

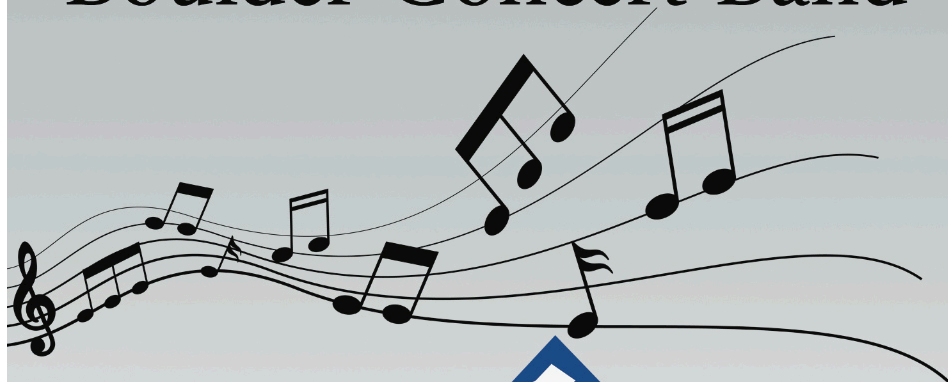


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The Boulder Concert Band

The Boulder Concert Band has a storied history, originating with the ICC Silver Corner Band of 1870, which performed weekly concerts in the pioneering town of Boulder. In 1897, the Boulder Citizen's Band, renowned as the preeminent of its kind in Colorado, was established. Subsequently, the Boulder Municipal Band, the first to incorporate female musicians, was formed. Under the direction of Hugh McMillen, former Director of Bands at the University of Colorado, the current Boulder Concert Band was organized between 1976 and 1978. It stands as one of the most prominent adult community bands in the United States, comprising all-volunteer musicians from the Boulder, Longmont, and Denver metropolitan areas.

The Boulder Concert Band actively contributes to our community through various initiatives. Several of our musicians participate in intimate ensembles that perform at private and community events. The band also performs a repertoire encompassing both traditional and contemporary concert literature, concert band classics, and often features guest artists. Furthermore, it provides a platform for adults seeking to continue playing music beyond their high school or college years. During the summer months, the concert band offers music suitable for family gatherings within Boulder's picturesque city parks, a patriotic concert in Louisville on July 4th, and a private concert at the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community.

We welcome you and hope you enjoy tonight's performance!



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Jon Borodach Music Director & Conductor, Boulder Concert Band

Jon Borodach has enjoyed a diverse career as a conductor, instrumentalist, arranger and educator in professional, community and educational settings for over thirty years. Mr. Borodach has served as Conductor and Music Director of the Boulder Concert Band since 2023; under his leadership the Boulder Concert Band has been consistently recognized as a finalist for the American Prize, as well as earning Second-Place honors in 2025. Mr. Borodach has distinguished himself for crafting relevant, artistically-engaging and community-focused concert programs. Since relocating to Colorado in 2008,

Mr. Borodach has taught music at the Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center in Estes Park, in the Poudre School District and at the University of Northern Colorado.



Born and raised in Southern California, Mr. Borodach was the Director of bands at Mount Miguel High School in Spring Valley, CA and at Grossmont High School in La Mesa, California. Mr. Borodach was active as an adjudicator and clinician for the Southern California School Band Orchestra Association and was a sought-after master teacher for music education students from Point Loma Nazarene University and San Diego State University. In addition to his work in education, Mr. Borodach has extensive musical theatre experience as a conductor and pit musician working with multiple theater companies in the San Diego area. Mr. Borodach holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from San Diego State University and has completed coursework toward the Doctor of Arts degree at the University of Northern Colorado where he studied with Dr. Kenneth Singleton, Dr. Richard Mayne and Dr. Wesley Broadnax. When not making music, Jon enjoys gardening and spending time with his family.



A National Award-Winning Band

The Boulder Concert Band, a 70-piece symphonic wind ensemble, has again been named a finalist in the American Prize competition in the Band/Wind Ensemble Performance–Community Division, 2026. The American Prize celebrates American excellence in the arts. We earned first place in 2020, and third in 2021. We were finalists in 2023 & 2024, and won second place in 2025. We are in excellent company with other outstanding finalist ensembles from across the United States!

This year, we submitted ***“To You, America”*** by William Grant Still from our **“Voices Shouting Out”** concert on February 22, 2025, under the direction of Mr. Jon Borodach.

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Making Music for Almost 150 Years!

1876	The “ICC Silver Cornet Band” was shown in a photograph taken by the Daily Camera of eight musicians on a wagon drawn by two oxen.
1898	The name “Boulder Citizen’s Band” was first used.
1899–1918	The band was directed by Bill Swartz.
1918–1922	The band was directed by George Oles.
1922–1927	The band was directed by Eliseo Jacoe, an Italian trained conductor. This was the first conductor of record with training.
1928–1933	Horace Jones was the director.
1933–1935	George Oles returned as director.
1936–1956	Hugh McMillen, Professor of Music at C.U. Boulder, conducted the band. Adults were paid \$2 per concert, university students 50¢, and high school students 25¢.
1939	The name was changed to “The Boulder Band.”
1956	The band was discontinued due to “unruly” audiences and lack of financial support.
1978–1986	The “Boulder Concert Band” was reorganized by Hugh McMillen with Charles Kassinger as Associate Conductor. During these years the band gave four concerts October to May, and four concerts in the summer. The name has remained unchanged since 1978, and band members receive no compensation, but pay dues to participate.
1986–1991	Richard Culver became the conductor.
1992–1994	Cynthia Hutton was conductor.
1994–1997	Thomas Caneva, Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Colorado, was conductor.
1998–2000	Nathaniel Johnson was conductor.
2000–2006	Brian Hopwood was conductor.
2006–2009	Randall Coleman was conductor.
2009–2011	Zina Richardson was conductor and music director of the Boulder Concert Band.
2011–2013	Dana Biggs, Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Colorado, was conductor and music director.
2013–2014	Jeffrey Miller was conductor and music director.
2014	Matthew Arau and William Kinne co-conducted the summer season
2014–2015	William Kinne was conductor and music director.
2015–2016	Peter Lillpopp was conductor and music director.
2016–2017	Rafael Antonio Rodriguez was conductor and music director.
2017–2019	Silas Nathaniel Huff was conductor and music director.
2019–2023	Dr. Kenneth Singleton, the late Director of Bands at the University of Northern Colorado, was conductor and music director.
2023–Present	Jon Borodach is conductor and music director.

Boulder Concert Band 2026-2027 Season

October 24, 2026

“Revolutionaries”

With Guest Conductor

Dr. Wesley Broadnax,

UNC Director of Bands

December 12, 2026

“Bells of Silver and Gold”

Featuring Andre Grotto,

French Horn,

and Bells of the Rockies

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303

Admission: \$10 per person

February 20, 2027

“Happy Birthday, John Williams!”

Featuring Tim Hughes,

Alto Saxophone,

and Laurie Sampsel, Flute

April 17, 2027

“Mid-Century Modern”

With Guest Conductor

Shanti Simon,

Professor of Conducting and

Director of Bands at CU-Boulder

Concerts begin at 4:00 p.m.

Rocky Mountain Christian Church, 9447 Niwot Rd., Longmont, CO 80503

Admission: \$10 per person

Sponsorship Opportunities!

The Boulder Concert Band is so grateful for your donations! If you'd like to designate a donation we have some wonderful sponsorship opportunities. **These are one-time donations unless you choose to make them recurring.**

- \$60 – Sponsor **one year** of dues for a band member who is unable to pay.
- \$30 – Sponsor **one summer** of dues for a Pops in the Park band member (May-August) who is unable to pay.
- \$100 – Sponsor **one piece of music** for the band (score and parts). When we perform the piece, your name will be mentioned in the program, if you wish.
- \$190 – Sponsor **all three** for greatest impact!

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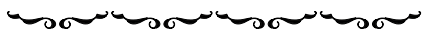
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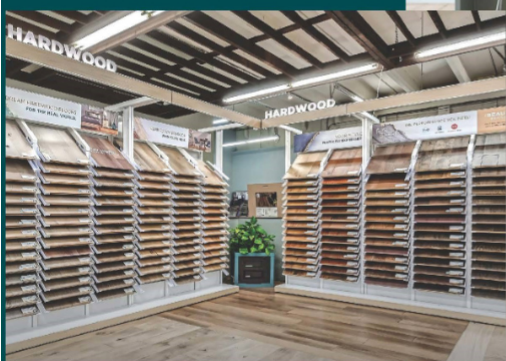
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