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# Tree City Chamber Players

## Celebrating Idaho!

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Friday, June 3, 2022 ~ 7:00PM ~ First Presbyterian Church (Boise)

Saturday, June 11th ~ 5:00PM (MT) ~ YouTube livestream

(for link: <https://www.treecitychamberplayers.com/concerts>)

Additional performances:

Saturday, June 4, 2022 ~ 7:30PM ~ Argyros Performing Arts Center (Ketchum, ID)

Saturday, June 11th ~ 11:00AM ~ Nampa Public Library

Sunday, June 12th ~ 6:00PM ~ Second Sunday Sounds at Six (McCall, ID)

**Melanie Keller, flute, alto flute & piccolo**

**Ryan Klein, oboe & English horn**

**Chad Spears, piano**

**with Stephen Mathie, cello**

Sawtooth Sketches (\*World Premiere)

Eric Scott Alexander

I. Sawtooth Valley: Majestic Mountains and Winding Rivers

(b. 1973)

II. Thomson Peak in Winter Sun

III. Fire!

IV. Regrowth: A New Forest

V. Restoration and Sawtooth Sunset

*Melanie Keller, flute & alto flute Ryan Klein, oboe & English horn Stephen Mathie, cello Chad Spears, piano*

The Winter's Passed

Wayne Barlow

(1912-1996)

*Ryan Klein, oboe Chad Spears, piano*

Tweet!

Daniel Dorff

(b. 1956)

*Melanie Keller, piccolo*

INTERMISSION

Campfire Stories (\*World Premiere)

David Alan Earnest

I. A Fish Tale

(b. 1960)

II. Night in the Forest

III. Jackalopes!

*Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Stephen Mathie, cello Chad Spears, piano*

Built on Gravel

Ruby Fulton

(b. 1981)

*Stephen Mathie, cello*

Three Places in Southern Idaho (\*World Premiere)

Jim Cockey

1. Craters of the Moon - Loss and Recovery in a Bazaar Landscape

(b. 1947)

2. The Snake River - A Day on the River

3. Slickrock - First Ascent

*Melanie Keller, flute Ryan Klein, oboe Stephen Mathie, cello Chad Spears, piano*

\*\*Thank you for attending our recital today! Please sign up on our e-mail list at the door to keep up to date on our upcoming 2022/2023 Season. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram\*\*

## About Tree City Chamber Players

**Tree City Chamber Players** is delighted to present its fourth season in 2021/2022! With a total of over 50 years of combined chamber music experience, the Tree City Chamber Players will bring a show-stopping mix of woodwind, string & piano chamber music to the Argyros Performing Arts Center, Second Sunday Sounds at Six, Dunkley Music Recital Hall, First Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church. Recitals featuring works by such notable composers as Nabors, Rochberg and Gliere along with contemporary Idaho composers Eric Alexander, Jim Cockey and David Earnest will take place in Oct ('21), January ('22) and June ('22). TCCP Musicians Melanie Keller (flute), Ryan Klein (oboe) and Chad Spears (piano), along with special musical guests for each concert, will enthrall Idaho audiences with an exciting blend of artistic excellence, creative and unpredictable programming, and the excitement of chamber music for years to come. For more information about us, please visit our website [www.treecitychamberplayers.com](http://www.treecitychamberplayers.com)!

### About the Artists

Cellist **Stephen Mathie**, an Idaho native, is a veteran member of the Boise Philharmonic having joined in 2003 at the age of 20. Stephen is an avid player and has held positions in the Boise Baroque Orchestra, Opera Idaho orchestra, is a founding member of the Boise Cello Collective, and is a contributor to Classical Revolution: Boise. His loving wife, Jennifer, and two young boys, Flynn and Logan, occupy his time outside of his busy work life as a Software Engineer.

**Melanie Keller**, originally from Baltimore, MD, is Principal Flutist & Personnel Manager of the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Napa Valley and Opera Idaho and performs regularly with the Boise Philharmonic. She has spent recent summers performing at the Sun Valley Music Festival and with the McCall Summerfest Orchestra and teaches flute lessons at the College of Idaho and the Dunkley School of Music. Melanie loves spending time with her husband Blaise and their sons, Owen & Jacob.

**Ryan Klein**, English horn and oboe, is from Verbank, New York. When not hiking or fishing with his dog Jason, or playing and refereeing ice hockey, Ryan performs with the Opera Idaho Orchestra, the OSU-Corvallis Symphony, the McCall SummerFest Orchestra, and is a substitute with many orchestras in the Northwest. He is also a founding member of both Tree City Chamber Players and Boise Salon Society, and is a private instructor of oboe and English horn.

Pianist **Chad Spears**, a native of Boise, ID, has performed across the US, with additional appearances in Canada, Mexico, and Italy. Chad received his Doctor of Music Degree in Piano Performance at Florida State University and currently serves as an accompanist and adjunct instructor for Boise State University's Department of Music. He also collaborates with Alley Repertory Theater, the Boise Philharmonic, local singers and instrumentalists, and is on the faculty of the Narnia Festival Vocal Arts Program (Narni, Italy) as a collaborative pianist and coach.

### About the Commissioned Composers

TCCP wishes to thank the Boise City Department of Arts & History for the generous grant which made the commissioning of these works possible.

**Eric Scott Alexander** is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Music at Boise State University, where he teaches Music Composition and Theory. He is an active composer of music for the concert stage as well as dance and film, and his music has been performed in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Eric earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from Boston University, and a Bachelor of Music Composition from the University of Colorado, Boulder. ([www.ericscottalexander.com](http://www.ericscottalexander.com))

**Jim Cockey**, born in Maryland, raised in Idaho, grew up hearing stories from his modern dancer mother of sitting on Aaron Copland's knees in Martha Graham dance classes at Bennington and working as assistant director for Orson Wells ("He loved to go to restaurants and see how many conversations he could follow at the same time"). Nurtured on modern music in a household where his step-father drew pictures of houses for a living and then built them, Jim now puts dots of music on paper and hears chamber groups and orchestras bring them to life. He feels blessed and hopes to share that energy through sound. ([www.jimcockey.com](http://www.jimcockey.com))

**Dave Earnest** is a native Idahoan and lives in Boise. He has a BM Composition from the Wheaton College Conservatory. In the last 30 years his music has been performed by the Houston Symphony, Boise Philharmonic, the Langroise Trio, Caritas Chorale, and many others locally and around the world. ([www.davidalaneearnest.com](http://www.davidalaneearnest.com))