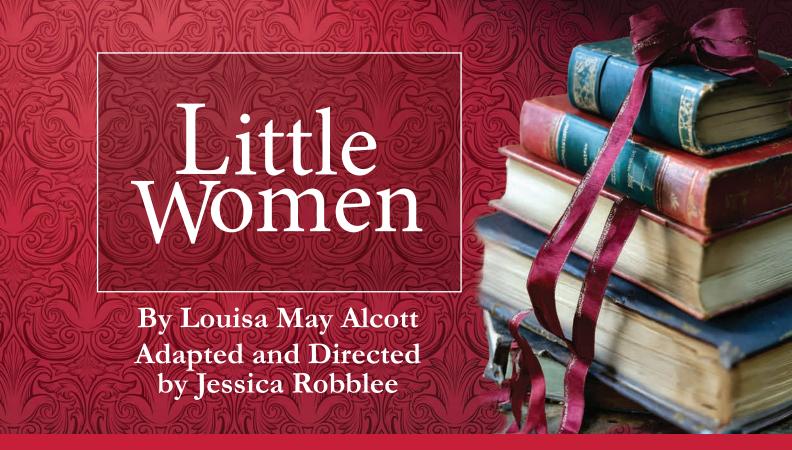
Renée Fleming performs on the Artist Series at Macky Auditorium, on Jan. 31, 2025.

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Holiday Festival 2024 Boulder's beloved holiday tradition Dec. 6-8, 2024



Renée Fleming Voice of Nature Jan. 31, 2025



The Pirates of Penzance By Gilbert and Sullivan March 14-16, 2025



Kodo One Earth Tour 2025: Warabe Feb. 15, 2025



Big Fish By John August and Andrew Lippa April 24-27, 2025

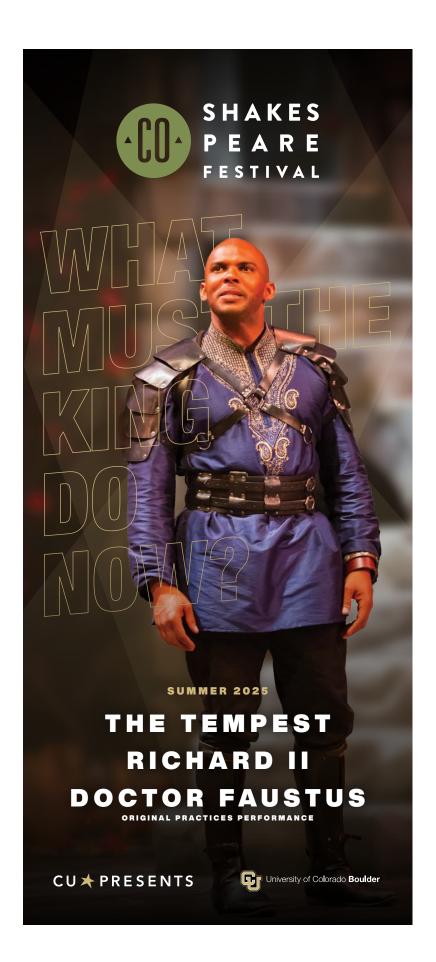
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Catapult

A BFA dance concert

Feb. 7-9, 2025 | Irey Theatre



John Proctor is the Villain

By Kimberly Bellflower

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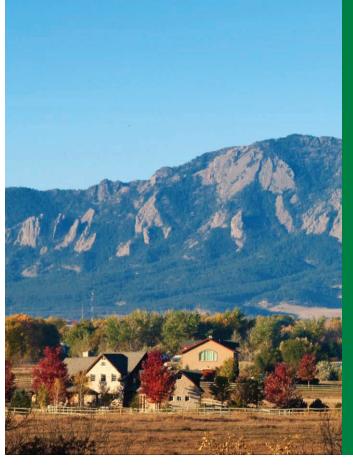
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SPOTLIGHT



Meet Willem Rohwer-2024 Sher Distinguished **Musician Scholarship** Recipient

By Kathryn Bistodeau

We're pleased to announce freshman Willem Rohwer as our 2024 Sher Distinguished Musician Scholarship recipient!

Rohwer comes to the College of Music from Edwards, Colorado, to pursue an undergraduate degree in double bass performance studying with Associate Professor of Double Bass Susan Cahill. "She's absolutely wonderful," Rohwer says. "I had the opportunity to take a couple lessons with her over the summer and her approach to teaching is through a fresh lens."

At CU Boulder, Rohwer hopes to explore different musical ensembles, genres and styles to find his own niche. "Developing my own musical opinions and character are really something that I want to find here," he says.

Rohwer first learned about the scholarship through an email inviting him to an additional audition. He had just a few weeks to prepare and utilized an unusual tactic: "I had figured out that one of the most helpful things for me was to play in different locations throughout my house and throughout my town instead of just in my room," he says.

"You can hear different things. I practiced in my living room and then I practiced in a closet and then I practiced outside."

The traveling practice paid off and Rohwer was offered the four-year, full-ride scholarship funded by John and Anna Sie.

"You couldn't wipe the smile off my face for a week, I was really happy to hear that I would be able to go here and that I was so wanted."

Rohwer is also part of the Music Buffs Living Learning Community—a program that brings together music loving students to collaborate and create. "It's so exciting to be a part of this community because everyone I meet is eager to do exactly what I want to do, which is jam out with people my age who have different ideas about music," he says.

Additionally, Rohwer wants to develop another passion of his: Space.

"I've always been fascinated with astrophysics and space,"

"I think music and astrophysics relate because they both have to do with exploring—with music, there's such an infinite space ahead of you where you can explore how everything sounds."

He adds, "When you're playing music, it brings you to a space that's so separate from time, stress or any of the other happenings of daily life. The same feeling that I get in that musical space is what I experience when I think about exploring deep space because it's so far out and separate from everything else ... and always brand new."

Rohwer joins these current Sher Distinguished Musician Scholarship recipients:

2023: Nate Bonin (horn) and Danny Kaminski (jazz bass); 2022: Jude Dow-Hygelund (piano) and Cian Kreuger (jazz sax); and

2021: Anna Kallinikos (trumpet) and Raven Dow-Hygelund (classical guitar).

Our gratitude to the 2024 Sher Distinguished Musician Scholarship selection committee comprising faculty members Gary Lewis, Matthew Roeder and Elizabeth Swanson. "I'm excited that we've added another very talented musician as part of our incoming class of first-year Music Buffs!" says Roeder.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pablo Sáinz-Villegas

Nov. 9

Boston Brass + Brass All-Stars Big Band

Dec. 14

Renée Fleming

Jan. 31

Kodo

Feb. 15

Sweet Honey in the Rock

Feb. 28

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April 26

All performances take place at 7:30 p.m. in Macky Auditorium.

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Kodo puts a visceral, visual spin on taiko drumming for **40th Anniversary tour**

By Adam Goldstein

The members of the Kodo Taiko Performing Arts Ensemble are just as apt to impress seasoned jazz drummers as they are musical novices.

Take Max Roach, for example, the legendary jazz percussionist and composer who redefined the sound and dynamic of the American art form in the 1950s. Before he passed in 2007, Roach spoke to the Village Voice about Kodo, an ensemble that specializes in Japanese drumming styles, compositions and performance. Roach saw that contemporary quality and marveled at the group's sheer presence onstage. "The technique they use to play percussion instruments is totally different from anything I've ever

seen," Roach told the Village Voice in the 1990s. "They deal with 'visual sound' more than anyone I've ever known."

It would be a misnomer to attach the word "traditional" to the group's approach to Japanese taiko percussion; while they draw on the deep cultural roots of their country in terms of instrumentation and method, they are thoroughly modern in terms of their repertoire and their adaptation of the art form.

The visual component is impossible to ignore during a performance by Kodo. They specialize in taiko, a Japanese word that can be translated roughly

as both "heartbeat" and "children of the drum." The troupe members take to the stage clad in headbands and loincloths; their onstage approach includes gymnastic leaps and acrobatic flourishes; the drums themselves-rendered of wood and animal hide-are massive, and serve as onstage personas of their own.

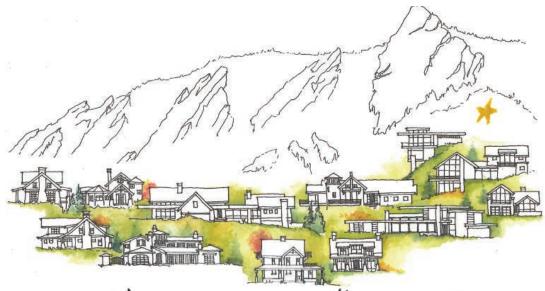
But the very music itself also seems to offer a visual component, a feature that has made the Kodo Performing Arts Ensemble a global lure since its formal launch at the Berliner Festspiele in 1981. The Kodo troupe produces a percussive, tactile brand of sound, one that audience members can see in the drums' visual vibrations and one they can feel in the vibrations that will reach the back of the balcony at Macky Auditorium when the group visits the CU Boulder campus on Feb. 15.

For more than 40 years, Kodo has been delivering this impressive dynamic to audiences across the globe from their home base on the rural island of Sado in Japan. Their "One Earth Tour" formally began in 1984 and, for their anniversary celebration, the group has focused on their driving artistic mission statement, one that's just as much about community as it is about sound.

"The sound of our taiko will echo out from Sado Island to the world, and from the world to Sado Island," Kodo Taiko Performing Arts Ensemble Leader Yuichiro Funabashi notes on the group's website. "We will continue our One Earth Tour; our mission (is) to remind people of the common bonds we all share. We will strive to connect people through the resonant sound of taiko, creating moments and spaces brimming with joy and smiling faces."

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Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovich arr. Dave Hanson Holiday Festival Brass

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

Traditional arr. Michael Allen Holiday Festival Brass

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. David Hanson Holiday Festival Brass

Fantasy for Christmas

arr. John Leavitt
Holiday Festival Brass

Twelve Days of Christmas

arr. Andrew Kazdin ed. Michael Allen Holiday Festival Brass



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Dec. 6 | 7 | 8 2024 Macky Auditorium

Matthew Roeder, artistic director Kate Cimino, event coordinator

FEATURING

Chamber Singers
Coreen Duffy, conductor

Holiday Festival Chorus

Coreen Duffy and Elizabeth Swanson, conductors Blake Clawson, Wyatt Smith, Zachariah Smith and Kevin Wille, graduate conductors

Holiday Festival Orchestra

Gary Lewis, music director Matthew Dockendorf, conductor Jacob Kaminski, graduate conductor

Trumpet Ensemble

Ryan Gardner, conductor

Holiday Festival Jazz

Brad Goode, director

Holiday Festival Brass

Elias Gillespie, conductor

West African Highlife Ensemble

Maputo Mensah, director

Featured performers

Andrew Garland, baritone Daniel Silver, clarinet Bobby Pace, carillon

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A Christmas Festival

Leroy Anderson Holiday Festival Orchestra

Carol Sing!

arr. John Leavitt Holiday Festival Orchestra Holiday Festival Chorus and Audience

Oseh Shalom

Coreen Duffy
Chamber Singers

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam arr. Arthur Luck Holiday Festival Orchestra Andrew Garland, baritone

We Three Kings

arr. Bradley Goode Holiday Festival Jazz

Uv'chein Tein Kavod

Aminadav Aloni Holiday Festival Chorus Andrew Garland, baritone Mario Barbosa, piano (Friday and Sunday) Ethan Stahl, piano (Saturday)

"Trepak" from The Nutcracker Suite

Peter Ilyich Tchaikowsky arr. Kevin Kaisershot Trumpet Ensemble

Christmas Overture

Samuel Coleridge Taylor arr. Sydney Baynes Holiday Festival Orchestra

Oh Chanukah

arr. Bradley Goode Holiday Festival Jazz

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Andrea Ramsey
Holiday Festival Chorus
Andrew Garland, baritone
Mario Barbosa, piano (Friday and Sunday)
Ethan Stahl, piano (Saturday)



The Christmas Song

Mel Torme arr. James Olcott Trumpet Ensemble

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual arr. Roland Carter Chamber Singers Adriana Cipponeri, Izzy Bodley and Javier Abreu, vocal soloists

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson Holiday Festival Orchestra

The Hanukkah Waltz

arr. Andy Statman Holiday Festival Jazz Daniel Silver, clarinet

Betelehemu

Via Olatunji and Wendell Whalum arr. Barrington Brooks Holiday Festival Chorus Chamber Singers West African Highlife Ensemble Nathan George and Izzy Bodley, vocal soloists

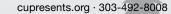
Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

George Frideric Handel
Holiday Festival Orchestra
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Chamber Singers
and Audience
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POSTLUDE

March of the Toys

Victor Herbert arr. Michael Allen Holiday Festival Brass



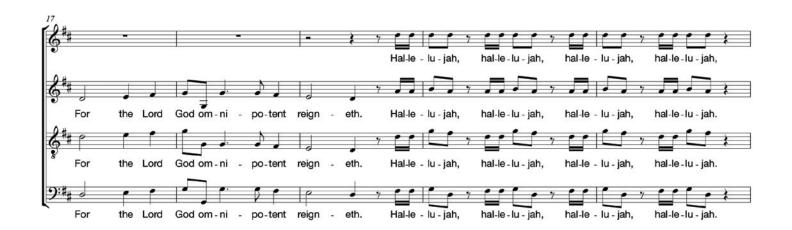
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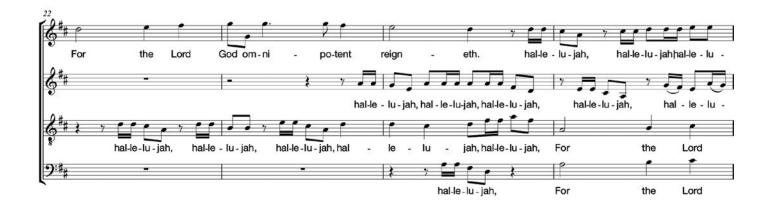
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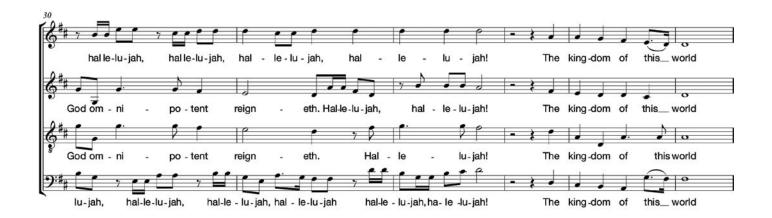






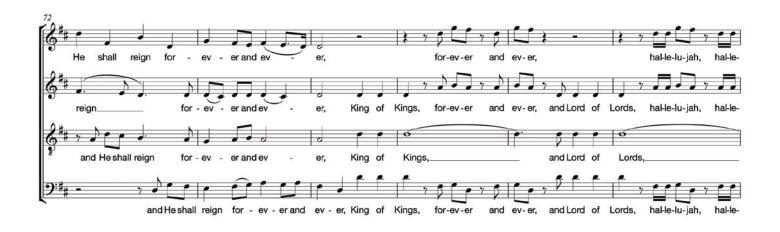


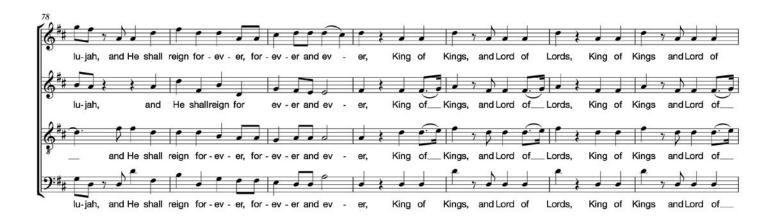




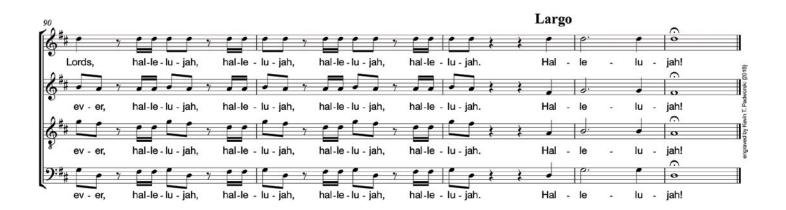












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CHAMBER SINGERS

Avanka Perera

Long, Kevin Wille

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Alto 2: Izzy Bodley, Vennela Gottiparthy, Noelle Romberger, Estha Von Reich Tenor 1: Javier Abreu, James Early, Kirk

Tenor 2: Ryan Lie, Aaron Schneider, Zachariah Smith

Bass 1: Nathan George, Joshua Maynard, Ryan Porter, Marcus Schaller Bass 2: Blake Clawson, Ryan Flat, Wyatt Smith, Matthew Winford

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CHORUS

University Choir

Gyuri Min, collaborative pianist
Soprano 1: Abby DeMarce, Tanner
Harwell, Natalie Highfield, Aimee
Kennedy, Lizzie McMaster, Lorelai Rafter
Soprano 2: Charli Brunette, Darcy
Brydges, Jacey Fischer, Zoë Johnson,
Keira Oppenheimer, Syvrina Renault, Ella
Wilhelm-Kopatich

Alto 1: Megan Formicola, Zoey Guerra, Lau Marial, Emma Olivier, Esther San Diego, Lillian Velapoldi, Wendy Werner Alto 2: Grace Lindell, Sanhita Prakash, Nikki Smith, Lauren Thornton, Elspeth Wooldridge

Tenor 1: Brett Chelf, Wyatt Moeller, Markus Pacheco, Casey Prestidge, Tenor 2: Cian Krueger, Artemis Nopah, Jihwan Park, James Smith, Ibrahim Souare

Bass 1: Josh Criswell, Jake Huebner, River Osgood, Teddy Spachman, Erik Stern

Bass 2: Jimi Adams, Quinton Corry, Colin Craig, Connor O'Brien, Wyatt Smith

CU Treble Chorus

Gabriel Lowman, collaborative pianist Soprano: Kadyn Byrd, Katie Dupont, Megan Formicola, Mia Herrera, Kate Kempton, Aaliyah Lovelace, Kate Parson, Natalie Sands, Maria Thomas, Lillian Velapoldi, Grace White-Sandlin, Anna Worlund

Alto: Lulu Boothe, Frank Brickman, Ave Carpenter, Marleigh Hill, Anne Meyer, Alesa Moskal, Elena Noguera, Kate Parnell, Maggie Triplett, Emily VanHoutan, Estha Von Reich, Anna Walsh

CU Festival Chorus

Mario Barbosa and Runze Li, collaborative pianists

Soprano: Julia Becker, Rebecca

Beswick, Laurel Bayless, Alison Bagli, Ava De Alejandro, Tess English, Kathy Frebel, Jeanette Felmlee-Gartner, Maigh Jammu, Kelsey Kley, Caroline Lester, Jordan Lutes, Charlie Marler, Abygail Mayberry, Nika Plant, Kate Reese, Bella Schnepp, Dalia Tabori, Maria Thomas, Nora Want, Leanne Walther Alto: Vega, Claire Aylward, Megan Baird, Alexandria Cox, Linanibaa Cordova, Becky Donoho, Ainsley Dodson, Debra Freeman, Lucy Forde, Christina Fernandez, Marcie Ginley, Miriam Gilbert, Heidi Heuer, Grace Hawkins, Addie McCurdy, Steph Moser, Katherine Parnell, Victoria Schnell, Rae Sweeney, Josefine Soujon, Lena Thometz, Summer Worthy

Tenor: Rylie Archuleta, Ed Dungo, Mary Ellen Holland, Meagan Figgins, A.R. Flynn, Andy French, Alex Ituarte, Gavin Lucero, Duke Mattie, Carter Mallberg, Timothy Scott, Rory Stalter, Nik Terry, Zach Waldron

Bass: Troy Arthur, Ryan Beck, Corben Cox, Doug Carmichael, Beckett Fox, Ned Graf, Nathaniel George, Alea Kootz, Connor Keane, Gustave Kuhlman, Jayce Klein, Vishal Ray, Don Schumann, Nathan Simmons II, Chris Walther, Nick Wehmeyer

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Violin: Greg Abrell, Ryannah Blackman, Alyssa Byrne, Anna Cummings, Alex Earle, Jordan Grantonic, Michael Han, Samuel Hardman, Ellie Kaszycki, Lauren Lier, Sarah Payton, Laura Perez-Rangel, Eli Pouliot, David Schwartz, Bebe Seidenberg, Andrew Storey, Emilie Tupper, Adam Weller

Viola: Shelley Armer, Walt Conte, Devin Cowan, Finn Cruit, Becky Donoho, Len Eppich, Zoe Fernandez, Alejandro Gallagher, Bryce Kayser, Aaron Lockhart, Taylor Sapanera

Cello: Mackenzie Baca, Julian Bennett, Elise Cole, Amy Delevoryas, Julia Emery, Martinique Flickinger, Kate Fornshell, Lance Johnson, Logan Kuhlman, Nia Lepore, Peyton Magalhaes, Logan Moser, Erik Okel, Everlin Roark, Caleb Seifert, Noah Song, Cole Sutherland Double bass: Joey Aigner, Ella Bajcsi, Gabriel Brownlowe, Cooper Elliott, Claire Koch, Sasha Mackoff, William Rohwer, John St. Cyr, Jack Turner

Flute: Corvina Graham, Sam Nixon, Nova Rognerud, Natalie Trejo, Mallory

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Bassoon: Daniela Garzon-Guerra, Larissa Harrison, Ben Mangonon, Laynie

Metsker, Madison Triplett

Horn: Jaila Carr, Susannah Greenslit, Stacey DeGarmo, Max Braun, Nathan Bonin, Jordan Spivack, Danielle York Trumpet: Michael Brotherton, Elise Ehlert, Sydney Hoehl, Anna Kallinikos, Leilani Spurlock, Adam Warnke Trombone: Mark Bennett, Ben Garcia, Wesley Shores

Tuba: Jesse Factor

Percussion: Lily Manzanares, Izzy O'Neill, Hank Sullivan, Alex Yang,

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TRUMPET ENSEMBLE

Kaden Blake, Michael Brotherton, Toby Buss, Lucca Cidale, Connor Johnson, Amy Millesen, William Reynolds, Leilani Spurlock, Katherine Votruba, Adam Warnke

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL JAZZ

Trumpet: Brad Goode Piano: Victor Mestas-Perez Bass: Seajun Kwon Drums: Zachary Howarth

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BRASS

Trumpet: Keegan Arnsmeier, Will Bryant, John Laszakovits, Gwen Milette, Amy Millesen

Horn: Dane Burton, Joe Rupprecht Trombone: Sam McDiarmid-Sterling, Corey Nance, Scott Underwood Euphonium: Ryann White

Tuba: Jared Hartl

Percussion: Lily Manzanares, Ben McCorrison, Alex Yang

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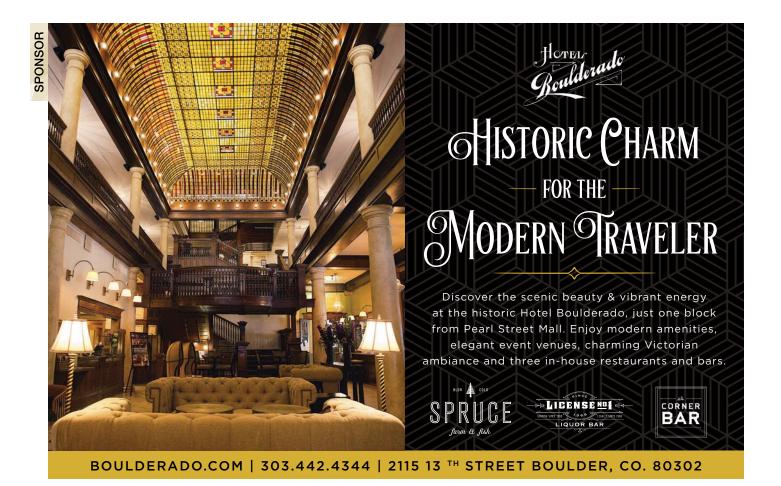
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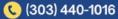




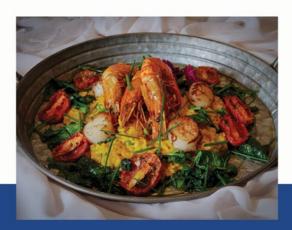












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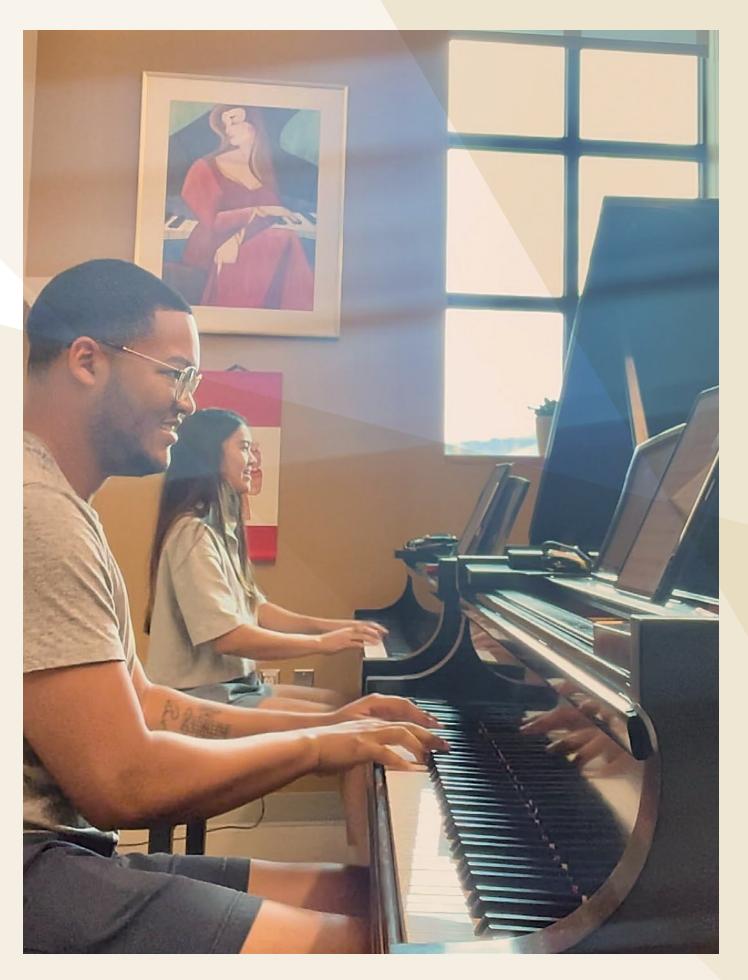












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GREATER REACH

By Kathryn Bistodeau

When Abigail Terrill (MM '24) learned about alternative piano keyboards, it seemed she'd found an obvious solution to a complicated problem. Terrill spent the last year of her master's experience researching narrower keyboards to accommodate pianists with smaller hands, and how quickly pianists can transition to and from them.

"The length of alternative keyboards is the same as standard keyboards, only the width of each key is very slightly smaller," Terrill says. The CU Boulder College of Music has had such a keyboard on loan from the DS Standard Foundation since April 2023, featuring a six-inch octave instead of the standard six-and-a-half-inch octave.

"The reason I got interested was because I have tendonitis and I noticed a bunch of my female pianist friends were also getting tendonitis. I've had friends who have had to quit because they got some kind of severe playing-related injury," Terrill says.

Alternatively sized keyboards can help pianists avoid injuries sustained from over-reaching and enable individuals with smaller hands to play some repertoire that is physically impossible for them to perform on standard-size pianos.

"Keyboards are made to a standard size and the human hand is not a standard size,"

says Jennifer Hayghe, associate professor of piano and chair of the Roser Piano + Keyboard Program at the College of Music. "In my 25 years as a professor, I have seen the number of students with injuries rise exponentially. I spend a lot of my time working with students trying to reduce their stress and tension and work through the injuries they've accrued. I do believe that if we had smaller keyboards as a standard thing, that would not be an issue." The piece loaned to the College of Music is a piano action—that is, the keyboard and the mechanism that causes hammers to strike the strings when keys are pressed. This action can technically fit onto any piano, though some fittings are more difficult than others. Mark Mikkelson and Phil Taylor, both piano technicians at the College of Music, say they put in 50 to 60 hours of work fitting the alternative keyboard into a Steinway piano.

"The problem in making these keyboards for Steinway instruments is that Steinways are entirely handmade, which means they're not all exactly the same," Hayghe explains. "So when alternative keyboards are made as close as possible to a 'standard' Steinway size, all these little adjustments are necessary. It took a long time and a lot of adjusting to get that keyboard used to that piano."

Terrill's thesis project involved 15 pianists playing a musical excerpt on a standard piano, and then on a narrow keyboard. She measured their errors when initially playing on the alternative keyboard and after 10 minutes of practice.

"We found that everyone by the end-transitioning from the standard size to the second try on the narrow keyboardhad fewer errors than on the first try," Terrill says. "Most of them said 'I wish I could practice more on it."

Since graduating this spring, Terrill has been teaching piano lessons—another instance when narrow keyboards would be helpful. "Most instruments have smaller versions for when you're learning as a kid, but not the piano," she

"I really see this as an equality issue. I'm looking for movement from people. I want to push for more research and for people to have conversations about it."

Photo: Abigail Terrill (MM '24) and duo partner James Morris (DMA '25) rehearse his first piano duo composition that premiered last year. Terrill is playing an alternatively sized keyboard on loan at the CU Boulder College of Music.

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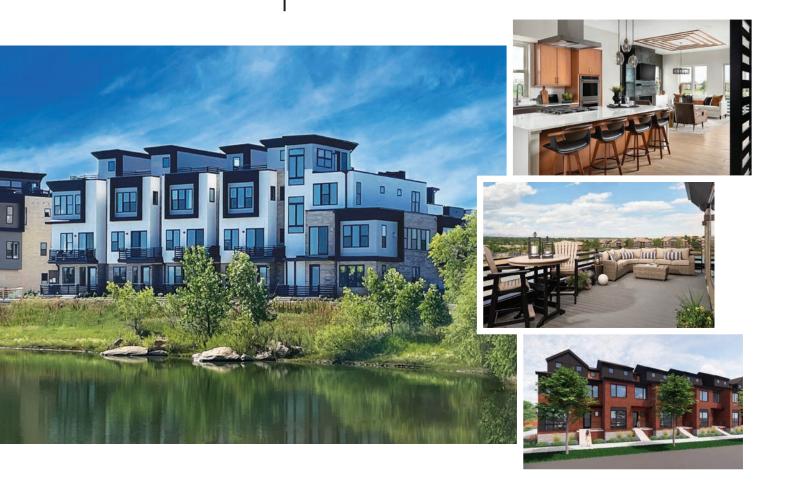
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