

The Vault

Colorado State University's Middle School Outreach Ensemble

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*The 2019 Saxophone section after their performance at the Carnival.
Are you getting ready for YOUR carnival???*

Delving Into New Territories!

By Natalie Morris, saxophone teaching artist

Teaching a new instrument has been quite a challenge! It is hard to find a balance between my limited experience on saxophone and my knowledge of student learning and teaching. I find that playing with the students really helps my own musicianship: we are learning at the same time! I think that is what teaching is all about. I might not be learning the exact same things my students are, but I am always learning how to teach them better, what the environment of a saxophone section looks like, and yes, how to play tenor saxophone. In the future, I might not be learning how to play the saxophone with my students, but learning how quickly they respond to certain baton motions or which exercises help their facility most. The everlasting thirst for learning truly motivates a lot of teachers, as it does for me this MSOE season.

Contributors:

Megan Doyle

Natalie Morris

Cam the Ram!

Guest teachers:

Mrs. Boyce

Mrs. Obluda

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Teaching Artist Spotlight: Megan Doyle



Hello! My name is Megan Doyle and I am thrilled to be a teaching artist in the flute section this season. This is my second year in the MSOE program and I absolutely love spending time making music with these middle schoolers. I am honored to be teaching alongside Kathryn Kennedy and my amazing high schoolers Ryleigh Lynch and Skyler Halopoff. I am beyond grateful for all the time and effort they have already put into the program this semester. Though flute is my primary instrument, I also enjoy playing piccolo for wind symphony, singing in the University Chorus, learning violin along with students at Wellington Middle School and beginning trumpet. I love teaching because it gives me the opportunity to create music with students, which connects people like nothing else can. When I am not in rehearsal, practicing or doing homework, I enjoy hiking, climbing, being outside and spending time with my friends. I cannot wait for the rest of this season!

Be Our Guest! *This week's guest teachers*



Charlotte Boyce is currently in her seventh year teaching as an Instrumental Music Director at Leshar Middle School in Fort Collins, CO. Mrs. Boyce was formerly the Director of Bands at Blevins Middle School in Fort Collins, CO.

Mrs. Boyce grew up in Loveland, CO and graduated from Loveland High School. She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO. While at UNC, she studied horn from Grammy-award winning artist Marian Hesse, conducting from Dr. Russell Guyver and Dr. Richard Mayne and performed with the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, many chamber ensembles and Pride of the Rockies Marching Band. Mrs. Boyce was the Drum Major for the Pride of the Rockies for four years.



Mrs. Boyce studied abroad in London during her junior year of college. She took classes at King's College London and performed in the King's College London's Symphony Orchestra. She studied horn with Richard Bissill, free-lance hornist and former principal of the London Symphony Orchestra, at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Mrs. Boyce received her Master's degree in Horn Performance from Boston University. She studied horn with Eric Ruske and performed with the Opera Pit, Wind Ensemble, Horn Quartet and Symphony Orchestra. She also performed in the community group, the Jamaica Plains Symphonic Orchestra.

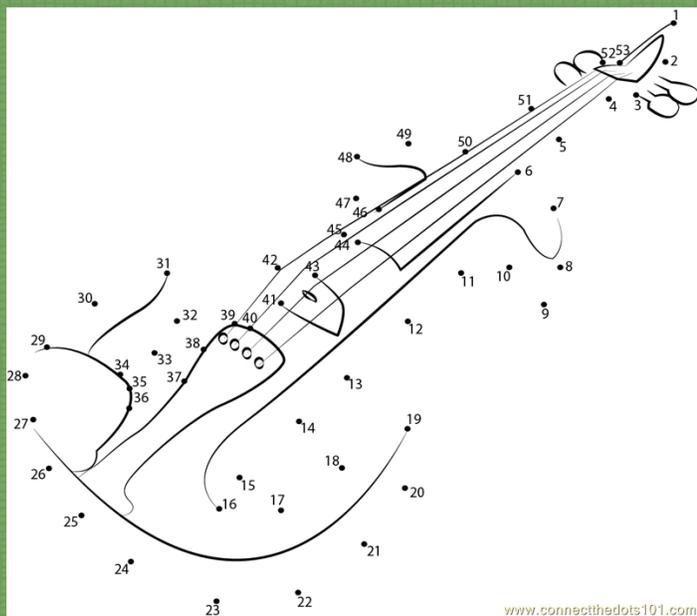
Mrs. Boyce enjoys teaching private horn lessons and performing with groups such as the Fort Collins Wind Symphony, Friends of Loveland Chamber Music, Scherzo Woodwind Quintet, and the Colorado Brass Quintet. She is a member of the Music Educator's National Conference and the Colorado Bandmasters Association.



Loni Obluda currently teaches at Leshler Middle School. She is completely awesome and kills it at not only orchestra but also band! (Did you know that even one of the greatest and most legendary orchestra teachers in the state

still has to know her clarinet fingerings?) Mrs. Obluda serves as the current Colorado ASTA president and her Leshler MS Honor Orchestra was chosen to perform at the upcoming the Music For All conference this spring! CSU MSOE is so lucky to see Mrs. Obluda every single week in her current position as assistant program director. If that wasn't interesting enough, Mrs. Obluda owns a Quaker parrot named Jake and grew up in Colorado.

Complete the connect the dot picture, name the instrument, and return to Hollie to receive a prize during the next MSOE After Party!



CAM'S CORNER



Hi Cam!

What are your tips for balancing your busy schedule and still

getting enough 'me time'? Sincerely, Overwhelmed

Dear "Overwhelmed,"

First of all, you need to figure out what "me time" means to you! It can mean lots of things depending on the amount of time and how your day is going. I would encourage you to sway on the side of frequent but small investments rather than huge moments that you can't maintain throughout the semester. Some ways that I "treat myself" are: a quiet cup of coffee before the chaos of the day begins, an episode of The Office between classes for a laugh, a walk around campus, a hike at Horsetooth, or even a quick meditation. (Try the Calm or Headspace app) Hopefully that helps! Remember that it's the small things that make the biggest difference!

Have a question?? [Submit it to Cam the Ram.](#)