About the Collaborators

Chase the Music

Clark Hodge found his passion several years ago, when circumstances introduced him to a little girl with leukemia. He wanted to do something special for her, but knew a teddy bear wasn't going to have the meaning needed. He conceived of the concept of having a piece of original music composed and performed for this special little girl. Chase the Music strives to bring music to deserving kids.

Boulder Cello Project

Founded by Gemma May Varney in 2012, the Boulder Cello Project provides a friendly place to practice, learn and share knowledge of and love for music and the art of the cello. The project collaborates with local and national composers to create music that is accessible to cellists of all abilities, striving to create pieces that showcase the cello's versatility. Our broader goal is to foster a stronger and more diverse community of musicians.

Cello Expressions

Nick Halsey is an avid cellist, trumpeter and composer/arranger. Cello Expressions was originally his cello ensemble, and eventually became the home of his various projects. This summer, Nick is building the WordPress “Menu Customizer” as a Google Summer of Code project. Nick is currently studying Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Music Composition at the University of Southern California, where he enjoys designing, building, and racing Concrete Canoes with USC ASCE.

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For timpani donation.
Molly Niven, Member, Boulder Cello Project
For nominating Kati for the Chase the Music program.

Chase the Music and
Boulder Cello Project present

A Concert for Kati

July 13 , 2014
eTown Concert Hall

The Performers

Boulder Cello Project Cellists

*Psyche Dunkhase	Cheryl Koelling	Roberta Silveira
Anna Floyd	Marge Larsen	Rachel Sliker
Lisa Haney	Molly Niven	Christen Stephens
Abram Herman	Chris Parchman	Gemma May Varney
Susan Honstein	Bill Shauck	**Music Director*

Guest Musicians

Conductor	Beth Harris
Flute	Christen Stephens
Oboe	Alexandra Carlson
Trumpet/Cello	Nick Halsey
Timpani/Percussion	Tom Reis
Drums/Percussion	Charles Ayash

The Organizers

Clark Hodge

Founder & Executive Director, Chase the Music

Gemma May Varney

Founder & Executive Director, Boulder Cello Project

Nick Halsey

Resident Composer, Boulder Cello Project

Program

Fanfare for the Common Man	Aaron Copland
Viva la Vida	Coldplay
Chim Chim Cher-re	The Sherman Brothers
Call Me Maybe	Carly Rae Jepsen

Dedicated to Amy Leasure

Simple Gifts	Aaron Copland
Somebody That I Used to Know	Gotye
Climb Ev'ry Mountain	Richard Rodgers
Rolling in the Deep	Adele
Kati's Run	Nick Halsey

World Premiere of an original composition for Kati Leasure

All pieces arranged by Nick Halsey.

Kati's Story

Kati was diagnosed with ataxia-telangiectasia (A-T), a rare neurodegenerative disease, when she was only 2 years old. Then, in June of 2012, Kati was diagnosed with Large B Cell Lymphoma. She underwent treatment for 4 months and is now cancer free. She continues to manage her A-T with the help of her friends and family. Kati is now in a wheelchair which helps her conserve energy and gives her independence.

Kati is a fearless but shy 12 year old who enjoys skiing at Winter Park, horseback riding, swimming and adaptive soccer. She came to Chase the Music from the recommendation of a friend, Molly Niven, because of her cheerful disposition and love of music. The family enjoys the support of their faith, friends and warm community.