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**The Boulder Chorale Announces *Our Story***  
The Boulder Children's Chorale 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**Boulder, CO, April 9, 2019** – The Boulder Chorale is celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boulder Children's Chorale with "Our Story" on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Longmont Museum and Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church. These performances feature a work commissioned for the occasion by acclaimed choral composer Kevin Padworski, a special appearance by founding artistic director Kim Watkins, a choir of Children's Chorale alumni, and a post-concert reception after the Sunday performance.

The "Our Story" performances in April are the culmination of a year of celebration which has included performing Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* with the Boulder Philharmonic and Boulder Ballet at Macky Auditorium, increased performance collaboration with the Boulder Concert Chorale (the organization's community chorus for adult singers), and other public performances.

A major highlight of the Boulder Children's Chorale (BCC) season was working with Kevin Padworski on a piece commissioned to commemorate the anniversary. Padworski attended BCC's day camp in the fall where he worked with each of the children's ensembles in order to get to know the young singers and find out why they sing. Each choir came up with ideas, topics, and genres of music that resonated with them. After that visit, Padworski decided that an original poem was the only way to capture the ideas generated by the singers and simultaneously create a narrative that commemorated the occasion. *The Seedling* traces the life of a small seedling who sees the towering trees above and wonders if it shall ever get to grow so tall.

"I am incredibly grateful to Kate Klotz and the entire staff for giving me the opportunity to create art and reflect upon the impact of these young people. It was a privilege to collaborate with these children and there is always more we can do together than any one of us can do on our own," Padworski said of the collaboration.

The concert will feature all four choirs of the Boulder Children's Chorale. Founding director Kim Watkins will conduct *Al Shlosha D'Varim*, a piece which has been performed in each of the BCC's 10 seasons. An additional choir comprised of some of the BCC's 390 alumni will add to the celebration.

The Boulder Children's Chorale was launched in 2009 under the direction of Artistic Director Kim Watkins. In the first year, the BCC offered two choirs serving 22 students. JoAn Segal, executive director of Boulder Chorale and long-time Chorale singer, assumed responsibilities for the administration of the BCC.

Over the next five seasons, enrollment and performance appearances steadily increased. Early collaborations included performances with the CU Opera, Kutandara Marimba, Colorado MahlerFest, Boulder Ballet, and Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra. By 2012, the BCC expanded to three choirs and added a second music director.

In 2013, Kate Klotz joined as director of the preparatory choirs. Klotz assumed the role of Artistic Director beginning with the 2014-2015 season. Under Klotz's leadership, the BCC continued to thrive, expanding to four choirs and adding a third director. Touring was introduced in 2014 with the first foray to "Sing a Mile High" in Denver. In 2017, 11 singers represented the BCC on an out-of-state tour to the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Today, the Boulder Children's Chorale includes six artistic staff and one administrator. Over 100 singers from 30 schools are represented within the membership. The BCC has become known throughout the greater Boulder area for excellence in choral music education.

## [Our Story](#)

### **Boulder Children's Chorale 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Longmont Museum - Stewart Auditorium, Longmont

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church, Boulder

Tickets and information available at <https://boulderchorale.org/events/our-story-boulder-childrens-chorale-10th-anniversary-concert-2/>

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The Boulder Chorale's mission is to enrich and inspire a broad community through music. The Chorale was founded in 1966 when members of the chorus of the Boulder Civic Opera decided to create a separate entity available to the opera and to rehearse and perform independently. Notable music directors include Caroline Bowles Wayland (1968-1986) and Timothy Snyder (2001-2010). Dr. Vicki Burrichter was named Artistic Director in July 2015. The Concert Chorale presents three main concerts each season in addition to various collaborations and a joint holiday concert with the Boulder Children's Chorale. The Boulder Children's Chorale was created for the 2008-2009 season to provide an opportunity for youth to participate in the joys of choral singing. It currently includes four choirs differentiated by age and ability and is led by Artistic Director Kate Klotz. The Children's Choirs perform separately, together, with the Boulder Chorale's adult choirs, and in collaboration with other community ensembles.

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