

THE BRAVO! VAIL MUSIC FESTIVAL KICKS OFF ITS SEASON-LONG PRESENTATION OF FREE CONCERTS TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, AT THE VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL

Throughout the Festival's thirtieth season, which runs June 22–August 4, audiences can enjoy dozens of free concerts, including chamber music performances, family concerts, solo recitals, and more. The first free concert of the season is an afternoon performance by pianist and Bravo! Vail Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott and Dallas Symphony Orchestra Principal Horn David Cooper.

Vail, CO (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE) – Every year, the Bravo! Vail Music Festival presents dozens of free education and community engagement concerts throughout the Vail Valley, via programs such as the Free Concert Series, Little Listeners at the Library, Free Family Concerts, and Bravo! Vail After Dark.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

Today, Thursday, June 29, marks the first concert of the **Free Concerts Series** concerts. Held at the Vail Interfaith Chapel beginning at 1:00 p.m., the concert features pianist and Bravo! Vail Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott and Dallas Symphony Orchestra Principal Horn David Cooper (who becomes principal horn for the Berlin Philharmonic in September 2017). The concert features works by Robert Schumann, Franz Strauss, Mozart and more!

Bravo! Vail's Free Concert Series is acclaimed for its intimate performances by established, world-renowned artists such as McDermott and Cooper as well as musicians in the early stages of major professional careers including Bravo! Vail's 2017 Piano Fellows and Chamber Musicians in Residence. The concerts are held at the Vail Interfaith Chapel in Vail (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.), the Edwards Interfaith Chapel in Edwards (July 10, 6:00 p.m.), the Golden Eagle Senior Center (July 20, 11:00 a.m.), Brush Creek Pavilion in Eagle (July 31, 6:00 p.m.), and on Gallery Row at Beaver Creek (July 8, 1:00 p.m.).

LITTLE LISTENERS @ THE LIBRARY

Little Listeners at the Library, which kicks off on Monday, July 3, introduces children to the wonders of classical music. The series' eight programs will take place in public libraries throughout the Vail Valley at 2:00 p.m. on select days: at the Vail Public Library (July 3, 11 & 18), Avon Public Library (July 10), Eagle Public Library (June 29 & July 20), and Gypsum Public Library (July 5 & 19). Members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Zorá String Quartet, and Ensemble Connect will perform engaging and entertaining repertoire at these fun, family-friendly events.

FREE FAMILY CONCERTS—new second performance in Gypsum!

For the first time in its thirty-year history, Bravo! Vail offers two **Free Family Concerts** instead of one — both up valley and down valley — in an effort to expand the Festival's reach and to further develop its commitment to serving local residents. A collaborative Bravo! Vail and National Repertory Orchestra presentation of *Gershwin's Magic Key*, a Classical Kids Music Education production, takes place on Wednesday, July 12 at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater in Vail at 11:00 a.m. and the Lundgren Amphitheater in Gypsum at 6:00 p.m. An hour before each performance, children of all ages are invited to Bravo! Vail's Instrument Petting Zoo, where they can explore orchestral instruments.

MASTER CLASS SERIES

This season, Bravo! Vail audiences are invited to attend a new Master Class Series, offering attendees insight and a unique perspective on the artistic process as professional pianists coach the 2017 Bravo!

Vail Piano Fellows. Master Classes will take place at the Vail Mountain School with Anne-Marie McDermott (July 27 at 3:00 p.m.) and with Inon Barnatan (July 28 at 1:00 p.m.)

BRAVO! VAIL AFTER DARK

The last of the Festival's free series to get underway is **Bravo! Vail After Dark**, which begins on Friday, July 21, and brings informal, dynamic, and accessible chamber music experiences to the Vail Valley's most popular bars and ale houses. The 2017 series features three critically acclaimed quartets performing eclectic selections from traditional classical and contemporary music in innovative programs: Ensemble Connect at the Vail Ale House (July 21), the Danish String Quartet at Crazy Mountain Brewing Company (July 29), and the Calder Quartet at the Vail Brewing Company (August 4).

IF YOU GO

What: Bravo! Vail Free Events- Free Concerts, Little Listeners @ the Library, Master Classes, and Bravo! Vail After Dark

When: June 29 – August 4 (check bravovail.org for full schedule)