

May 9-17, 2020  
Boulder, CO

# MAHLERFEST XXXIII

VISIONS & VISIONARIES

*Mahler's Second Symphony | Mahler and the Visual Arts | Mahler and Wagner*



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**Saturday, May 9 – Sunday, May 17, 2020**

*Boulder, CO*

Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in C Minor

Opera Underground: Act I of Wagner's *Die Walküre*

Symposium: Exploring Mahler, Wagner, and the Visual Arts

Plus a lieder concert, films, chamber music concerts, a brass band concert, open rehearsals, and social events



## Tickets on sale now!

**MahlerFest.org**

Early Bird discount!

Buy early and save 20% before March 15, 2020

## WHO WE ARE

### A Mahler Festival for Everyone

Colorado MahlerFest celebrates the legacy of composer Gustav Mahler through an annual festival encompassing all of Mahler's musical output, as well as contextual cultural and educational events.

Our vision is to be a recognized leader in performing and interpreting Mahler's works, and to share world-class performance, educational, and cultural events that attract diverse audiences from Colorado and beyond.

Set in the scenic Rocky Mountain foothills, Colorado MahlerFest has shared the beautiful and profound music of Mahler with local and international audiences since 1988. Mahler's music connects us all to deep truths about what it means to be human, what it means to struggle, and what it means to love.

# ABOUT MAHLERFEST XXXIII

It's our biggest and boldest festival ever, culminating in Gustav Mahler's monumental and uplifting Second Symphony.



**MahlerFest XXXIII** includes our first-ever opera, Act I of **Richard Wagner's *Die Walküre***, a lieder recital, chamber music concerts, a free brass ensemble concert, and a visit from one of today's leading composers, **Philip Sawyers**. Through it all, we explore and celebrate the connection between eye and ear: from Wagner's revolutionary idea of **Gesamtkunstwerk** (total artwork), which would fuse music, design, and drama, through Mahler's connection with visual artists in *fin-de-siècle* Vienna, and with the emergence of synesthetic explorations of sound and color in the 20th century by **Wassily Kandinsky** and **Olivier Messiaen**.

We are excited to welcome a star-studded team of Festival Artists this year, including acclaimed violinist **Zachary DePue**; leading singers **April Fredrick**, **Stacey Rishoi**, **Brennen Guillory**, and **Matthew Sharp**; and local favorites pianist **David Korevaar**, violist **Erika Eckert**, and clarinetist **Daniel Silver**.

Join us for this unforgettable week of music and discovery.

**Kenneth Woods**

*Artistic Director*

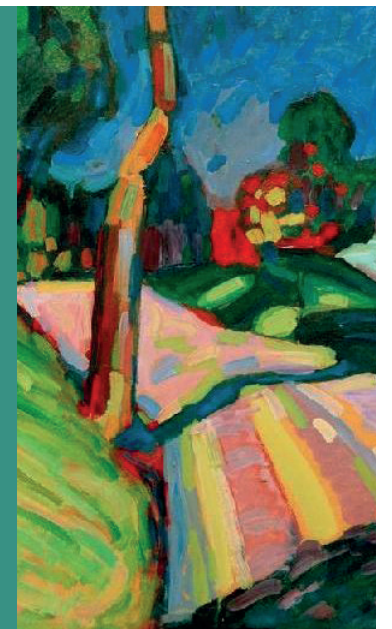


Envisioning  
MAHLER 

This season, we are rebooting an arts integration program that Colorado MahlerFest originally facilitated in the early 2000s. **Envisioning Mahler** engages with local visual artists to create works inspired by Mahler's Second Symphony.

The resulting works will be displayed in the Macky Auditorium atrium throughout the festival.

See **MahlerFest.org** for more details. The deadline to submit artwork for the exhibit is April 1. Join us for a gallery reception to meet the artists on Friday, May 15, at 6 PM.



# 2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\*

**Saturday, May 9 | 7 PM | \$5-\$22**

## Chamber Music at the Stewart Auditorium: MahlerFest XXXIII Season Opener

Stewart Auditorium, City of Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, Longmont



Erika Eckert

- **BACH** Partita for Solo Violin No. 3 in E Major (selections)
- **KODÁLY** Duo for Violin and Cello, Op. 7
- **HAYDN** Divertimento in E-flat Major
- **BEETHOVEN** Quartet, Op. 18, No. 4

Lydia Van Dreel - horn  
Zachary DePue - violin  
Suzanne Casey - violin  
Erika Eckert - viola  
Mark Votapek - cello



**Monday, May 11 | 12 Noon | FREE**

## Brass Ensemble Concert

Central Park Bandshell, 1212 Canyon Boulevard, Boulder

Add a thrilling soundtrack to your lunch with this **free concert** in Boulder's Central Park featuring a Fanfare by visiting composer **Philip Sawyers** and an arrangement of the ending of **Mahler's Second Symphony** alongside a range of popular selections from **John Philip Sousa** to **John Williams**. MahlerFest Assistant Conductor **Michael Young** leads the brass of the MahlerFest Orchestra.

**Tuesday, May 12 | 1:30 PM | FREE**

## Masterclass: Concertmaster Zachary DePue



Zachary DePue

The Academy, 970 Aurora Avenue, Boulder

It is an honor to introduce **Zachary DePue** as the **Concertmaster for MahlerFest XXXIII**. Boulder audiences may recognize DePue from his numerous local appearances with "Time for Three," the hit cross-genre group. He is the first violinist of the Indianapolis String Quartet and the former Concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony. In this rare public masterclass DePue will share his expertise with musicians from the MahlerFest orchestra.

\*All programming and artists subject to change

**Wednesday, May 13 | 7:30 PM | \$5-22**

## Chamber Music: Color, Visions, and Revelations

Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut Street, Boulder

- **GÁL** Suite for Solo Cello
- **MUSSORGSKY** *Pictures at an Exhibition* with projections of images by Viktor Hartmann that inspired Mussorgsky and the paintings by Kandinsky inspired by Mussorgsky's music
- **MESSIAEN** *Quatuor pour la fin du temps* (Quartet for the End of Time)

Daniel Silver - clarinet  
Zachary DePue - violin  
Mark Votapek - cello

Matthew Sharp - cello  
David Korevaar - piano



David Korevaar

**Thursday, May 14 | 2 PM | \$60**

## Lieder Recital: Love and Loss

Private Home Overlooking Boulder

- **BEETHOVEN** *An die ferne Geliebte* (To the Immortal Beloved)
- **WAGNER** *Wesendonck Lieder*
- **MAHLER** *Kindertotenlieder*
- **SAWYERS** *Songs of Loss and Regret* - **U.S. PREMIERE**

April Fredrick - soprano  
Brennen Guillory - tenor  
Teresa Karcher - mezzo soprano

Matthew Sharp - bass-baritone  
Susan Olenwine - piano  
Michael Young - piano



April Fredrick

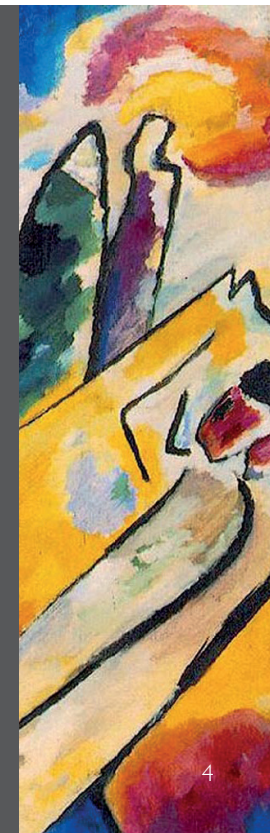
**Saturday, May 16 | 9 AM - 4:30 PM | FREE**

## Symposium: Exploring Mahler, Wagner, and the Visual Arts

Grusin Hall, Imig Music Building, 1020 18th Street, Boulder

An engaging and informative day of talk about Mahler, Wagner, the visual arts, and much more. Lunch will be available for \$15.

- **Gavin Plumley** - *Two Gustavs: Mahler and Klimt*
- **Philip Sawyers in conversation with Kenneth Woods** - *Composing with Mahler's Legacy*
- **Kenneth Woods** - *Mahler and Wagner: Composing Conductors*
- **Henry Fogel** - *Mahler in Performance, Then and Now*
- **Gavin Plumley** - *Color, Tone, Violence: Expressionism in Vienna and Beyond*
- **On Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer** - **Colorado Premiere** of Jason Starr's new movie.
- **Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen (Songs of a Wayfarer)** - performance film of the MahlerFest Chamber Orchestra from May 2019 featuring Joshua DeVane.





Friday, May 15 | 3:30 PM | \$15

### Film: *Of Love, Death, and Beyond*

Boedecker Theater, Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut Street, Boulder

Filmmaker Jason Starr is a long-time favorite of MahlerFest audiences.

One of his most acclaimed films, *Of Love, Death, and Beyond* explores the music and personal drama that resulted in Mahler's Second Symphony.



Saturday, May 16 | 7 PM | \$5-35

### Opera Underground From Twenty Ninth Street: *Wagner's Die Walküre*

Twenty Ninth Street Parking Garage, 30th Street & Canyon Boulevard\*

This performance of Act I of Wagner's *Die Walküre* will be immediate and visceral. Prepare to be blown away by the vocal power of elite soloists in the newest and most unique concert setting on the Front Range - an underground parking garage! With resonant acoustics and an edgy feel, underground parking garages are trending in Europe as an inspiring new venue for classical music. We are excited to bring this unusual experience to our audience!

- **WAGNER** *Die Walküre*: Act I, arr. by Francis Griffin

#### MahlerFest Chamber Orchestra

**Kenneth Woods**, Conductor

**Stacey Rishoi** - Sieglinde

**Brennen Guillory** - Siegmund

**Matthew Sharp** - Hunding



Matthew Sharp



Brennen Guillory



Stacey Rishoi

\* In case of extremely inclement weather, this concert will be held at Grusin Music Hall on the CU Boulder campus.



FREE

### Open Rehearsals and Social Events

Sunday, May 10 | 2-5 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM

Imig Music Building

Join the orchestra and Ken after rehearsal for a social gathering; check the website for details.

Monday, May 11 | 7-10 PM | Macky Auditorium

Tuesday, May 12 | 6-10 PM | Macky Auditorium

Thursday, May 14 | 6-10 PM | Macky Auditorium

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Friday, May 15 | 7-10 PM | Macky Auditorium

(following the Art Exhibit Reception - see page 2)

Join the orchestra and Ken after rehearsal for light refreshments at the Best Western Plus, 770 28th Street, Boulder

## SUPPORT

Be a part of a one-of-a-kind cultural institution with a global reputation! Visit **MahlerFest.org** for all the ways you can support the festival, including by donating your used vehicle or donating your Colorado income tax refund. Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 1314, Boulder, CO 80306. Contact Executive Director Ethan Hecht to volunteer or for other opportunities to support the festival, including becoming an advertising sponsor in the program book: **Ethan.Hecht@MahlerFest.org** or **720-310-8946**.

Sunday, May 17 | 3:30 PM | \$5-48



April Fredrick

### Festival Finale: Mahler's Second Symphony

With the Boulder Concert Chorale

Pre-Concert Conversation with Kenneth Woods and Gavin Plumley, 2:30 PM

Macky Auditorium, 1595 Pleasant Street, Boulder

The Stan Ruttenberg Memorial Concert

Childcare available - see **MahlerFest.org** for more information

- **SAWYERS** *Hommage to Kandinsky*
- **MAHLER** Symphony No. 2 in C Minor



**Kenneth Woods**, Conductor  
**April Fredrick** - soprano

**Stacey Rishoi** - mezzo soprano  
**Boulder Concert Chorale** - Dr. Vicki Burrichter, Artistic Director

## TICKETS

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Packages Available

See **MahlerFest.org** for more details and to purchase

- **Visitor's Package** - lodging, local transportation, Gold Circle tickets to most events, and invitations to exclusive events
- **Weekender** - May 16 & 17 orchestra concerts, save 10%
- **Full Season** - save 13%

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