



Tree City Chamber Players

French Favorites: Part Deux

Saturday, May 31, 2025 ~ 3:00PM ~ Red Rock Christian Church
Sunday, June 1, 2025 ~ 3:00PM ~ Southminster Presbyterian Church

Additional performance:

Sunday, June 8, 2025 ~ 6:00PM ~ Second Sunday Sounds at Six (McCall, ID)

Melanie Keller, flute
Ryan Klein, oboe
Chad Spears, piano

Six Épigraphe Antiques, L. 131

Pour invoquer Pan, dieu du vent d'été
Pour un tombeau sans nom
Pour que la nuit soit propice
Pour la danseuse aux crotales
Pour l'Égyptienne
Pour remercier la pluie du matin

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)
arr. Y. Shionoya

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Chad Spears, piano

Image, Op. 38

Eugène Bozza
(1905-1991)

Melanie Keller, flute

Ma Mère l'Oye

Pavane de la Belle au bois dormant
Petit Poucet
Laideronette, Impératrice des Pagodes
Les entretiens de la Belle et de la Bête
Le Jardin féerique

Maurice Ravel
(1875-1937)
arr. J. Alley

Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Chad Spears, piano

INTERMISSION

Deux Pièces pour hautbois et piano

Romance
Allegretto

Philippe Gaubert
(1879-1941)

Ryan Klein, oboe Chad Spears, piano

Selections from Jeux d'enfants, Op. 22

L'Escarpolette
La Toupie
La Poupée
Les Chevaux de bois
Le Volant
Colin-maillard
Saute-mouton
Le Bal

Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)
transcribed by M. Webster and A. Wersen

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****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 seventh season in 2024/2025! With over 50 years of combined chamber music experience, Tree City Chamber Players will bring woodwind, brass, and piano music to venues around the Treasure Valley this season. Recitals in January and June of 2025 will feature works by Britten, Ravel, Rossini, Telemann and Wilder along with contemporary composer Eric Ewazen. This season, TCCP is honored to have been selected to receive its second Boise City Department of Arts and History grant and will present a special program for children of all ages in June 2025 at local libraries titled "*Musical Tales at the Library.*" TCCP is delighted to offer a portion of collected donations from each concert this season to *Ride for Joy* and *Idaho Special Olympics*. 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

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 the All-Northwest Band, Idaho All-State Band, District III and State Solo & Ensemble Festivals, the Boise Bach Festival, and national flute 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. He is principal oboe of the Opera Idaho Orchestra and the Great Falls Symphony, second oboe of the Boise Philharmonic, and plays oboe and English horn with the McCall Mountain Symphony. Ryan also performs regularly with orchestras throughout the Northwest and Northern California such as the Oregon Symphony, Stockton Symphony, and more. Prior to living in Idaho, Ryan's orchestral positions included associate principal oboe of the Hawaii Symphony, principal oboe of the Hubbard Hall Opera Theater and Lake George Chamber Orchestra, and substitute with many orchestras including the New York City Ballet Orchestra, Schenectady Symphony, amongst others. Ryan is a founding member of Tree City Chamber Players and is an active private instructor of oboe and English horn. Ryan is also a USA Hockey certified level three referee and linesman, and holds degrees from Skidmore College, Mannes College of Music, and the Bard Conservatory of Music. When not busy performing or making reeds for his students, you can find him hiking or fishing with his dog, Jason.

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. You can also find him at The Brickyard Steakhouse every other Thursday night, where he provides dinner music. 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!