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FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, I had not heard of ARTCORE, but Suzanne Tuma was drawing together representatives of the different disciplines of the Arts and planning an organization which would champion individual artists. They devised the name **ARTCORE: Arts Coordinating Representatives** and registered with the Secretary of State in November of 1978. A little less than a year later, I was invited to be a member of the board, and fewer than eight years after that, I became the acting Executive Director, then the ED. Many wonderful board members and I have had an exciting ride, working to serve our community with concerts and outreach by our extraordinary local and state performers and others from around the country and the world.

For 2023-24, we have a rich variety of styles of music for you! Mariachi Garibaldi de Jamie Cuéllar will headline Fiesta WYO, and the Cody Cattle Company musicians will bring Western and other music. We offer David K's Tribute to Roy Orbison to Masakazu Ito's classical guitar and Jason Petty's Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes to Italy's Valencia Baryton Project. Franc D'Ambrosio returns with Back to Broadway, and local Matt Stairs will get to join Tenors UnLimited for a song or two! Steve Curry of Texas Gypsies will bring The Vinyl Stripes, and Jason Lyle Black brings great piano and comedy. There are many other exciting artists, including the return of Patty Goble, David Bower (with the group Indian Paintbrush), Likai He, and André Bohren to Casper, where they spent early years developing their musical skills.

For dance, Soul Street Dance returns and, from Ireland, we'll present the National Dance Company of Ireland's Rhythm of the Dance Christmas Special. Ballet Fantastique will bring Alice in Wonderland, with local dancers included in the production. We also have the return of magician Vitaly Beckman, who will paint a rose on a canvas, then pluck it off and hand it to someone!

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ARTCORE is calling for a new play for general audiences. The winner will be performed during the 2024-2025 ARTCORE season!

ARTCORE's competitions are judged by out-of-state judges, and there is a \$15 entry fee for each manuscript entered. The winner of the One-Act Play competition will receive a cash prize of \$300 and the debut of the work by performers selected by ARTCORE.

SCHEDULE

Announced July 2023

- Manuscripts and entry fees to be submitted (postmarked) by **March 15, 2024** to: ARTCORE, P. O. Box 874, Casper, WY 82602
- Announcement of winner May 30, 2024

OBJECTIVES

To find serious playwrights in the state;

- To provide an ongoing program for encouraging new plays by these same playwrights;
- To give exposure to the plays of merit;
- To stimulate an interest in contemporary theater in Wyoming audiences.

RULES

- Entries are limited to one-act plays (performable in one hour or less).
- Two copies of each entry must be accompanied by cover sheets naming the playwright and the title of the work, as well as a statement certifying that the play has not been previously published or performed. Manuscripts will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- Manuscripts themselves should not bear the writer's name.
- If the judge fails to find any of the manuscripts suitable, a winner will not be selected.
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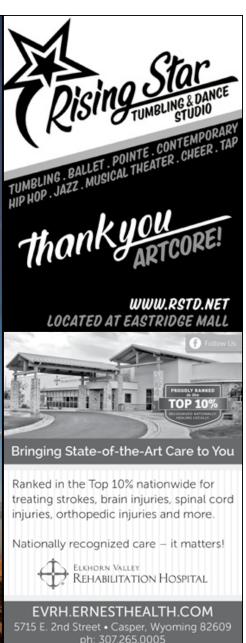


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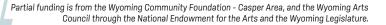


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Writers are welcome and encouraged to bring their works to share! We will split the 40-minute time usually planned for writers presented at Music + Poetry among those who join us.



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Ted LaRocca is a fourth generation trumpet player from New Orleans whose family was instrumental in the origins of jazz. He plays a mix of energetic traditional jazz and blues steeped in the early days of the American Songbook and standards illustrating this rich history.

He has played professionally from an early age and with some of the most recognizable names in New Orleans music and has played in brass bands, Mardi Gras bands, rock-a-billy, klezmer, ska, Latin jazz and a Russian gypsy band.

This experience has helped him understand the origins and intersections of American Jazz and Roots music.

JOEL BURDESS

Joel Burdess MA, MS, is a Wyoming writer, visual artist, musician, and educator exploring the back roads where literature and place merge to form the unique rhythm of the West. He has been published in *The Wyoming Fences Anthology* and *South Dakota Review*. He is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who has recorded and published five albums. He is a past recipient of the Goodstein Library Prize, and the Wyoming Arts Council Writing Fellowship in Creative Nonfiction. Joel is a past presenter and member of the Biennial International Hemingway Society Conference. He is currently working on a book of short stories, a new album and doing research for his next submission for the International Hemingway Society.





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QUINLAN VALDEZ

Born and raised in Casper, Quinlan's musical life began at a young age when he started attending ARTCORE performances. The constant exposure to performing arts eventually led to an expanding love for live music, particularly in acoustic American music, all of which later inspired him to pursue a career in performing himself.

Since 2018, Valdez has released two albums and one EP, has played all across Wyoming, and continues to tour neighboring states. He's been able to share a stage with the likes of Jalan Crossland, Chad Lore and other acclaimed Wyoming artists. Quinlan is excited to share this Music + Poetry event with his grandfather!

HUEY SANDFORT

Huey Sandfort is an experienced man with quite a story to tell, which begins and resonates with his childhood growing up on the BB Brooks Ranch southeast of Casper. He lived there for ten years before moving into town, but continued to be part of the ranch for the majority of his life.

Sandfort served in the military during the Vietnam War for four years. When he came back to the USA, he spent some time in college, served as a policeman for 26 years, became a safety manager for the Knife River Corporation, then worked for H.M. Kleinhammer until his passing. Huey's loves and passions have always taken him back to the ranch, where his deepest experiences take place.





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The Casper Children's Chorale was founded in 1979 to provide a positive and challenging musical experience for young singers. These singing ambassadors have toured our state and the country, sharing their love of music and pride in Wyoming. Under their artistic director, Erin Zavodny, the group is excited for their 2023-24 season, including performing in the Holiday Concert with the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, featuring Stephanie Scarcella on Dec. 2nd, and their Spring Tour to New York City in April. Please check for more details on Facebook, Instagram and casperchildrenschorale.com.



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LAUREN PODJUN

Lauren Podjun was born from the fresh waters of Lake Michigan and raised in the windy mountain ranges of Wyoming. The natural world surrounded her as she grew, teaching her to listen when the trees sang their songs. Instruments started raining from the sky; she picked them up and began to learn their ways. With her escapism at work and flowers growing out of her ears, stories were born from her fingertips.

Lauren studied Vocal Performance and Music Education at Casper College and now works toward her bachelor's as a Singer-Songwriter and Music Business Major at University of Colorado Denver.

GAYLE IRWIN

Gayle M. Irwin is an award-winning Casper author and freelance writer, her work recognized by Wyoming Writers, Inc. and the Wyoming Press Association. She is a contributing writer to eight *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books and regularly writes for *WREN Magazine* (Wyoming Rural Electric News). She has also been published in several area newspapers. Gayle authors inspirational pet books for children and sweet, contemporary western romance stories for adults. The series *Pet Rescue Romance* showcases her passion for pet rescue and adoption, to which she donates a portion of her book sales and her time as a transporter.

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RARA AVIS

Rara Avis explores music for woodwinds with an emphasis on the Baroque. **Delores Thornton** (flute), **Charlotte Gruner** (flute), **Richard Turner** (bassoon), and **Kathy Williams** (piano), all present and former musicians of the Wyoming Symphony, provide a blend of sounds that fits beautifully for trio sonatas of the eighteenth century as well as contemporary arrangements of popular favorites.

Originally formed in response for a call for musicians for the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra's "Music on the Move" project, Rara Avis is traditional chamber music built around portability and flexibility. The ensemble has been featured by the Casper Chamber Music Society and ARTCORE and performs outreach in the Natrona County School District.



MICHAEL SHAY

Michael Shay is a fiction writer in Cheyenne. He's writing a historical novel set in 1919 Colorado inspired by his grandmother's diaries from her time as a U.S. Army nurse in France during World War I. Shay championed writers and all the Arts in Wyoming as the Wyoming Arts Council supervisor of the literature program and its publications.



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Camila Cabello's new song, "La Buena Vida," features the California-based outfit, Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar. The snappy tune finds Cabello belting a kiss-off over a swift rush of strings, horns, and guitars." - Jon Blistein, *Rolling Stone*

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This show is a heartfelt tour of musical memories, and a new dream. Is Roy sending David K songs in the night? Grab a copy of Lonely Blue Dreams, the new David K album with five Roy hits, one song written at the request of Roy Orbison's manager, and seven songs dreamed by David K.

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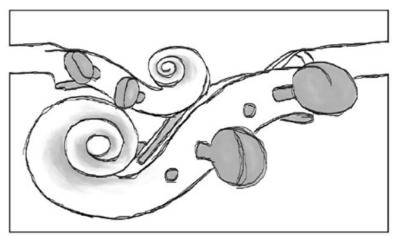
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Unless otherwise noted our events are held on 4 pm Sundays at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, 4600 S. Wyoming Boulevard (Wyoming & Poplar). Please see our public webpage https://www.facebook.com/CasperChamberMusicSociety for dates and details, or text 307-251-4967 to join our mailing list. See you at the concerts!

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MASAKAZU ITO IS RECOGNIZED as one of today's premiere guitarists, acclaimed by musicians, composers, conductors, and critics for his mastery of the instrument and its repertoire.

Following his professional solo debut in Tokyo in 1987, Ito won top prizes in seven major international guitar competitions, including the Andres Segovia International Guitar Competition, the Tokyo International Guitar Competition, and the Guitar Foundation of America International Guitar Competition. A performance of *Concierto de Aranjuez* by Joaquin Rodrigo with the National Repertory Orchestra marked his concerto debut in 1990.

The Japanese government invited Ito to perform solo concerts in honor of two historic milestones - 150 years of US/Japan diplomatic relations in 2003, and the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015.

Most recently, Ito traveled extensively in Spain giving solo guitar concerts and clinics in November 2019 and May 2022. The highlight of both tours was being a featured solo artist during the Andres Segovia International Guitar Festival in Segovia's birth place, Linares.

Ito currently serves on the music faculty at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, where he is the musical director and conductor to lead the Colorado School of Mines Philharmonic Orchestra.

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This proud Italian-American will also share some of his favorite Italian melodies including the authentic Sicilian classic "Speak Softly Love", which he performed in both the film and original motion picture soundtrack for **The Godfather: Part III.** Franc's tributes to Stephen Sondheim and the celebrated musical **Hamilton** will leave you absolutely breathless.

Franc also tours internationally with "The Four Phantoms In Concert." In early 2022, the group released their first CD, recorded live at the iconic 54 Below cabaret club in New York City.

In July and August 2022, Franc performed in two private concerts with the legendary Andrea Bocelli at his estate in Forte dei Marmi, Italy, along with Bocelli's son Matteo, Michael Bolton and Paul Anka. In 2022, Franc hosted benefit concerts for Ukraine at private homes in cities across the country.

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Ryan is a three-time Arizona State flat pick guitar champion and Western Music Association instrumentalist of the year. Prior to being the band leader at the Cody Cattle Company for the last 15 years, he was a band leader for both Rex Alan, Jr. and Lynn Anderson.

Sax player **Marvin Short** performed in Branson for 25 years before joining the Triple C Cowboys. His humor and musicianship add a great flair to this quintet.

Bassist **Johnny Sanchez** is an award-winning bass player who will amaze you with his playing.

Greg and Ann Pendley round out the group with vocals, guitar, and keyboard. Greg is a Cody native and they make Cody their home year-round.

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throughout lockdown with live-streamed "Rent Parties," going viral with a song memorializing John Prine ("Fishin' with You"), and releasing a critically acclaimed

mid-pandemic album (2021's **Love and Rage**, "fighting fascism with big hooks and an even bigger heart" -American Songwriter), Blanton chose to bring some nuance to her success with her recent exposé in **The Nation**, laying bare the economics of the modern-day music industry.

The galvanizing spirit of her work is backed up by expertise. Blanton and her impeccably dressed "Handsome Band" bring skills betraying their long tenure as live musicians. Accompanied by **Joe Plowman** on bass, **Patrick Firth** on keys, and **Sean Trischka** on drums, their performances are a rich musical gumbo of genres, meandering from Americana and rock to cocktail jazz, Motown, and pop punk. With three-part harmonies thickening their sound, and kazoos leavening it, her dynamic sets range from slapstick jokes to call-and-response protest songs, making Blanton and her band "a festival presenter's secret weapon, guaranteed to win over the crowd" (Promoter Roger Menell).

Blanton makes no attempt to disguise her far-left political leanings, but at the heart of her music is love, and her songs are capable of tethering us to our shared humanity across socio-political lines. No matter where they begin, every audience leaves her show transformed into friends and comrades, united in laughter, camaraderie, and hope.

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ESTABLISHED IN 2002, On Ensemble is one of the most respected ensembles in the taiko world. Led by childhood friends **Shoji Kameda** and **Masato [Maz] Baba**, On Ensemble is recognized for infusing the powerful rhythms of taiko with a wide range of musical influences from jazz and rock to central asian overtone singing. Their fearless musical exploration has expanded the artistic range of the taiko and has taken these ancient instruments into new realms. The group's unique sound has been praised as "completely original and brilliantly conceived." Modern Drummer magazine calls On Ensemble "an exciting taiko ensemble looking at new ways to apply traditional Japanese drums." On Ensemble was the first American taiko group to be invited to perform at the National Theater of Japan for the prestigious **Nihon no Taiko** concert series.

Shoji and Maz were taught taiko at an early age [8 and 6] by Maz' parents, pioneering taiko players Jeanne Mercer and Russel Baba. The duo has been playing and making music together for over 30 years and are recognized as two of the brightest stars in the taiko world. Together with the other members of On Ensemble they combine their study and deep appreciation of Japanese traditional music with equally formative experiences as DJs, jazz musicians, electronic music producers, and rock bassists to produce, record and perform some of the most compelling and creative taiko music.

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Soul Street's high standard and attention to detail coupled with impeccable business practices earned them the honor of representing the USA abroad under the auspices of the Arts Envoys touring program from the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. They have made two tours of the European Eastern Bloc, sharing the joy of dance through workshops and performances with young aspiring dancers from the former Soviet Union countries.

Soul Street has the amazing ability to totally engage audiences from ages two to one hundred. A huge repertoire and outstanding flexibility have earned them the title "Rock Stars of the Educational Theatre World" and they're working hard to expand these accolades worldwide!

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CRISPY WATKINS WAS RAISED IN THE HILLS of East Tennessee, formed by fiddle tunes, Delta Blues, and Knoxville's scruffy Americana. Crispy's first album was self-recorded and produced in the mountains of North Carolina, clearly displaying his love of Bob Dylan and the American Folk traditions. Subsequent releases have invoked the jugband, blues, and stringband sounds of early folk recordings. Crispy's latest music draws



on these influences while creating something wholly new, more sophisticated and carefully crafted, with cello parts weaving between banjo, guitar and vocals.

Rhythmic and inviting, Crispy's tunes come up from the rivers and mountains to strike at deep questions and heart-yearnings that dance between mind, body, and soul connections, confronting pain and seeking healing. Dubbed "ancestral folk," Crispy's brand of roots music has an ecological devotion and a mystic heart. The listener is sure to be captivated by the unique, expressive vocals and cinematically poetic sensibilities of Crispy's songs. Crispy has been based in Fort Collins since 2014. Cellist **Daniel Zamzow** will be joining Crispy for this performance.

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37th Annual Casper College and ARTCORE Literary Conference

Tuesday-Thursday, November 7-9, 2023

Wyoming is home to one of the last intact ecosystems, is over 48% public land, and home to breathtaking national parks that are heavily visited. But what about wilderness as an idea that shapes our daily actions? How do wild landscapes inform artists? This year's conference will explore how artists use the natural world as a springboard to explore ideas and create art. Our presenters will each offer two free workshops held at the Goodstein Foundation Library on the Casper College campus. Coffee and refreshments will be served. On Wednesday Nov. 8, poet Elizabeth Bradfield, and novelist, Rich Chiappone will meet with 10 readers at a local coffee shop. Books will be provided by Casper College. Contact the Goodstein Foundation Library to secure your free copy.

For questions, contact Dave Zoby at 307-268-2379 or dzoby@caspercollege.edu.

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Buffalo Bill and Dr. Jo ("Flower of the Prairie") are from Lander and are winners of The International Western Music Association (IWMA) Harmony Duo Award. Buffalo Bill is an IWMA Male Yodeler Award Winner.

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MICAH MILLER SAT NOV 11 2023 / 7:30P

SAT NOV 11 2023 / 7:30P OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MICAH MILLER [b. 1998] is a composer, performer and educator living in Denver. He grew up in Casper, and was lucky enough to experience a number of formative musical and artistic moments through school and community groups. Micah studied jazz trumpet and voice at the University of Northern Colorado, and graduated in 2023 with a Master's in trumpet performance from the University of Wyoming. As a freelancing musician, Micah plays around the Northern Colorado and Wyoming area in a variety of ensembles and musical settings. Micah's brass quintet piece "Themes from Mountain Scenes" won the 2019 ARTCORE New Music Competition, and his big band composition "Well I Can Do That Too" won an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Composition at the 2023 Jack Rudin lazz Competition at Lincoln Center. He is also the proud owner of two cats, from whom he draws most of his artistic inspiration.

Micah writes in a contemporary style that in many cases circumvents traditional notions of genre. Why Not Here? is a celebration of the music and people who have influenced him, played with an exceptional group of innovative musicians.





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THU NOV 16 2023 / 7:30P FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In 2019, the gents won the **Best Regional Show** award in the USA where they tour annually. They also had a number one selling single in the UK with the Christmas hymn "Who is He?" and donated their profits from the song to The Salvation Army.

Regarded as the original classical crossover group, **Paul Martin** and **Jem Sharples** will take you on a journey through some of the best-loved songs made famous by other "icons of song" like Pavarotti, Lanza, Sting, Bublé and Freddie Mercury. Their repertoire includes popular classics and opera mixed with crooner and pop favorites. Casper's own **Matthew Stairs** will also join in singing for a number or two!





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PRAIRIE WILDFIRE IS A TRIO of talented musicians hailing from a prairie town in Wyoming. Their music is a fusion of folk, bluegrass, classic country, and Wyomingstyle western, featuring Sage on mandolin, Tessa on banjo and Morgan on upright bass. The band is known for their tight harmonies, sophisticated instrumentation, and explosive energy on stage. With Sage's rich ballads and occasional vodels, Tessa's gritty voice and love for old-time cowboy music, and Morgan's crystal clear tone influenced by jazz and bluegrass, Prairie Wildfire delivers a unique yet nostalgic sound that will take you back to better times and tunes. Whether they are alternating lead singers or ripping through melodies and rhythms with practiced ease, Prairie Wildfire is a force to be reckoned with and a band you don't want to miss.



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Valencia Baryton Project was formed by colleagues from the opera of the Palau de les Arts and the Orchestre Nationale Montpellier with the vision of performing the nearly 160 works written by Haydn as well as classical and modern composers. At the heart of the ensemble is the traditional formation in trio - baryton, viola, and violoncello - for which Haydn wrote 123 works of outstanding beauty during his time as the court composer for the Prince Esterhazy of Austria.

With **Matthew Baker**, one of only a handful baryton performers in the world, Valencia Baryton Project have delighted audiences in North, Central and South America as well as Europe. The players will be Matthew Baker and **Alex Friedhoff** from Valencia, Spain, and violist **Brett Walfish**, based in Rapid City, joining them for their USA tour.

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Music and Magic has something for all ages: from carefully crafted songs and great musicianship, to head-scratching and surprising "how'd he do that anyhow" moments. We hope you enjoy it!

Learn more at corypmcdaniel.com and wyomingmagician.com.

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Our Demorest Keynote Lecturer Susan Rogers, Ph.D., Berklee College of Music, will add to the discussion of invited presenters in various disciplines from social sciences, humanities and fine arts, such as literature and political history, who will explore the theme and encourage a dialogue with attendees. The Natrona County Library will offer a book club and family day. The Casper College Department of Theatre and Dance and the Mildred Zahradnicek Art Gallery will present works related to this theme.



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BUFFALO SCOUT BLENDS great vocal and instrumental harmonies, making a genuine connection together with audiences everywhere. The duo is comprised of **Diane Lynn** and **Steve Frame**, who have entertained thousands of people in audiences across America during the past decade. With 40+ years of performing experience between the two members, Buffalo Scout brings a personable, relatable performance for their audiences including covers of Dwight Yoakam, Shawn Colvin, Johnny Cash, and even Hall and Oates and The Stray Cats.

Steve spent over a decade playing, writing, and recording in Nashville. More recently, he has played at great events like Cheyenne Frontier Days, College National Finals Rodeo, and at other festivals and venues from Colorado to Washington state. Steve's catchy songs have seen radio airplay across the country.

Audiences across the country have also enjoyed Diane's bright and heartfelt performances. She has been a resident at the Lee Iacocca's Renaissance Club in Detroit, a musical director at Casper College, and was selected by United Way to write and perform a campaign theme song. She has performed with national talents like Inda Eaton and Bill Watrous.

Look out for Buffalo Scout as Steve and Diane make their way across the American west!

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WORLD-RENOWNED, award-winning and Billboard-charting Irish crossover violinist Gregory Harrington brings his music to ARTCORE! The evening will journey through personal stories with his arrangements of jazz great Django Reinhardt's "Minor Swing" to Irish and Irish American ballads "Shenandoah" and "The Parting Glass:" from Hendrix's "Purple Haze" and Johnny Cash's "Hurt" to the glorious operatic sounds of Puccini's "O mio babbino Caro;" and from Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye" to iconic hits by U2 and the Cranberries and many more in between. Born in Dublin and based in New York City, violinist Gregory Harrington is redefining the classical virtuoso for the 21st century. As a classical artist, he is admired for the expressive lyricism of his playing, beauty of tone, and impeccable musicianship. His unique ability to transform movie and film scores, popular jazz, rock and pop music into brand new violin concert pieces has enthralled audiences around the world. His wide-reaching appeal has brought him to perform for presidents, celebrities, heads of state, the United Nations, major concert halls and millions of music fans around the globe. A regular on TV and radio, he was invited by NBC to open the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in New York and has performed anthems for iconic sports teams.

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"a gifted musician with a very bright future," violinist Likai He has performed extensively throughout the United States, China, and Taiwan. As a soloist, Likai has appeared with the Jacksonville Symphony, Cheyenne Symphony, Georgia Philharmonic, and the Columbus State University Philharmonic, among others. Likai has also performed at the Kennedy Center, Artist Series of Sarasota, Jacksonville Friday Musicale, and ARTCORE. Among Likai's awards and honors include prizes at the Jacksonville Symphony Young Artists Competition, Artist Series of Sarasota Competition, Georgia Philharmonic Young Artists Competition, Young Texas Artists Competition, and





Presser Award. In the fall of 2022, Likai joined the Nashville Symphony where he is currently Acting Assistant Concertmaster. Prior to his position in Nashville, Likai has performed with the Pittsburgh and Houston Symphonies. He is also a current member of the Grant Park Festival Orchestra.

Born into a musical family, Likai began his violin studies at the age of four with his father, Jianjun He. At the age of 16, Likai was admitted to the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University, studying with Sergiu Schwartz, and awarded the prestigious Woodruff Award. Likai received his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University under the tutelage of Cho-Liang Lin.

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SOME THINGS, they say, never change. But for Casper's own singer-songwriter and guitarist, **Cory McDaniel**, and stand-up bassist **Dale Bohren**, collectively known as The Tremors, evolution is a staple in their musical lives.

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"Adding **Dale Krasovetz** on washboard and percussion," McDaniel says, "gives us a new foundation on which to tell stories and play music."

During a German music festival tour in June 2023, writer Lucien Depryck said, "[The Tremors] aren't just a blues band, though they can certainly play blues. And they are not only rock or jazz, or gospel, although I hear those things plus a little classical in their music too. They appeal to a wider audience. In the twenty years I have been listening to them, they keep evolving; it's a good evolution. They may simply be the Tremors, but their music defies simple definition. They are the Tremors: excellent musicians and storytellers that have fun and you must see them. Theirs is intelligent music."

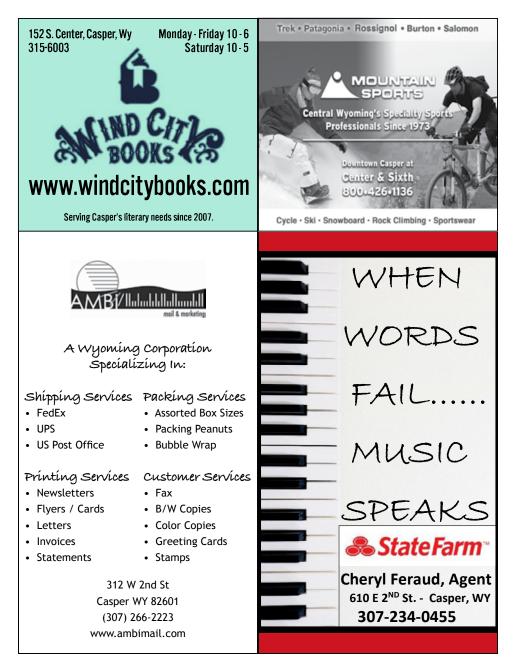
Come see the Tremors, have some fun, and witness the evolution.

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Cory McDaniel and Dale Bohren at the Neanderthal Museum, Mettmann, Germany, in June, 2023. Photo by Uli Spoorman.





BOHREN THU MAR 21 2024 / 7:30P OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BORN IN NEW ORLEANS, André Bohren grew up traveling across the country with his family, following his musician father **Spencer Bohren**'s tour schedule. When André was 12, his family settled in Casper, where he discovered a love of classical piano music. Four years later, under the tutelage of **Dr. Janet Ahlquist**, he performed Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue" with the **Wyoming Symphony Orchestra**, and represented the state in several regional piano competitions.

After moving back to New Orleans, he studied for two years with Dr. John Murphy at Loyola University. It was there that he founded the eclectic funk/rock band **Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes** in 2001, manning the drum and percussion chair. To date, the band has released eight albums and toured across the country for over two decades, performing at such renowned venues as Red Rocks Amphitheatre, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, New York's Knitting Factory, and dozens more.

In 2012, André began studying classical piano once more at the University of New Orleans with Dr. Robin Williams. His debut solo piano CD, **Resonance** (released in 2022), includes striking performances of music by Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Schubert, and Schumann.

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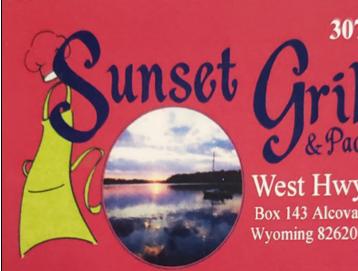
Patty's career as a professional singer and actress is credited as a member of six original Broadway companies that include the critically acclaimed **Ragtime** with Brian Stokes Mitchell and Audra McDonald, **Curtains** starring David Hyde Pierce, **The Woman in White, Bye, Bye Birdie** with John Stamos and the Tony Award-winning Musical Revivals of **La Cage aux Folles** and **Kiss Me, Kate**. Throughout her career, she joined the companies of Toronto, Broadway and The Music Box Tour of **The Phantom of the Opera** having performed the roles of both Christine and Carlotta. She toured the United States and Canada in the productions of **Kiss Me, Kate**, Andrew Lloyd Webber's **The Music of the Night** and **Cats** (Jellylorum/Griddlebone). Her last bow on Broadway was as Miss Jones in **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying** starring Daniel Radcliffe and John Laroquette.

She is currently an Instructor of Voice in Musical Theatre at Colorado State University.

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Larry began playing professionally at the age of 15. After two years of music study at Casper College and two years at Metro State in Denver, he played with a variety of rock bands including **Zephyr** out of Boulder. In 1980, he won the Wyoming Songwriter Contest with his song "Out Of The Frying Pan." While living in San Diego, he joined the San Diego Songwriters Guild, where he continued to hone his skills, and worked as a studio musician for Songwriters Hall of Famer **Jack Tempchin** who wrote "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and "Already Gone" for **The Eagles**.

Dr. Robert Todd Scott coined the term "neeffisms" for his unique songwriting style: everything from love songs, rock, country, children's songs, novelty songs and even a couple risqué blues tunes. Larry will have an array of talented local musicians to help bring the songs to life, and hopes to bring a healthy cross-section of my songbook to this performance.



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Jason Petty gained national notoriety when he portrayed Hank Williams in the biographical/musical about Williams' life titled **Hank Williams: Lost Highway**. Petty first portrayed the country legend on the world-famous Ryman Auditorium stage in Nashville for a 2-year run of the Williams' production. After two national tours, he landed in New York City where he won the Obie Award for Best Actor in the off-Broadway production of **Hank Williams: Lost Highway**.

Since 2001, Jason has travelled the continent with his own production called **Hank** and My Honky Tonk Heroes. Over the years, Jason had the chance to meet and become friends with those who knew and played with Williams. They shared their stories of what Hank and his music meant to them and to the history of country music. Jason has translated those stories into a beautiful mosaic of live music and storytelling, taking the audience down history's memory lane while expertly weaving Williams' story of triumph and tragedy.

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