

Ryan Berndt, trumpet
Andrew Hesse, cello
Talar Khosdeghian, piano
Andrew Marlin, bassoon
Laura Perkett, oboe and soprano
Caroline Rothstein, violin
Danielle Simandl, violin
Daniel Williams, clarinet

CHAI Collaborative Ensemble (CCE) is a Chicago-based collective dedicated to honoring history, advocating for new works, and engaging with communities through performances of mixed vocal and instrumental chamber music. Since the ensemble's inception in 2015, CCE has presented concerts in the city of Chicago and near environs.

Hailed "a truly unique and pioneering collective" (Vocal Arts Chicago), CCE's programming beloved classics in the chamber music canon alongside underperformed works from the past and present. CCE is a flexible ensemble, and audiences are treated to nearly endless combinations of instruments, voices, and sounds in their concerts. In their 2017-18 Season, CCE commissioned and premiered works for voice and small ensemble by Marc LeMay, Eric Malmquist, and Dale Trumbore. CCE's community engagement efforts are anchored by their collaborations for social good. In previous seasons, the ensemble is proud to have joined forces with Latitude 49 and the Chicago Chamber Choir in performances that have benefited the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and The Night Ministry respectively.

In CCE's name, CHAI is a play on Chicago's nickname, "Chi-town." With unwavering respect for the repertoire and good humor, the ensemble strives to create a space for camaraderie and courageous conversations. Visit our website at www.chaicollaborative.org.

Come hear, and be inspired.