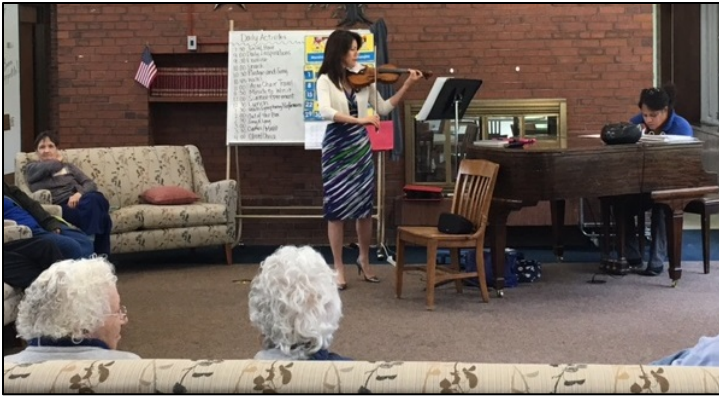


# REPORT on MAY 2019 ALZHEIMER'S MONTH with UTAH SYMPHONY | UTAH OPERA



**UTAH SYMPHONY**  
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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 Touches 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 Touches rehearsal on May 17, we provided a table where Alzheimer's Association representatives could provide information and brochures about their programs. We distributed 45 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 270 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  
Addison Marlor, tenor  
Yuki MacQueen, violin

Robert Bosworth, piano  
Grace Kahl, soprano  
Jesùs Murillo, baritone  
Carl Johansen, viola

April 23	Neighborhood House (Riverside) (soprano, baritone, piano)	20
April 24	Legacy in Bountiful (soprano, baritone, piano)	25
April 25	Sagewood at Daybreak (soprano, baritone, piano)	15 seniors, 22 students who partnered with the center from a nearby elementary
April 29	Highland Cove Retirement Park (soprano, baritone, piano)	15
April 29	Brightwork Cottage Adult Day Care (soprano, baritone, piano)	10
April 30	Carrington Court (soprano, baritone, piano)	30
May 1	Canyon Rim Care Center (violin)	20
May 1	Brookdale Salt Lake City (soprano, baritone, piano)	30
May 1	The Abbington of Holladay (mezzo-soprano, tenor, piano)	50
May 3	Midtown Manor Care Center (viola, piano)	25
May 24	Canyon Creek Senior Living (violin)	30

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.