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Music You Love. Musicians You Know.
VSA Chorus to Close Season 53 with Earth Week Celebration Concerts
“WATER! Find the River”

MONTROSE, CO – The Montrose Pavilion will come alive on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, as the Valley Symphony Association (VSA) Chorus joins forces with concert partner Colorado Outdoors to present “WATER! Find the River” for the grand finale of Season 53. Traditionally held in March, the standalone VSA Chorus concert has shifted to April this year to align with Earth Week festivities and the spirit of spring. In addition to the VSA Chorus, numerous regional musicians—including the newly formed Valley Youth Chorus—will grace the stage. The VSA’s Season 53 is supported overall by the generous contributions of season partners Cimarron Wealth Management and the David Mize Family.

Audiences can expect a powerful and uplifting program that reflects the beauty of the natural world and the importance of water as a life-giving force.

“To me, water and music are essentially the same thing: both tell the story of time, both connect all peoples and places, both are capable of growing things we need and want, and both are life-giving,” said VSA Chorus Conductor Katy Kristoffersen. “This concert strives to tell water’s stories, which are *our* stories. The best way I know how to tell these stories is to represent time on stage, literally. We will have children in the Youth Chorus, select high school choir members from Montrose and Delta, and guest musicians from ages 13 to 75.” She added, “When I think about bringing these elements onstage together to tell this story, I want to cry. I feel so connected to what music is and what it can do. It is the greatest privilege to weave this vision into reality and share it with my community.”

This unique collaboration between the chorus and Colorado Outdoors will highlight themes of renewal, growth, and environmental awareness, marking the beginning of the water season in the region.

“Colorado Outdoors is proud to support the Water! concert,” said David Dragoo, company president. “As a real estate business focused on placemaking and community building, we understand how precious our natural resources are and how important our kids and young adults are to our future. We are delighted to partner with the VSA on a concert that is all about water and showcases youth talent.”

VSA Communications and Development Director Stacey Ryan added, “We are thrilled to bring this inspiring program to our community as part of Earth Week celebrations. Music has a profound way of connecting us to the world around us, and this concert will celebrate the rhythms of nature in a way that is both moving and meaningful.”

The VSA Chorus, an integral part of the Valley Symphony Association since 2002, has long delighted audiences with its rich harmonies and dynamic performances. This concert promises to be a season highlight—a rich, immersive experience that will delight music lovers of all ages.

Event Details:

What: VSA Season 53 Chorus Finale – WATER! Find the River

When: Saturday, April 26, 2025 (7pm) and Sunday, April 27, 2025 (3pm)

Where: Montrose Pavilion (1800 Pavilion Dr, Montrose CO 81401)

Tickets: Available at [Ticket Purchase Information]

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“Our concerts offer something for everyone—not just classical enthusiasts,” Ryan said. “All our performances are designed for everyone to enjoy.”

Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

Since its founding in 1970, the VSA has united communities through transformative live musical experiences. Bringing together some of the finest volunteer musicians from across the Uncompahgre, Grand, Gunnison, and North Fork Valleys, the VSA offers concerts that appeal to both classical enthusiasts and diverse music lovers alike. The all-volunteer organization is known for its diverse, passionate performers of all ages.

For more information about the VSA, this concert, how to join the orchestra or chorus, or upcoming events, visit ValleySymphony.net or follow the VSA on Facebook @valleysymphonyassociation. Tickets for the October-April series can be purchased online or at select local vendors: Clubb’s in Delta (417 Main St.), or in Montrose at Cimarron Wealth Management (1731 E. Niagara Road) or Colorado Smiles (1801 E. Pavilion Pl.). For additional information, contact 970-765-8323 or info@ValleySymphony.net.

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About the Valley Symphony Association

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About Our Season Co-Partners

Cimarron Wealth Management strives to simplify your financial life and give you confidence about your future so you can focus on your passions. It starts with the foundation of investment, estate and tax planning discussions, but our passion is honest conversations about purpose, legacy and generosity.

The David Mize Family has quietly and generously supported all types of Western Slope non-profit organizations for decades and is a longstanding donor to the VSA.

About Colorado Outdoors

Colorado Outdoors is a 164-acre economic development project along the Uncompahgre River corridor. The project aims to attract new industries to Montrose. The project includes river restoration and open-space enhancements, including retail, residential, and industrial development. More information is available at coloradooutdoors.co