

REPORT on MAY 2018 ALZHEIMER'S MONTH with UTAH SYMPHONY | UTAH OPERA





Utah Symphony | Utah Opera and the Utah Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association collaborated for a *ninth* year in presenting a variety of events for members of our community who are Alzheimer's care recipients and their caregivers, both in USUO's venues (attendance at a *Finishing Touched* rehearsal) and in regional care centers. People with Alzheimer's have memories that suffer, but their other senses may be totally intact, and listening to music can give them as much or more joy than it does USUO's usual audience members. It meant a lot to care center staff and families of people who have Alzheimer's that our professional musicians were providing services to their loved ones; they felt a broader

community support and recognition for their life challenges. Some staff mentioned enjoying seeing their charges alert and focused during the concerts.

During our *Finishing Touched* rehearsal on May 25, we provided a table where Alzheimer's Association representatives could provide information and brochures about their programs. We distributed 71 complimentary tickets to the rehearsal.

Artists from Utah Symphony | Utah Opera visited care centers to take live professional music to Alzheimer's care recipients who are unable to travel to enjoy musical experiences. Eleven performances were offered in area care centers. In total, our professional musicians performed for approximately 332 people in these special concerts this year. Many of the presentations were in Memory Care Units. We also performed in several Adult Day Care centers, where many Alzheimer's care recipients spend their days while their families are still able to accommodate them at home in the evenings and overnight.



Participating artists:

Carol Anderson, piano
Melanie Ashkar, mezzo-soprano
Christopher Oglesby, tenor
Yuki MacQueen, violin
Anne Lee, cello

Robert Bosworth, piano
Abigail Rethwisch, soprano
Jesùs Murillo, baritone
Kathryn Eberle, violin
Carl Johansen, viola

April 24	Canyon Rim Care Center (mezzo-soprano, baritone, piano)	10
April 30	Carrington Court (mezzo-soprano, baritone, piano)	20
May 14	Brightwork Cottage Adult Day Care (viola, piano)	10
May 14	The Wentworth at Draper (mezzo-soprano, baritone, piano)	30
May 15	Sagewood at Daybreak (soprano, tenor, piano)	12
May 15	Legacy in Bountiful (mezzo-soprano, baritone, piano)	35
May 16	Brookdale Salt Lake City (violin, cello, piano)	52 in general area 28 in the memory care unit
May 18	Highland Cove Retirement Center (violin, cello, piano)	32
May 22	Midtown Manor Care Center (violin)	20
May 22	Neighborhood House (Riverside) (violin)	8
May 25	Christoffersen Veterans Nursing Home (soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor, piano)	75

Note: It is difficult to calculate exact attendance: a certain number arrive by the beginning of the program, and others trickle in and out during the performance. Also, many performances were in open areas where staff and other residents could hear and enjoy the concert even though they weren't seated in the audience.