

LOON LAKE LIVE

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

About the composer:

Jessie Montgomery (1981-) is an American composer, violinist, mentor, and educator. She is an established and still rising star composer, having received the Leonard Bernstein Award from the ASCAP Foundation and numerous commissions and performances from major ensembles around the world. From Montgomery's web site: "her music interweaves classical music with elements of vernacular music, improvisation, language, and social justice, placing her squarely as one of the most relevant interpreters of 21st-century American sound and experience. Her profoundly felt works have been described as "turbulent, wildly colorful and exploding with life" (The Washington Post)."

"I imagine that music is a meeting place at which all people can converse about their unique differences and common stories." - Jessie Montgomery

About the piece:

Rhapsody #1 is a piece for solo violin and was composed in 2014 to be part of a set of six compositions for solo instruments after the Six Sonatas and Partitas of JS Bach, a significantly influential work on Ms. Montgomery's development as a violinist. The piece is a powerfully introspective journey that requires brilliance and subtlety from the performer. This recording was made in June in Denver CO and features violinist Robyn Julyan.

About the performers:

Violinist **Robyn Julyan** has performed as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral musician throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Denmark, Norway, and Singapore. A dedicated pedagogue, she maintains a thriving violin studio, and has been on the string faculty at Regis University in Denver since 2011 and at Orvieto Musica in Italy since 2016.

Robyn has been a featured performer in concert series and festivals including the Albuquerque Chamber Soloists, Denver Eclectic Concerts, Piccolo Spoleto Spotlight Series, Charleston Chamber Players, Charleston House Concerts, Breckenridge Music Festival's Winter Concert Series, Loon Lake Live, and with Ensemble Fauchaux for Friends of Chamber Music - Denver. Robyn has held positions with the Colorado Symphony, the Charleston Symphony, the Sarasota Opera, and was Assistant Concertmaster of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. She performs regularly with the Colorado Symphony, Opera Colorado, and the Colorado Music Festival. She has also been a member of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music since 2008, and spends two weeks every August in Santa Cruz, CA diving into challenging music for the satisfaction of bringing the very newest classical repertoire to life!

