

# The Vault

Colorado State University's Middle School Outreach Ensemble



## The Unique Impact of MSOE

*By Corban Green, violin teaching artist & orchestra conductor*

The Middle School Outreach Ensemble has a unique impact in our community. MSOE provides opportunities that can't be found in a traditional school setting. Our program benefits musicians from middle school, high school, and college. Collegiate teaching artists are granted a space in which they can hone their teaching skills. This encourages experimentation which leads to self-betterment. High school students are able to try on the role of a teacher and see if it might be something that they might want to pursue as a career. MSOE allows them to focus on themselves, their students, and their role in the world of music education. Finally, MSOE grants the middle schoolers an opportunity that can't be found anywhere else. These young musicians come together and meet instrumentalists from other schools who have other strengths. (ZPD, anyone?) They make friends and form connections outside of their own sphere of influence. They are provided with carefully-planned, personalized instruction in the ensemble and sectional setting from some of the most hard-working and motivated people CSU has to offer. Every Wednesday we transform the University Center for the Arts into a space in which music, and our student's love and learning of music, is most important. The unique impact of MSOE is that everyone involved is provided the opportunity to grow to become the best musician, teacher, and leader that they can be.

### Contributors:

Corban Green

### Guest teachers:

Dr. Larragoity-Martin

Mrs. Rangel

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Sunday!

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# Be Our Guest!

## *This week's guest teachers*

**Dr. Ingrid Larragoity-Martin** is the Director of Bands for the Visual & Performing Arts Academy at Skyline High School. Dr. LM, as her students affectionately call her, directs the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Pep Band.



Dr. Larragoity-Martin received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the University of South Florida and a double Master Degree in Music Education and Instrumental Conducting also from the University of South Florida. After teaching high school Band and Orchestra in South Florida for ten years, Dr. LM decided to pursue her doctoral degree in Instrumental Conducting at the University of Colorado at Boulder, under distinguished Professor Allan McMurray. During her tenure at CU, she was active in the new music community conducting several premieres for the Pendulum New Music Concert series and CU Wind Ensemble.

Dr. Larragoity-Martin has served as Associate Director of Bands and Music Education Coordinator at Henderson State University as well as New Mexico State University. She continues to keep an active guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician schedule with concert bands, marching bands, and orchestras. Dr. Larragoity-Martin has conducted in California, Arizona, Florida, Connecticut, New York, Georgia, Louisiana, Illinois, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, as well as throughout Europe, Mexico, and China.

She is passionate about music and people, loves traveling, and likes to spend time with her husband and two dogs, Maggie May and Miles Davis

**Kristin Rangel** is in her 11th year at Preston Middle School in Fort Collins, Colorado as the Orchestra Director. Her orchestras during this time have consistently received Superior ratings at the festivals that they have attended. She also serves as the Assistant Honor Orchestra Director for the Poudre School District. Kris is currently in her 36th year of teaching music



in the public schools. Kris' early teaching experiences were for Weld County School District 6 as both an elementary music teacher and as an orchestra teacher at the middle school level. She also taught in the Lincoln Public Schools in Lincoln, Nebraska for 14 years in both elementary and middle school as an orchestra director. While living in Nebraska, Kris had the privilege of writing orchestra music reviews for the Nebraska Music Educator Journal for several years.

As a violinist, Kris has played professionally for the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, the Greeley Chamber Orchestra, the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra, the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra, the Larimer Chorale Orchestra and the Classic String Quartet. She has played with the likes of Doc Severinsen, Michael Bublé, Quincy Jones, Gladys Knight, Patty Austin, James Ingram, Kenny G, Kansas, and for the rock band Styx. Kris has also had the opportunity to sing with the Larimer Chorale in Fort Collins, Colorado, as well as the Die Meistersingers in Omaha, Nebraska. Currently she freelances in the Northern Colorado area and is currently a member of the Hallmark Duo (harp and violin), and String Quartet Con Brio.

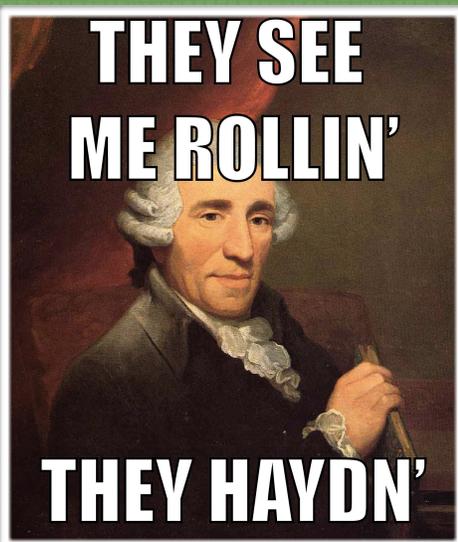
Kristin enjoys her family and is very involved with them. Her husband, Don, is the former Superintendent of Weld County RE1 School District. Don is currently working as a Project Director with MGT Consulting and the Adams 14 School District as Interim Superintendent. Their three boys – Donny, Bradley, and Matthew (all former or practicing musicians), are very involved with their careers and are currently residing in many places, including Poland, Denver, and Japan.



## Expected vs. Reality

*This year's cello section accompanied by Mr. Greiner, Mrs. Bouwens, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Magee.*

Complete the sudoku puzzle and return to Hollie to receive a prize during the next MSOE After Party!



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