



Tree City Chamber Players

Two's Company, Four's a Crowd

Friday, June 12, 2026 ~ 7:00PM ~ Southminster Presbyterian Church

Saturday, June 13, 2026 ~ 3:00PM ~ Red Rock Christian Church

Additional performance:

Sunday, June 14, 2026 ~ 6:00PM ~ Second Sunday Sounds at Six (McCall, ID)

Melanie Keller, flute

Ryan Klein, oboe

Chad Spears, piano

with Cathryn Gardner, clarinet

Caprice on Danish and Russian Airs, Op. 79

Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835-1921)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Cathryn Gardner, clarinet Chad Spears, piano

Viktor's Tale from "The Terminal"

John Williams

(b. 1932)

Cathryn Gardner, clarinet Chad Spears, piano

Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70

Robert Schumann

(1810-1856)

Ryan Klein, oboe Chad Spears, piano

Two Cats

Hootie
Tiki

Daniel Dorff

(b. 1956)

Melanie Keller, flute Cathryn Gardner, clarinet

INTERMISSION

Trois Pièces pour flûte et hautbois

Moderato
Allegretto
Allegro

Eugène Bozza

(1905-1991)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe

Quatuor

Moderato
Allegretto
Andante
Allegro Vivace

Jean-Michel Damase

(1928-2013)

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Cathryn Gardner, clarinet Chad Spears, piano

Thank you for attending our recital today! To keep up to date on our exciting 2026/2027 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, John Williams 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

Originally from Illinois, **Cathryn Gardner** was raised in the Chicago suburbs playing piano and clarinet. She holds a Bachelor's of Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University (2015), and completed her Master's in Clarinet Performance in 2021 from Boise State University, where she studied clarinet and conducting. Cathryn works for her church as music director, freelances as an accompanist for the area, and is an active clarinetist in community ensembles, having performed with the Treasure Valley Concert Band, Hymns of Thanksgiving Orchestra, and Millennial Choirs and Orchestras. She spends her summers serving as the Music Director of the Boise Community Band, a position she has held since 2020. She lives in Boise with her husband and musician partner Jack Gardner, and currently teaches Beginning Band in the Boise School District. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, biking, reading and experimenting with crafts.

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. From 2013-2023, she was Principal Flute and Personnel Manager of Symphony Napa Valley in California. During the summer months, Melanie enjoys 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 hilarious husband Blaise and their equally hilarious 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 currently operates his private teaching studio out of his home in Boise, is Vice President of the Greater Idaho Musicians' Association Local 423, 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. 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. He released his album, *Metamorphosis*, in September 2025, which can be found on all major streaming platforms.