Professional and amateur pianists, teachers and advanced high school students gain valuable experience from renowned concert pianist Jo Boatright, aka the “Lioness of the Keyboard”, teaching in master classes and private lessons plus enjoying a Colorado summer week in the mountains. The Retreat culminates in a recital open to a very appreciative public. The Retreat also features classes in Alexander Technique and Tai Chi, taught by Harvey Boatright.

The Retreat will be hosted in the Boatright’s beautiful dream home in Buena Vista, Colorado, located in the Sawatch/Collegiate Range of the Rocky Mountains. Master classes and recital take place on the specially-built stage in their living room with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Arkansas River.

Buena Vista’s high season is the summer; please consider making your reservations early. See www.fourteenernet.com for information on lodging.
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PARTICIPATE in the 14th Anniversary Princeton Peak Piano Retreat
Buena Vista, Colorado (July 21 - 26, 2019)

Application Form

Name: _______________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________ / ______ / ________
Telephone number: ( _____ ) _________________________
E-mail address: __________________________________

RETREAT CHOICES
Please choose one of the following participation options:

5-DAY 3-DAY
Performer $250 ________ $175 ___________
Auditor $125 ________ $85 ___________

Please indicate your attendance days:
M ______ T ______ W ______ Th ______ Fr ______

PRIVATE LESSONS
You may elect one or two private piano lessons with Jo, a private Alexander lesson with Harvey, and/or up to 4 Tai Chi sessions with Harvey.

Private Piano lesson $75
Private Alexander lesson $45
Tai Chi group lesson $15

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Piano Lessons ____________ ____________________
Alexander Lessons ____________ ____________________
Morning Tai Chi ____________ ____________________
T ______ W ______ Th ______ Fr ______ S ______

Total Retreat and Lesson Fees ____________ ____________________
Deposit 50% ____________

Mail a check for the deposit amount by June 30, 2019 to:
Walden Chamber Music Society
c/o Jo Boatright
30594 CR 371, Buena Vista, Colorado 81211
www.waldenchambermusic.com

Jo Boatright, Artistic Director, pianist and co-founder for the Walden Chamber Music Society, now in its 36th year, also co-founded Voices of Change, the professional modern music ensemble of the Southwest United States for which she is Artistic Director Emeritus. She has won four ASCAP Adventurous Programming Awards and a Grammy Nomination for the 1999 CD Voces Americanas. She has soloed with the Boston Pops Orchestra, and performed in many of the major halls in Europe, Russia, Central and South America and the United States. She may be heard on CRI, Crystal, Albany, and Music & Arts labels. Ms. Boatright, former Associate Professor at Texas Christian University, has also served on the music faculties of the University of Texas at Arlington and Dallas, Southern Methodist University and many summer music festivals, including Colorado College. She studied with the great Hungarian pianist, Lili Kraus, for fifteen years and assisted her with Master Classes and private teaching from 1974-1983. A Colorado native, she is an avid mountain climber and enjoys cooking.

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Meet Jo & Harvey

The Retreat will encompass a whole body approach to the study of piano. Each day can begin with an easy hike or a Tai Chi class with the surrounding mountains and the sound of the Arkansas River adding to the relaxing spirit of the morning.

Classes will start at 9:45 a.m. each morning. Participants should arrive on Sunday, July 21st, as Piano Master Classes will start promptly at 9:45 on Monday morning. Also on Monday, an introductory class in Alexander Technique will be offered at 8:30 a.m. The Alexander Technique is a method of drawing awareness to one’s body movement so that control is relaxed and deliberate. For musicians, the technique can identify and assist with body and movement issues which interfere with fluid performance and which may even cause pain.

Daily master classes will be with Jo. A maximum of 12 performers will each have a 50-minute master class lesson. All master class participants will benefit from the fifteen hours of teaching, sure to include gems for better playing from Jo’s career and her intimate knowledge of the wisdom and technique of the late Lili Kraus.

Afternoons may be spent practicing or taking private lessons with Jo and Harvey. Practice instruments will be available in the homes of Buena Vista residents.

On Friday evening, July 26th, the retreat will culminate in a recital given by the participants for each other and for local and visiting music lovers. Following the recital will be a reception and farewell party.

There are three ways to participate in the PPPR:
1. Performers may attend each master class, perform in one master class and play in the recital.
2. Auditors may observe each of the master classes.
3. An Observer may attend just one or up to twelve of the Master Classes.

Any pianist attending the retreat may elect 1 or 2 private lessons with either Jo or Harvey. All class and lesson times will be allocated based on receipt of application.

For scheduling, please send all repertoire information to Jo Boatright, pianoboat@aol.com