



Nature hikes on Open Space & Mountain Parks in collaboration
with the Boulder Philharmonic – 2013 to present
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Marsh Songs EARTH DAY

Sun. April 21, 8 – 10:30 am

In concert on April 27 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra will perform *Cantus Arcticus: Concerto for Birds and Orchestra*, a work by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara that features bird songs recorded in wetlands near the Arctic Circle. Get prepared for the concert by visiting a local marsh with naturalist Dave Sutherland to listen for our local birds, and get a sneak preview of the orchestral work. Early birds should meet at Sawhill Ponds, on 75th Street about 0.6 miles north of Valmont Road, for this easy hike. Beginning bird watchers strongly encouraged! Bring binoculars if you have them. Please do not bring dogs.

Ribbons of Life

Sat. April 19, 9:30 – 11:30 am

On Saturday April 26 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform two glorious works that highlight the beauty of brooks and rivers in our lives: *The Moldau* by Smetana, and the Sixth Symphony (Pastoral) by Beethoven. Enjoy an easy walk with naturalist Dave Sutherland along one of our local creeks to enjoy its gentle sounds, and learn how this meandering green ribbon shapes the lives of creatures great and small along its banks. We'll share musical excerpts from the concert pieces to explore how the composers were inspired by flowing waters. Meet at the Bobolink Trailhead on Baseline Road, near its junction with Cherryvale Road.

Pioneer Cemetery Meets Aaron Copland

Sat. Nov 2, 9 – 11 am

On Saturday November 2 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform works by composer Aaron Copland that celebrate the life of American farmers and pioneers: *Appalachian Spring*, and *The Tender Land*. Prepare for the concert with a morning historical walk back in time through the Columbia Cemetery to learn about Boulder's pioneers and early settlers. Mary Reilly-McNellan, the cemetery's curator, will introduce you to many colorful historical characters, and we'll share musical selections from Copland's works to celebrate our agricultural roots in the rural West. Meet at Columbia Cemetery's main gate at 9th Street and Pleasant Street in Boulder. This hike is free.

Wings and Songs: Birdwatching and Music

Tue. Oct 7, 5:30 – 7 pm

On October 11 at 7:30 pm, the Boulder Philharmonic will present a concert in Macky Auditorium featuring musical works inspired by composers' fascination with birds. Join naturalist Dave Sutherland for a bird watching walk at Sawhill Ponds to search for local birds during the fall migration, and explore

ways that birds have been captured in Classical music. Beautiful musical selections and fall colors guaranteed.

Symphony in Stone

Sat. Aug 31 12:30 – 3:30 pm Composer Jeffrey Nytch will join us!

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra recently performed the world premiere of Jeffrey Nytch's First Symphony, "Formations," which draws inspiration from Colorado's fascinating geology. Visit some of those rock formations – and meet the composer in person - with Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland, who will lead you on a journey into Boulder's past with wild stories that include dinosaurs, glaciers, vast swamps, oceans and ancient mountain ranges now vanished into the dust of time. As an added bonus, we'll play some excerpts from the orchestral work. Meet on the north side of [NCAR](#) at the Walter Orr Roberts trailhead. 2.5 miles, 400 feet elevation gain.

Ghosts of the Grasslands

Sat. March 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am

On Saturday March 22 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform Ghosts of the Grasslands by composer Steven Heitzeg, a work that celebrates the life of the American prairie. Prepare for the concert with an easy morning hike to learn about the plants and animals of our native grasslands, and how they have changed since the first pioneers arrived in Boulder. Naturalist Dave Sutherland will take you to a prairie dog town just south of Boulder to observe day-to-day life, and see how prairie dogs are an important part of the grassland ecosystem. Dress for the weather: it might be cool and windy. Meet at Marshall Mesa Trailhead, near the junction of Highway 93 and Eldorado Springs Drive.

Changing Seasons in Nature and Music

Sat. Nov 14, 9 – 11 am Composer Charles Denler will join us!

On Saturday November 14 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform the world premiere of "Portraits in Season" by American composer Charles Denler. Get a sneak peek of his reflective and lyrical work on a nature hike at a local wetland, where we will explore how seasonal changes affect the natural world. Be prepared for migrating birds, beautiful colors and never-before-heard music. Meet City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland at Sawhill Ponds, 0.6 miles north of Valmont Rd. on 75th St. Bring binoculars if you have them, and dress for the weather.

Stars, Spirals & Orbiting Spheres

Sat. Feb. 6, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Mon. Feb. 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Composer Missy Mazzoli will join us!

On February 12 in Macky Auditorium, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform composer Missy Mazzoli's new work *Sinfonia (for Orbiting Spheres)* - music in the shape of a solar system, a collection of rococo loops that twist around each other within a larger orbit. Get a sneak-peek at the music and study up for the concert with naturalist Dave Sutherland on a reality-bending journey into the universe. Using a large telescope, we'll loop back in time to watch stars dying and being born, spin with spiral galaxies at mind-

numbing distances, and dance with the stardust that makes our lives possible. **Plus, we'll sample a wide variety of classical music inspired by the stars and the night sky.** Dress for the weather – it may be cold and windy

Streamside Symphony

Sat. Oct. 1, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sat. Oct. 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

On October 8, the Boulder Philharmonic's Season Opening Concert will feature Tchaikovsky's 2nd Symphony, a joyous work that celebrates Ukrainian folk melodies inspired by water and rivers. Take an easy pre-concert hike with Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland to explore the 2nd Symphony along the banks of South Boulder Creek. Many composers have been inspired by water. We'll see if the creek, the sounds of nature and music, and strolling amid beautiful fall colors, will inspire YOU! Meet at the front entrance of the East Boulder Recreation Center, 5660 Sioux Dr. For more information about the concert, and to purchase concert tickets, visit the Boulder Philharmonic web site <http://www.boulderphil.org/site/> The nature hike is free and open to the public.

Enchanted Lakes: Music and Pond Ecology

Sat. April 18, 8 – 10:30 am

Tue. April 21, 5:30 – 8 pm

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water."

– Loren Eiseley

The magic of water inspires scientists and musicians alike. On April 25 at 7:30 pm, the Boulder Philharmonic will present a concert in Macky Auditorium including The Enchanted Lake, a beautiful tone poem by Russian composer Anatoly Liadov. Get psyched up for the concert with a nature hike to explore the vibrant and enchanted community of plants and animals that make their homes in and around the water – fish, turtles, dragon flies, red-winged blackbirds and baby Canada geese – and listen to Classical music selections inspired by our love of water. Meet naturalist Dave Sutherland at Sawhill Ponds.

Nature in Music

Sun. March 19, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

On March 25, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform a spectacular concert featuring music inspired by nature – a concert they will be taking to the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. The concert will feature the world premiere of Stephen Lias' composition All the Songs that Nature Sings, inspired by Rocky Mountain National Park.

Join the composer and Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland for a music-themed hike into the mountains. We'll hear samples from Lias' nature-inspired works, including a sneak-peak of his new piece; enjoy spectacular scenery; and watch for mountain wildlife. This program is free! Meet at Realization Pont on Flagstaff Mountain for a fairly easy 1.5 mile hike.

The Pines of Boulder – Classical Music Nature Hike

Sat. April 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Sat. April 22, 9:30 – 11:30 am EARTH DAY!

Later in April, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Ottorino Respighi's stirring composition *The Pines of Rome* as part of their Season Finale Concert. Get a sneak peek at the music ahead of the concert, and learn amazing stuff about the Pines of Boulder with Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland. We'll use the music as a starting point to explore our local ponderosa pines: we will look for forest animals, find spectacular spring wildflowers, and learn how fire and pine beetles shape the lives of trees. The nature hike is free and open to the public but limited to 25 participants.]

Songs for Swans

Sun. March 25, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

Sat. March 31, 7:30 – 10 a.m.

In an upcoming concert, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra will play beautiful pieces inspired by birds: Sibelius' 5th Symphony (the composer was blown away by the sight of 16 swans taking flight) and the lyrical Lark Ascending by Ralph Vaughn Williams. Join naturalist Dave Sutherland for an early morning hike to sample this music ahead of the concert, and to spy on migrating waterfowl in our backyard – with luck, including some wild swans! Birders of all abilities welcome. Meet at Sawhill Ponds, 0.6 miles north of Valmont on 75th St. Bring gloves and binoculars. The hike is free and open to the public.

Meet the Planets: Music and Telescopes

Oct. 5, 11, 12 from 7:15 – 10 p.m.

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's 2018 kick-off concert showcases Gustav Holst's glorious work *The Planets*. Take a pre-concert tour of the solar system through a large telescope with City of Boulder Open Space naturalist Dave Sutherland while sampling excerpts from this stirring music. After seeing the moons of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn, the polar caps of Mars, and distant Uranus and Neptune, you will be fully prepared to enjoy the concert like an expert! Meet at Boulder Valley Ranch trailhead. Follow this link for a map: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/boulder-valley-ranch-trailhead>

The Secret of Wind and Birds

Sunday October 28, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Saturday November 3, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

At their November concert, the Boulder Philharmonic will play composer Tan Dun's intriguing work *Passacaglia: Secret of Wind and Birds*. Throughout the piece, the orchestra emulates the sounds of the wind, the ocean and bird songs in surprising ways! Join City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland for a pre-concert hike to explore this imaginative music, as well as other composers who have captured the essence of wind, water and birds. Meet at the East Boulder Community Center.

The Music of Landscapes

Thursday Feb. 28, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday March 2, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rich with meaning and memories, our favorite landscapes speak to us in many ways: joy, beauty, nostalgia, awe, even dissonance. How do composers capture the essence of the land in music? Join OSMP naturalist Dave Sutherland for a beautiful hike to sample music that invokes our sense of place, including works by home-grown composer Kristin Kuster, whose composition *Dune Acres* will be featured at the Boulder Philharmonic concert on March 2. How would you express your memories of your favorite landscapes through music? Meet at the Lehigh Street entrance to Shanahan Ridge (map search 1903 Lehigh in Boulder, where Lehigh and Lafayette Streets intersect). This location is served by the southbound SKIP bus. Please bring strap-on traction for your footwear, since trails can be slick and icy.