

**A terrific slate of concerts is in store for the 2019  
'Blind' Boone Piano Concert Series, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year!**

Opening on **January 14**, features **Dr. Brandon Boyd** of the University of Missouri on piano, and the W. Crimm Singers of Nashville, Tennessee. The program is *Coretta's Song: Sacred Music in the Civil Rights Movement* (inspired by Coretta Scott King's Freedom Concerts). Dr. Boyd is the Assistant Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at the University of Missouri, where he conducts the **Concert Chorale Men's Ensemble**. Brandon has an inspirational background and he has a phenomenal talent for bringing out the best in others - both in music and in life. This concert was inspired by a season ticket holder's suggestion. \$20



Coming on **March 11** is "Bags Fly Free", an evening of vocal jazz standards from flautist, **Margaret Bianchetta** and saxophonist, **Lisa Rose**. Together this duo will produce a wonderful evening of quality music. Both are fantastically talented and not nearly well-known enough in Columbia. This concert also features Tom Andes on piano. \$20



On **June 3**, we are going to do something completely different for this series! We're going outside! Yes, on June 2 roots and blues vocalist, **Aina Cook**, will take the stage on the lawn at the History & Culture Center, just north of the Montminy Gallery. Aina and her band won 'King of the Blues' in 2017, and were invited to be in the *RootsNBlues Festival* last year. She has recently performed in Madagascar, her native country, and in France. This concert will be a special **\$10 ticket**, but it is included in the season ticket. Season ticket holders will receive preferred seating for their lawn chairs or blankets.



On **July 29**, we are honored to bring pianist **Jacqueline Schwab** to our audience. Jacqueline will be traveling all the way from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to be with us. She has been the pianist on *eleven* Ken Burns-directed mini-series, including the Emmy-winning, *The Civil War* (Grammy

Her other Ken Burns film soundtracks include *Baseball* (Emmy Award, 1995), *The West*, *Thomas Jefferson*, *Lewis and Clark*, *Frank Lloyd Wright* and *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*, *Mark Twain*, *Horatio's Drive*, *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*, *World War II*, and *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. Her Blind Boone Piano program will be based on the American immigrant experience and will include tunes from some of her Ken Burns films. Jacqueline is thrilled to be playing Boone's piano and this will be her first visit to Columbia. This is a special ticket at \$25 and is included in the Season Pass. This concert, like the Brandon Boyd concert, was inspired by the suggestion of an audience member.

On **September 30** it will be time to highlight two local vocalists that you may not have heard before and yet both are incredibly talented young singing stars. Our very own co-producer **Michele Curry**, an extraordinary musical theatre talent, will be joined by another Columbia native, **Madi Mertz**. Michele has performed many lead roles



around Columbia including Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, and Inga in *Avenue Q*. Michele is a marvelous performer and pairing her with Madi Mertz seemed only natural. Madi graduated from Rock Bridge High School and has performed leads in several productions at Milliken University—both in musical theatre and opera—and in Columbia, including *The Curious Savage*, *Urinetown*, *Seussical*, and *Into the Woods*. \$20



Lastly, on **December 9**, we will wrap up the 2019 season in a pretty package with a Holiday Cabaret. The cabaret will include several Columbia vocalists singing songs from the great American songbook and holiday tunes. The evening will be a collaboration with Talking Horse Theatre, and individual vocalists will be announced in the fall of 2019. \$20

**All the 2019 concerts are going to be held on Monday nights and there is an 'early bird' Season Pass available for only \$90 until December 16. After December 16, the Season pass is \$100. Call 573-443-8936 now!**

