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## **BRAVO! VAIL AND WALKING MOUNTAINS SCIENCE CENTER PRESENT THE SCIENCE BEHIND: SOUND**

*New collaboration between Bravo! Vail and Walking Mountains Science Center presents free event,  
The Science Behind: Sound, featuring Third Coast Percussion*

Vail, CO – July 15, 2014 – A new collaboration between Bravo! Vail and Walking Mountains Science Center gets underway at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16 with a free event titled The Science Behind: Sound, featuring the Chicago-based ensemble Third Coast Percussion. This educational program explores the science behind sound waves, and offers a unique opportunity to interact with Bravo! Vail musicians.

With an emphasis on audience participation, The Science Behind: Sound investigates relationships between the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) and music and art, and shares insights into the diversity of percussion instruments. Third Coast Percussion, which is currently in the midst of its first-ever Bravo! Vail Young Professional Residency, will share visual ways to explore sound while also discussing the process of hearing music from a physical standpoint.

The highpoint of the event is a new work, titled *Waves*, which Third Coast Percussion will perform with the participation of audience members who will each play custom-made instruments. Developed at the University of Notre Dame—where Third Coast Percussion is the ensemble-in-residence at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center—this interactive performance is perfect for music lovers of all ages.

Everyone enjoys music, yet few understand how we actually hear and enjoy different sounds. Join Bravo! Vail, Walking Mountains Science Center and Third Coast Percussion to learn more about the phenomenon of sound.

### **If You Go: *The Science Behind: Sound***

In this first-ever collaboration between Bravo! Vail and Walking Mountains Science Center, science educators will be joined by the ensemble Third Coast Percussion to explore and demonstrate concepts related to the science of sound in a fun and interactive program.

What: ***The Science Behind: Sound***

Where: Walking Mountains Science Center, 318 Walking Mountains Lane, Avon, CO 81620

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2014

Cost: FREE. Great for all ages.

Information: Visit [bravovail.org](http://bravovail.org) or call the Box Office: 877.812.5700.

### **About Third Coast Percussion**

Founded in 2005, Third Coast Percussion brings educational and community-based performances to a wide range of audiences throughout Chicago and across the country. Hailed by *The New Yorker* as “vibrant” and “superb,” Third Coast Percussion explores and expands the extraordinary sonic possibilities of the percussion repertoire, delivering exciting performances for audiences of all kinds. They gained national attention with concerts and recordings that meld the energy of rock music with the precision and nuance of classical chamber works.

These “hard-grooving” musicians (*New York Times*) are known for ground-breaking collaborations across a wide range of disciplines, including concerts and residency projects with engineers at the University of Notre Dame, architects at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, astronomers at the Adler Planetarium, and more. The ensemble enhances the performances it offers with cutting edge new media, including free iPhone and iPad apps that allow audience members to create their own musical performances and take a deeper look at the music performed by Third Coast Percussion.

The members of Third Coast Percussion —Sean Connors, Robert Dillon, Peter Martin, and David Skidmore—hold degrees in music performance from Northwestern University, the Yale School of Music, the Eastman School of Music, the New England Conservatory, and Rutgers University.

### **About Bravo! Vail**

Bravo! Vail, one of North America’s premier summer music festivals, brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado for six weeks each year, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host three of the world’s finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 27th season June 27 through August 2, 2014, under the direction of Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott and Executive Director James W. Palermo. The 2014 season features residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, with celebrated concerto artists plus a wide array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit [www.bravovail.org](http://www.bravovail.org) or call [970.827.5700](tel:970.827.5700).

### **How to Purchase Tickets**

All tickets for the 27th Season of Bravo! Vail are now on sale. Purchase tickets online at [www.bravovail.org](http://www.bravovail.org) or by calling the box office at 877.812.5700.

- Orchestral concerts featuring the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and New York Philharmonic start at \$28 for both lawn and “Saver” pavilion seats.
- Lawn tickets for children between the ages of 2 and 12 are \$5.
- Tickets for the Chamber Music Series start at \$29 and Silver Oak & Twomey Series tickets start at \$50.
- Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 4:00PM MST.

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