

Denver Recorder Society

December 2021

A Chapter of the American Recorder Society

For more information about the Denver Recorder Society, visit our website at: www.denverrecordersociety.org

This Month's Program:

Holiday Traditions Near and Far:

The holiday season is upon us and what is more festive than the music! Come experience holiday tunes from around the world - some familiar, others perhaps not. We'll enjoy a smorgasbord (a mélange? a pastiche?) of joyful tunes to make your spirits bright!

Good tunes touch the heart, inspire the imagination, and sometimes offer technical challenges as well – but how do we best bring them to life? In this workshop we'll play dance and song tunes from Scotland and north-east England, exploring ways to navigate the tricky bits and bring the music 'off the page.' We'll also consider how to add decoration and harmony parts, and play along with accompaniment. A couple of accompaniment mp3s will be provided after the workshop for you to practise with.

For F or C recorders and other treble

December Meeting

Date: December 19th, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:30 MT

Zoom Meeting: [link to come](#)

Our Director:

Jennifer Carpenter

Jennifer is a well-known musician, teacher and leader of students, recorder chapters and orchestras across the nation. Her talents and leadership helped form her reputation and will help our members learn, grow and enjoy playing recorders even more. We look forward to playing music with Jennifer's leadership and guidance in our recorder journey together.

Professional recorder player and music historian Jennifer Carpenter performs and teaches regularly throughout the southwest. A resident of Colorado Springs, CO, she is a member of Parish House Baroque and Byrd on a Wire. She enjoys

teaching as much as performing. In addition to teaching private lessons, both in person and online, Jennifer has been on the faculty of early music workshops in TX, CA, NM, CO, AZ, and MA. Her enthusiasm for working with amateur recorder players led her to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Recorder Society where she recently completed her 8th and final year. She is the former music director of the Dallas Recorder Society and is excited about her new role as the music director for the Denver Recorder Society. Jennifer frequently presents programs with recorder societies across the United States and Canada.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Sharon Bolles

President's Message:

Welcome to the December 2021 Denver Recorder Society Newsletter! We are happy to have you reading and interested in recorders. As we wind down 2021, there are many things to remember from this year and many possibilities to ponder about 2022. I believe we have become proficient with Zoom and attending music sessions such as ours, concerts, and meetings - all while avoiding Covid risk. That

certainly does not say Zoom replaces personal contact. Far far from it. In fact, that complaint is one of the things I heard most this year as well as in 2020.

My hopes are pinned on throwing a lasso around Covid and its insidious variants. (Who doesn't want that?!) In the Denver Metro area, we have a goal to resume in-person sessions in February. As that goal was set before Colorado hospitalizations and other metrics started going in the wrong direction again, as well as before Omicron, I believe the goal is now a bit wobbly. As with all things Covid, time will tell.

Our small local family celebrated Thanksgiving together for a first long and joyful gathering in a very long time. It felt wonderful. I hope many of you can access family and friends more than before, and I hope this becomes a trend.

Christmas is approaching quickly, as it always does! It is a time of worship, cheer, music, friendship and family. Please partake in as much as you can and keep your spirits high. You may enjoy looking up recorder friends with whom to play carols or other music, whether over Zoom or in person. I realize we have not published mailing lists recently. If you want to get in contact with someone, please email denverrecorder@gmail.com and I will find the email address and send it to you. If you do not want your email

shared, please send an email to denverrecorder@gmail.com and let us know!



Resolutions

I don't know how many of you do resolutions for the New Year. Unfortunately, I dropped off that good wagon years ago and believe I should give it another go. There are certainly enough areas where I can stand to improve. I need to find something where I have the motivation and think it's possible to achieve! Perhaps I can get a motivational helping hand from you! If you send your resolution(s) to denverrecorder@gmail.com with the subject line Resolution, I will gather them (anonymously if you wish) and redistribute either in an email, and/or perhaps publish some in the January newsletter. Come on – this could be fun and perhaps funny!!

ARS

This newsletter has a wide reach, and not all readers are DRS members. I encourage all recorder enthusiasts to consider membership in the American Recorder society. The ARS provides many benefits including (I'll list just a few here) video lessons, traveling teachers, scholarships & grants and much more. Help your recorder community and yourself by joining. Here is a link to the membership form: https://americanrecorder.org/join_or_renew_now.php

December 2021 Newbies:

For the December Newbies, we will do excerpts from the 2 Christmas pdf's in the Newbies folder.

These are found in the https://bit.ly/newbies_folder

~ Bill Urban
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Performance

4's Company, a Denver Recorder Society quartet, is playing in the Cameron Church Cameron Holiday Showcase: Joy Will Dance. The entire program is Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Our part is small, but fun! We play a set of renaissance dances that will get your toes tapping. That is followed by "How Great My Joy" as arranged by Music Director Jeremy McLeod and played as an echo carol with the choir. Attendance is in-person at 1600 South Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado 80210 or by using Zoom.

Follow this link <https://www.cameronchurch.org/events.html> down to Dec 18, then click show more to get to the Zoom info.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We are finally announcing our new venue!!! It is Cameron United Methodist Church, located at 1600 South Pearl St, Denver 80210. Here is a picture of the building, from their website:

[Cameron Church](#)



This is a beautiful historical church. They have several areas where groups can play and they are very supportive of the arts in many forms. We felt very welcomed by them throughout our tour and selection process, as well as while testing several potential areas for our meetings.