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# DREW LESLIE

CSU FACULTY TROMBONE

WITH

**TIM BURNS**, piano | **CHRISTIAN HECK**, trombone | **BRYCE MEDLYN**, trombone  
**JOSEPH RABY**, trombone | **SHAE MITCHELL**, bass trombone

**FEBRUARY 20, 2023**



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# PROGRAM :

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**FEBRUARY 20, 2023 | 7:30 PM | ORGAN RECITAL HALL**

**Encuentros**

**Carolina Calvache (b. 1985)**

**American Folk Set, Volume I**

**arr. Steven Mark Kohn (b. 1978)**

Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
Ten Thousand Miles Away

**A Caged Bird**

**Barbara York (1949-2020)**

## **BRIEF INTERMISSION**

**Two Latin Dances**

**Lauren Bernofsky (b. 1967)**

Bossa Nova  
Tango

**Extase**

**Emmett Yoshioka (b. 1944)**

**Aria and Dance**

**Thom Ritter George (b. 1942)**

Aria  
Dance

Christian Heck, trombone  
Bryce Medlyn, trombone  
Joseph Raby, trombone  
Shae Mitchell, bass trombone

**DR. DREW LESLIE**, a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, joined the faculty of Colorado State University School of Music, Theatre, and Dance in Fall 2019 and currently serves as associate professor of trombone and Undergraduate Coordinator. Prior to CSU, Dr. Leslie was associate professor of trombone at the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University.

Active as a solo, chamber, and orchestral musician, Dr. Leslie has performance experience in a wide variety of settings. He has played with the symphony orchestras of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Greeley, Cheyenne (Wyoming), Hawai'i, Charlotte (North Carolina), Kansas City (Missouri), Eugene (Oregon), Winston-Salem (North Carolina), Greensboro (North Carolina), Austin (Texas), Toledo (Ohio), Kalamazoo (Michigan), and Lansing (Michigan), as well as the Santo Domingo Festival Orchestra of the Dominican Republic and the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra and Chamber Symphony. He has also performed at the Jungfrau Music Festival (Switzerland), the Mid-Europe Festival (Austria), the Wiltz Open-Air Festival (Luxembourg), the Festival Veranos de la Villa (Spain), and has been featured in performances at the International Trombone Festival, the American Trombone Workshop, the Big XII Trombone Conference, and the International Association of Jazz Educators Conference. He played a Midwest tour with Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble and has accompanied a wide variety of other artists including Wu Tang Clan, the Wailers, Tower of Power, Ray Charles, Bernadette Peters, Jake Shimabukuru and Michael Feinstein. Dr. Leslie has given numerous solo recitals at universities and festivals throughout the country and has been a featured soloist with the CSU Symphony Orchestra, CSU Wind Symphony, Appalachian Symphony Orchestra, Appalachian Wind Ensemble, the MU University Band, the University of Texas Wind Symphony, the Longhorn Summer Band, and the Ann Arbor Concert Band. He is currently a member of the Blue Ridge Trombone Quartet and maintains an active performance schedule across the country.

Equally as passionate about music education, Leslie has maintained active private studios in Colorado, Michigan, Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina and has served on the faculty of the CSU Brass Workshop, Tromboot Camp, Cannon Music Camp and the Longhorn Summer Music Camp. In addition, he worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Texas at Austin and was the visiting assistant professor of trombone at the University of Missouri for two years.

Dr. Leslie received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Trombone Performance from the University of Texas at Austin, his M.M. from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, and his B.M. from the University of Michigan. Additionally, he spent four summers studying and performing at the Aspen Music Festival and School, including two as a fellowship student. His primary instructors include Nathaniel Brickens, Per Brevig, Michael Powell, David Jackson, H. Dennis Smith, and Jonathan Holtfreter. He is a member of the International Trombone Association, the College Music Society, and the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity.

Drew Leslie is a Conn-Selmer Artist-Clinician and performs on Vincent Bach trombones.

Check out Dr. Leslie's YouTube channel for performance videos: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Pianist **TIMOTHY BURNS** is a versatile performer and collaborator, with significant instrumental, vocal, and choral accompanying experience. He holds degrees in piano performance, music theory pedagogy, and collaborative piano from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, studying with Carol Schanely-Cahn, David Allen Wehr, and Jean Barr. Currently, Dr. Burns serves as supervisor of piano accompanying and coordinator of piano proficiency at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where he frequently collaborates with faculty, guest artists, and students.

Dr. Burns has performed throughout the United States and Canada. He has served as staff accompanist for the 2010 King Award Competition, the 2012 International Viola Congress, the 2013 International Society of Bassists Competition and Conference, the 2017 and 2019 International Horn Competition of America, and the 2019 International Keyboard Odysiad, U.S.A. Recent performances include concert tours with saxophonist Peter Sommer, with clarinetist Wesley Ferreira, and as trio member with violinist John Michael Vaida and cellist Theodore Buchholz. Other major performances include the world premiere of James David's *Swing Landscapes* (2018) for Piano and Wind Orchestra, duo performances with clarinetist Wesley Ferreira at the 2016 ClarinetFest International Conference, and a 2015 chamber music performance on the Frick Collection's "Salon Evening" concert series in New York City with members of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

As an avid supporter for new and current music, Dr. Burns has performed works by current composers such as Mari Esabel Valverde, Margaret Brouwer, Mathjis van Dijk, Baljinder Sekhon, and James M. David. Past summer residences have included the New York State Summer School of the Arts Choral Studies Program in Fredonia, New York, the Performing Arts Institute at the Wyoming Seminary near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the Eastman School of Music's "Summer@Eastman" program in Rochester, New York, the Lift Clarinet Academy in Fort Collins, Colorado, and the Just Chamber Music program in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dr. Burns currently resides in Broomfield, Colorado with his wife and collaborative pianist, Suyeon Kim, and his four-year old son, Stephen.



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