



Tree City Chamber Players

Winter Serenades

Saturday, January 10, 2026 ~ 3:00PM ~ Red Rock Christian Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026 ~ 3:00PM ~ Southminster Presbyterian Church

Melanie Keller, flute, piccolo & alto flute
Ryan Klein, oboe & English horn
Chad Spears, piano

with Megan Karls, violin

Three Duets from *The Magic Flute*

"Der Vogelfänger bin ich ja"
"Ach ich fühl's es ist verschwunden"
"Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen"

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe

Appalachia Waltz

Mark O'Connor
(b. 1961)

Megan Karls, violin

Piccolo Moods
Happiness
Sorrow
Joy

Blaž Pucihar
(b. 1977)

Melanie Keller, piccolo Chad Spears, piano

Two Postcards
Baikal
Transsib

Andrey Rubtsov
(b. 1982)

Ryan Klein, oboe Megan Karls, violin Chad Spears, piano

INTERMISSION

Celtic Forest

Herman Beftink
(b. 1953)

Melanie Keller, alto flute Ryan Klein, oboe Megan Karls, violin Chad Spears, piano

Variations on "Là ci darem la mano", WoO 28

Ludwig v. Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, English horn Megan Karls, violin

Word to the Wise
Metamorphosis

Chad Spears
(b. 1985)

Chad Spears, piano

Scherzo 'Il maestro e gli allievi', Op. 100

Emmanuele Krakamp
(1813-1883)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Megan Karls, violin Chad Spears, piano

****Thank you for attending our recital today! To keep up to date on our exciting 2025/2026 season, please sign up on our email list at the door. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram****

About Tree City Chamber Players

Tree City Chamber Players is excited to present its eighth season in 2025/2026! With over 50 years of combined chamber music experience, Tree City Chamber Players will bring woodwind, string, and piano music to venues around the Treasure Valley this season. Recitals in January and June of 2026 will feature works by Beethoven and Mozart along with contemporary composers Herman Beeffink, Mark O'Connor, Blaž Pucihar, Andrey Rubstov and (our very own!) Chad Spears. TCCP is delighted to offer a portion of collected donations from each concert this season to *Idaho Concerts in Care* and *The Idaho Foodbank*. TCCP is honored to have been selected to receive its third Boise City Department of Arts and History grant and will once again present a special program for children of all ages in June 2026 at local libraries titled "*Musical Tales at the Library*." TCCP flutist Melanie Keller, oboist Ryan Klein and pianist Chad Spears, as well as special guest artists, will enthrall Boise audiences with artistic excellence, creative and unpredictable programming, and the excitement of chamber music for years to come. For more information, please visit www.treecitychamberplayers.com.

About the Artists

Violinist **Megan Karls** enjoys a creative career across the Intermountain West as the newly appointed Concertmaster of the Wyoming Symphony and violinist with the Spokane Symphony. An in-demand leader, Megan is also a regular guest Concertmaster for the Bozeman Symphony, Billings Symphony and Opera Montana and frequent substitute with the New Mexico Philharmonic and Boise Philharmonic. In the summers, she performs with the Britt Festival Orchestra and as Principal Second Violin with the McCall Mountain Symphony. Before moving to Spokane this season, Megan spent 12 years concertizing and touring with the Cascade Quartet, chamber music artists-in-residence with the Great Falls Symphony. Karls became the first woman in classical music to be awarded the Montana State Arts Council's biennial Artist Innovation Award in 2021 and was a recipient of the Yale School of Music Distinguished Educator Award in 2015. She holds degrees with honors in Violin Performance and Government from Lawrence University and the University of Iowa.

Melanie Keller, flute, is from Baltimore, MD. She is Principal Flutist & Personnel Manager of the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra and the Opera Idaho Orchestra, second flute with the Boise Baroque Orchestra and performs regularly with the Boise Philharmonic. She has spent recent summers performing with the Sun Valley Music Festival Orchestra and the McCall Mountain Symphony. A frequent prizewinner at national flute competitions, she won 1st Place in the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair Young Artist Competition. She earned her MM in the studio of Timothy Day at the San Francisco Conservatory and her BM in the studio of Mark Sparks at the Peabody Institute. A passionate educator, she serves as Adjunct Flute Faculty at the College of Idaho, is the flute instructor at the Dunkley School of Music and teaches at the Sun Valley Music Festival Music Institute each summer. Her students have enjoyed participating in local and national competitions. Melanie loves spending time with her husband Blaise and their teenage sons, Owen & Jacob.

Ryan Klein, oboe and English horn, is from Verbank, New York. Ryan is principal oboist of the Opera Idaho Orchestra, second oboe and solo English horn with the McCall Mountain Symphony, oboist and co-founder of Tree City Chamber Players, and professor of oboe at Boise State University. His past orchestral positions have included principal oboe of the Hubbard Hall Opera Theater Orchestra, Great Falls Symphony (acting), McCall SummerFest Orchestra, and the Corvallis-OSU Symphony, as well as English horn with the Boise Philharmonic. Prior to moving to Idaho, Ryan was acting associate principal oboe of the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra and music program manager of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu.

Ryan plays with other orchestras in Idaho and throughout the Northwest, including the Boise Philharmonic, the Stockton Symphony, the Oregon Symphony, the Sun Valley Music Festival, and more. He operates his private teaching studio out of his home in Boise, enjoys hiking and fishing with his dog Jason, and is a USA Hockey Level 3 Referee and Official.

Chad Spears, a native of Boise, ID, has performed across the US, with additional appearances in Canada and Mexico. He has been featured with the Spokane Symphony, Washington-Idaho Symphony, Coeur d'Alene Symphony, and University of Idaho Symphony Orchestra. Chad received his Doctor of Music Degree in Piano Performance at Florida State University under the tutelage of Dr. Read Gainsford. He currently serves as an adjunct instructor for Boise State University's Department of Music, teaching ear training and class piano. He is also the accompanist for the Opera Theatre course and serves as a freelance collaborative pianist for the department. Chad is the pianist for the Boise-based group Tree City Chamber Players and collaborates with TRICA, Alley Repertory Theater, Gemma Arts, Opera Idaho, the Boise Philharmonic, and other Treasure Valley orchestras. In his spare time, Chad enjoys composing music for solo piano, spending time with friends and family, and supporting the Treasure Valley's vibrant arts community!