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Female Composers Celebrated at Concert Benefiting Women in Guatemala


*Friendship Bridge will host a benefit concert supporting women
business owners in Guatemala for International Women's Day*

DENVER, COLO.—On March 7, Friendship Bridge, a Lakewood-based nonprofit that supports women small business owners in Guatemala, is hosting a benefit concert called Telling Her Story: Women Composers in History. In conjunction with International Women's Day, attendees will have the chance to enjoy a variety of music selections from world renowned vocalists performing western classical pieces from female composers.

Among the composers represented are: Maddalena Casulana (1544-1590), the first woman to have an entire book of her Western Art Music published; Florence Price (1887-1953), who was influential in the Chicago Black Renaissance; and Libby Larsen (1950-), a Grammy-award winner with works spanning nearly every genre from intimate vocal to massive orchestral works.

Vocalists include Denver native mezzo soprano [Kim Stanish](#), who recently performed as the resident artist with Opera Naples, and dramatic soprano [Dr. Stefanie Anduri](#), a regular soloist with the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra whose performance career spans three decades and three continents.

Organized for Friendship Bridge by dramatic soprano and Boulder Chorale member Lilli Bailey-Duran, the concert is designed to celebrate the accomplishments of women composers in the past while raising money to help low-income women in Guatemala to build a better future.



“I’m excited to combine my two passions—music and the empowerment of women,” Bailey-Duran said. “Ticket sales will help women entrepreneurs thrive, in an extremely gender-unequal country with a high rate of poverty.”

Telling Her Story: Women Composers in History

When: Friday, March 7, 6 p.m.

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E Girard Ave., Denver, CO 80224

Price: \$20 per person; all proceeds benefit Friendship Bridge

Purchase Tickets:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/tellingherstorywomencomposersinhistory/event/25bbgala/>

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About Friendship Bridge: Friendship Bridge creates opportunities that empower women in Guatemala to build better lives. It combines the tools of microfinance, education, and preventive health services to achieve this goal. Learn more at www.friendshipbridge.org.