Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. In pursuit of musical excellence, Forté strives to explore, innovate, inspire, and glorify God through the gift of music.

Formed in 2007, Forté began as an extended outlet for advanced ringers in Colorado Springs and immediately began to be featured in several concerts and tours with the Pikes Peak Ringers. But with an ever-expanding repertoire and the enhanced scheduling flexibility that only a small ensemble can provide, Forté soon emerged as a unique performance and educational quartet, quickly developing an elite reputation within the handbell world. The musicians of Forté – Luke Nabeta, Megan Reishus, Dillon Ekle, and Tory Marting – continually challenge themselves to "Rethink Possible," expanding their musical and performance horizons, adding original compositions and arrangements to their already-challenging repertoire, and seeking out new performance venues and educational opportunities. In the past few years, Forté has had an increasingly active schedule of concerts and recording CDs and music videos, were featured performers at the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in 2016, presented a successful tour from Colorado to New York and back, another to Minnesota and back, and are planning several more tours and recording projects in the coming years. In 2017 the group has been celebrating its tenth year and is looking forward to many more!

Stay tuned to Forté's website and Facebook page for announcements of what's next! For more information about Forté and its members, visit <u>www.fortehandbells.org</u>