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Stephen Ross (*Coal Creek Community Chorus Artistic Director*) is a versatile musician and educator who holds a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Colorado Boulder. He directed the choirs at Skyline High School in Longmont from 2003 through 2015. He currently directs the *Balfour Sings!* choir at the Balfour Senior Living community in Louisville.

Stephen is a performer and the music director of *Face Vocal Band*, an all-vocal rock band from Boulder. With more than 1,750 performances over 24 years, *Face* performs regularly throughout Colorado and has toured across the United States, Europe, England, Russia, Australia, and around the eastern Caribbean. *Face* has performed in many prestigious venues, including Boettcher Concert Hall (2020, 2022), Red Rocks Amphitheatre (2017, 2019), and Carnegie Hall (2022).

In addition to his music education and performance pursuits, Stephen has adjudicated multiple choir festivals and directed numerous honor choirs, most recently the 2023 Colorado Middle All State Cambiato tenor/bass choir, the 2023 Douglas County School District Men's Choir Festival, the 2023 Adams County Honor Choir, and the 2023 CHSAA Jazz and Show Choir Festival. He is grateful for his incredible wife, three kids, and two dogs, for their love and never-ending support.



Stella Pradeau (*Coal Creek Community Chorus Collaborative Pianist*) is a private teacher and popular choral collaborator in the Boulder area. In addition to the CCCC, Stella accompanies *Cantabile*, a Boulder-based auditioned choir, and *Balfour Sings!* in Louisville. Stella is a graduate of the University of Colorado where she studied with pianists Angela Cheng and Alvin Chow and completed her master's degree in piano performance. While at CU, Stella was a graduate assistant and winner of the Norris Piano Award.

Leaving on a Jet Plane

Words and Music by John Denver
Arranged by Stephen Ross

*Johnny Lasker, guitar; Kenneth Nova, bass;
Stephen Bott, drums*

All my bags are packed, I'm ready to go
I'm standing here outside your door
I hate to wake you up to say goodbye
But the dawn is breaking, it's early morn
The taxi's waiting, he's blowin' his horn
Already I'm so lonesome I could die

So kiss me and smile for me
Tell me that you'll wait for me
Hold me like you'll never let me go
'Cause I'm leaving on a jet plane
Don't know when I'll be back again
Oh babe, I hate to go

There's so many times I've let you down
So many times I've played around
I tell you now, they don't mean a thing
Every place I go, I'll think of you
Every song I sing, I'll sing for you
When I come back, I'll bring your wedding ring

So kiss me and smile for me
Tell me that you'll wait for me
Hold me like you'll never let me go
'Cause I'm leaving on a jet plane
Don't know when I'll be back again
Oh babe, I hate to go

Now the time has come to leave you
One more time, let me kiss you
Then close your eyes and I'll be on my way
Dream about the days to come
When I won't have to leave alone
About the times I won't have to say

So kiss me and smile for me
Tell me that you'll wait for me
Hold me like you'll never let me go
'Cause I'm leaving on a jet plane
Don't know when I'll be back again
Oh babe, I hate to go

I'm leaving on a jet plane
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Perhaps Love

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Arranged by Audrey Snyder

Perhaps love is like a resting place
A shelter from the storm
It exists to give you comfort
It is there to keep you warm
And in those times of trouble
When you are most alone
The memory of love will bring you home

Perhaps love is like a window
Perhaps an open door
It invites you to come closer
It wants to show you more
And even if you lose yourself
And don't know what to do
The memory of love will see you through

Oh, love to some is like a cloud
To some as strong as steel
For some a way of living
For some a way to feel
And some say love is holding on
And some say letting go
And some say love is everything
And some say they don't know

Perhaps love is like the ocean
Full of conflict, full of change
Like a fire when it's cold outside
Or thunder when it rains
If I should live forever
And all my dreams come true
My memories of love will be of you

Grandma's Feather Bed & Thank God I'm a Country Boy

"Grandma's Feather Bed" by Jim Connor
"Thank God I'm a Country Boy" by John Sommers
Arranged by Stephen Ross

Keith Cowley, solo

When I was a little bitty boy just up off the floor
We used to go down to grandma's house every month end or so
We'd have chicken pie, country ham
Homemade butter on the bread
But the best darn thing about grandma's house
Was the great big feather bed

It was nine feet high and six feet wide
Soft as a downy chick
It was made from the feathers of forty 'leven geese
Took a whole bolt of cloth for the tick
It could hold eight kids and four hound dogs
And a piggy we stole from the shed
We didn't get much sleep but we had a lot of fun
On grandma's feather bed

After supper we'd sit around the fire, the old folks'd spit and chew
Pa would talk about the farm and the war
And granny'd sing a ballad or two
And I'd sit and listen and watch the fire till the cobwebs filled my head
Next thing I'd know I'd wake up in the morning
In the middle of the old feather bed

It was nine feet high and six feet wide
And soft as a downy chick
It was made from the feathers of forty 'leven geese
Took a whole bolt of cloth for the tick
It could hold eight kids and four hound dogs
And a piggy we stole from the shed
We didn't get much sleep but we had a lot of fun
On grandma's feather bed

(Turn!)

Grandma's Feather Bed & Thank God I'm a Country Boy

Continued...

Well, life on the farm is kinda laid back
Ain't much an old country boy like me can't hack
It's early to rise, early in the sack
Thank God I'm a country boy.

Well, a simple kinda life never did me no harm
A raisin' me a family and workin' on a farm
My days are all filled with an easy country charm
Thank God I'm a country boy.

Well, I got me a fine wife, I got me a fiddle
When the sun's comin' up I got cakes on the griddle
Life ain't nothin' but a funny, funny riddle
Thank God I'm a country boy

When the work's all done and the sun's settlin' low
I pull out my fiddle and I rosin up the bow
But kids are asleep so I keep it kinda low
Thank God I'm a country boy.

Now I'd play Sally Goodin' all day if I could
But the lord and my wife wouldn't take it very good
So I fiddle when I can, work when I should
Thank God I'm a country boy.

Yeah, I got me a fine wife, I got me a fiddle
The sun's comin' up I got cakes on the griddle
Life ain't nothin' but a funny, funny riddle
Thank God I'm a country boy.

Well, life on the farm is kinda laid back
Ain't much an old country boy like me can't hack
It's early to rise, early in the sack
Thank God I'm a country boy.

It was nine feet high and six feet wide, soft as a downy chick
It was made from the feathers of forty 'leven geese
Took a whole bolt of cloth for the tick
It could hold eight kids and four hound dogs,
And a piggy we stole from the shed
We didn't get much sleep but we had a lot of fun
On grandma's feather bed!

Well, I got me a fine wife, I got me a fiddle
When the sun's comin' up I got cakes on the griddle
Life ain't nothin' but a funny, funny riddle
Thank God I'm a country boy

All This Joy

**Words and Music by John Denver
Arranged by Stephen Ross**

Siri Nicolella, solo

All this joy, all this sorrow
All this promise, all this pain
Such is life, such is being
Such is spirit, such is love

City of joy, city of sorrow
City of promise, city of pain
Such is life, such is being
Such is spirit, such is love

World of joy, world of sorrow
World of promise, world of pain
Such is life, such is being
Such is spirit, such is love

All this joy, all this sorrow
All this promise, all this pain
Such is life, such is being
Such is spirit, such is love
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Rocky Mountain High

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*Brad Johnston, Beth Cervelli, Bill McDonald,
Katelyn Klickman, and Carrie Lyons, solos*

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Stephen Bott, drums*

He was born in the summer of his 27th year
Comin' home to a place he'd never been before
He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again
You might say he found a key for every door
When he first came to the mountains, his life was far away
On the road and hangin' by a song
But the string's already broken, and he doesn't really care
It keeps changin' fast, it don't last for long

But the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lullaby
Rocky Mountain high, Colorado, Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below
He saw everything as far as you can see
And they say that he got crazy once, he tried to touch the sun
And he lost a friend but kept his memory
Now he walks in quiet solitude, the forests and the streams
Seeking grace in every step he takes
His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand
The serenity of a clear blue mountain lake

And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
You talk to God and listen to the casual reply
Rocky Mountain high, Colorado, Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

Now his life is full of wonder, but his heart still knows some fear
Of a simple thing he cannot comprehend
Why they try to tear the mountains down to bring in a couple more
More people, more scars upon the land

And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
Though he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly
Rocky Mountain high

It's the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
Friends around the campfire, everybody's high
Rocky Mountain high, Colorado, Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

Take Me Home, Country Roads

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Taffy Nivert, and John Denver
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Almost Heaven, West Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River
Life is old there, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, growin' like a breeze

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

All my memories gather 'round her
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

I hear her voice in the mornin' hour, she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
Drivin' down the road, I get a feelin'
That I should've been home yesterday, yesterday

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

Take me home, (down) country roads



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Fund-Riser Project

This session, the Coal Creek Community Chorus made an important investment in both the comfort and safety of our singers with the purchase of upgraded choir risers, which are a major improvement over our previous set. Thanks to the generous contributions of our summer session singers, we were able to bring them all the way from Dallas, Texas. This exciting addition was made possible by the support of the following folks, and we offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you!

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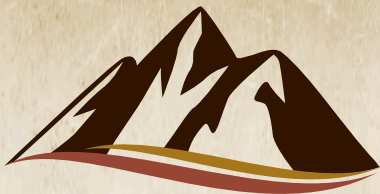
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Throughout this session, we will explore the many privileges and freedoms we enjoy today—freedoms that were fought for, protested for, earned, and upheld. Through music, we'll reflect on the ongoing journey toward liberty and justice, and the voices that have shaped, challenged, and strengthened those ideals.

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