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# Celebrating resiliency and committing to justice: Colorado Music Magazine

By Jessie Bauters

Just in time for a virtual Homecoming, the College of Music released a special Centennial edition of Colorado Music Magazine this October. In addition to highlighting trailblazing alumni, legendary faculty, outstanding students and dedicated supporters, the college's annual publication shined a spotlight on two aspects of the past year that none of us can ignore: the COVID-19 pandemic and the movement for racial justice.

# The music of resiliency

As coronavirus upended plans all over the globe, the performing arts on the CU Boulder campus were no different. But as a college, our artists have dug deep to find a way to keep our educational mission alive against extraordinary odds.

Students and faculty used on-screen meetings to their unique advantage. The Trumpet and Horn studios produced virtual performances, along with the keyboard faculty and the bands. Distinguished Professor and Helen and Peter Weil Faculty Fellow David Korevaar challenged himself to record all of Beethoven's sonatas in single takes during the stay-athome period earlier this year. Finally, the college held a distanced commencement ceremony, with a group of alumni recording a tribute to the class of 2020.

As we look ahead, we're reminded that nothing can be taken for granted. But as the college has proven so far in 2020, these trials give us opportunity to grow, to be resilient and to show who we really are.

## A movement for change

As the world has come to grips with the COVID-19 pandemic, the other undeniable headline of 2020 has been the Black Lives Matter movement. The

College of Music stands as a community of artists and educators against racism and in support of inclusivity for all our students, faculty, staff, alumniand community members.

With that goal, new Diversity and Outreach Coordinator Alma Ramos joined the college this fall to resume the important work of bringing greater diversity to music study at CU Boulder. "Classical music is very much seen as a White industry, and when looking at the demographic, it is," says Ramos. "It is the responsibility of the college to acknowledge how it has played a part [in that], as well as discover methods and skills to create a more inclusive field and challenge the privileged norms of classical music."

Ramos recently completed a master's degree at the University of Colorado Denver. While there, she worked as a graduate assistant at the Peer Advocate Leaders (PAL) Program and at the Center for Identity and Inclusion under the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

"I'm excited about this position because it combines my two passions: music and social justice," she says.

Read these stories in their entirety and check out all the coverage in the **2020 Colorado Music Magazine**.

# **Master of Music Recital**

Andrew Grossman, percussion With: John Sevy, marimba Nathan Siegal, marimba Elan Rochell-Share, marimba Douglas Walter, marimba 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, 2020

#### **Vermont Counterpoint**

Steve Reich (b. 1936)

Andrew Grossman, marimba and tape

#### Rain Chain

Kristin Kuster (b. 1973)

Andrew Grossman, vibraphone

#### Selections from Rudimental Arithmetic

Bob Becker (b. 1947)

- I. Etude 3
- II. Etude 2

Andrew Grossman, drum & tape

#### —Pause—

### **Aphasia**

Mark Applebaum (b. 1967) Andrew Grossman, chair & tape

#### Girlfriend's Medley

George Hamilton Green (1893-1970) arr. Bob Becker Andrew Grossman, xylophone John Sevy, marimba Nathan Siegal, marimba Elan Rochell-share, marimba Douglas Walter, marimba

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